

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 20, 2009

At 6:32 p.m., Chairman David W. Heinlein called the meeting to order with members Joseph M. Melican and Carol Lisbon present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator.

ATTENDANCE: Michael Donovan, Gary Moore, Barbara Vounatsos, John Vounatsos, Bruce Rieth, Tom Bretton & Ray Breton, County Street neighbors; Jim Kinder, Warrant Committee

PRESS: Kathleen Moore, D-S Press

Dover Village

Mr. Heinlein welcomed neighbors of the proposed Chapter 40B housing development at the site of the Citgo gas station on County Street to this evening's meeting. He said that MassHousing is soliciting comments on this project from the Town before making a decision on the developer's project application under the Housing Starts program.

Mr. Heinlein told the abutters that historically the Town has not submitted comments at this stage since it is MassHousing's goal to promote affordable housing project requests wherever possible. More substantive discussions by citizens and Town officials occur later during consideration of the comprehensive permit, if issued, at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). At that stage, the ZBA can deny the permit if the project is not in accordance with the Town's bylaws. Nevertheless, the Board of Selectmen invited interested parties to submit their comments in writing to the Board's office by next Monday, August 24th, and those letters/e-mails will be forwarded on to MassHousing.

Mrs. Lisbon clarified the Selectmen's role in making this decision, saying that they have no authority to deny the permit, which falls solely under MassHousing's jurisdiction.

Comments by abutters included concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety on that section of Route 109 with poor visibility and children playing, ground contamination from benzene and other substances since the 1960s, poor drainage and potential septic problems, disturbance of area wildlife, and the close proximity of the project to existing housing with no buffer. One abutter asked if the County Court development fulfilled the Town's obligation to put affordable in that section of Dover, to which Mr. Heinlein replied that affordable housing quotas are a general requirement without regard to location. Another abutter spoke about inaccuracies in the developer's eligibility application.

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Mrs. Lisbon assured abutters that, if approved, the impact of this proposed project on, drainage, septic, safety, ground contamination, etc. will all be closely examined at the ZBA level.

Mr. Heinlein thanked everyone for their input this evening. All written comments received by next Monday will be forwarded on to the state agency.

Appointments

Mr. Heinlein moved to appoint Eleanor Bouldry to the Council on Aging for a period of three years effective July 1, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

At Building Inspector Tony Calo's request, the Board agreed to appoint an additional wiring inspector.

Mr. Heinlein moved to appoint James Naughton as a Deputy Inspector of Wiring for a period of one year effective July 1, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Heinlein moved to appoint John Gilbert as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent for a period of three years effective July 1, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Audit Engagement Letter

Mr. Ramsay asked the Board to engage the services of Melanson & Heath for the Fiscal Year 2009 audit. He said that that firm has satisfactorily performed Dover's audit for a number of years. He told Mr. Heinlein that the proposed fee for the FY09 audit is consistent with the amount budgeted for that purpose.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve Melanson & Heath for the audit in FY09, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Award Transfer Station Trash Containers Bid

Mrs. Pugatch said that four vendors picked up bid specifications for the two 43-yard ejection containers for the transfer station, and that one bid was submitted by Maguire Equipment in the amount of \$61,780 for both containers with trade-in of existing containers. This is well below the \$71,000 appropriated for this capital item at the May 2009 Town Meeting due to the lower cost of steel at present.

Mr. Melican moved to award the transfer station trash container bid to Maguire Equipment, Inc. [in the amount of \$61,780], seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship

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Mrs. Lisbon spoke of the Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship, which has been awarded annually to a student with outstanding academic and social involvement in the community. She said interest on the trust fund, from which the annual \$1,000 scholarship is drawn, has been considerably less than the expendable balance over the past 5 years according to Treasurer-Collector Gerard Lane.

Mr. Heinlein and Mr. Melican agreed with Mrs. Lisbon's recommendation that it would be fiscally prudent to reduce the scholarship from \$1,000 to \$750, and for it to remain at this reduced amount into the foreseeable future until there is an increase in investment earnings..

Mrs. Lisbon moved to reduce the Ruth Pfeiffer scholarship award for 2010 from \$1,000 to \$750, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

The regional school will be notified of the Board's decision at this time in anticipation of this year's scholarship activity.

Other Business:

Chapter 90 Reimbursement

Mr. Ramsay asked the Board to sign a Chapter 90 request so that the Town may be reimbursed for the raised crosswalk project on Dedham Street previously authorized by the Board.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve this Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the Dedham Street traffic improvements [in the amount of \$22,394.44], seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican asked Mr. Ramsay if there has been any reaction from citizens on the installation of the crosswalks. Mr. Ramsay said that initially there were complaints, but now that motorists are aware of the crosswalks and have reduced their speeds, the rises in the roadway are driven over without incident.

Holiday Calendar

The Board reviewed the 2010 calendar of holidays traditionally recognized by the Town. Mrs. Lisbon asked that the 2010 Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and Passover dates be added so that public meetings are not scheduled on those dates.

Mr. Melican moved to approve the 2010 holidays as amended, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Cycle for Haylee Bicycle Tour

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Police Chief regarding the Cycle for Haylee bicycle tour, which will pass through Dover from Glen to Farm to Junction Streets. The Chief advised that this event is in 12th year and has always been well supervised without public safety concerns.

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Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the Cycle for Haylee tour on October 3, 2009, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Approve July 30, 2009 Open & Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the open session minutes of July 30, 2009 as amended, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the executive session minutes of July 30, 2009, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Adjournment

At 7:19 p.m., Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

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Joseph M. Melican, Clerk