

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 15, 2007

At 6:34 p.m., Chairman Kathleen W. Weld called the meeting to order with members Carol Lisbon and David W. Heinlein present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDANCE: Wayne Beitler, The Trustees of Reservations; John Thorndike; Charlie Wyman, Massachusetts Audubon Society; Claire Sullivan, Mass Recycles!; Kerry O'Brien, Recycling Committee; Sara Molyneaux, Dover Land Conservation Trust; Ford Spalding, Dover Community Center Building Committee; Joseph Melican, Warrant Committee

PRESS: Anna Kivlan, D-S Press; Nadia Salomon, Boston Globe West

Wayne Beitler of TTOR re: Conservation Restriction

Mrs. Weld welcomed Wayne Beitler of The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) to this evening's meeting to discuss a conservation restriction on Miller Hill.

Mr. Beitler asked the Board for its consideration of a conservation restriction proposed for the Guild property at 36 Farm Street. This would allow the 32-acre parcel to be retained in perpetuity predominantly in its natural, scenic and open condition. The public benefits resulting from conservation of the premises would include protection of wildlife habitats and scenic resources, and furtherance of Dover's government policies as it is consistent with Dover's 1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan. This parcel abuts a 114-acre parcel which is under conservation restriction and 200 acres of Town-owned conservation land. Mr. Beitler provided the Board with a municipal certificate signed by the Conservation Commission last night. He said that TTOR is agreeable to some minor language changes recommended by Town Counsel. Finally, he brought to the Board's attention the reserved right to subdivision which would give the grantee the ability to consolidate the two lots and modify the dimensions of each provided there is no deleterious impact on the purposes of the restriction.

Mrs. Lisbon inquired about the forestry practices of TTOR. Mr. Beitler told her TTOR follows the guidelines of the Massachusetts Forestry Best Management Practices Manual, to include removal of dead wood for firewood and minor harvesting, but no clear cutting.

Mrs. Weld expressed the Board's appreciation to Mrs. Guild for protecting the conservation values of her land.

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Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the conservation restriction subject to Town Counsel's final adjustments to be made, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Execute Agreement Between Town of Dover & Mills Whitaker Architects

The Board reviewed the agreement between the Town of Dover and Mills Whitaker Architects for architectural and engineering services related to the roofing and structural repairs to the Caryl School, which are scheduled for next spring.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the agreement dated July 31, 2007, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

John Thorndike re: Conservation Restriction

Mrs. Weld welcomed John Thorndike to the meeting to discuss placing 23 acres of his property under conservation restriction.

Mr. Thorndike said that he has lived 43 of his 55 years in Dover at his present address of 10 Main Street, a property which he would like to see remain the same forever. As former chairman of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, he has asked that agency to hold a conservation restriction on this acreage.

Charlie Wyman of the Massachusetts Audubon Society said that a survey of the parcel is just being completed, which indicates that the area is approximately 22 acres, and he pointed out this area on a map to the Board. Mr. Wyman said that this restriction would protect the wildlife habitat and scenic value of a parcel which is an important component of a larger natural area. The restriction allows his agency to manage the trails and forestry, while allowing the Thorndikes continuing use of the existing well and septic system replacement for the residence. Town Counsel has made a few minor changes to the legal document which are acceptable to both Mr. Thorndike and Mr. Wyman. A municipal certificate has been issued by the Conservation Commission.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Thorndike for this tremendous gift. Mr. Wyman added that he is also thrilled because this parcel increases the connections and corridors between several parcels of protected lands in the vicinity.

Mrs. Lisbon asked about the Audubon's philosophy on forestry management. Mr. Wyman said that there is no commercial forestry on its own sanctuaries, and forestry management on private lands under conservation restriction, require submission of plans for responsible forest management for approval by his agency.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a conservation restriction subject to the final wording being worked out by the attorneys, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mass Recycles Paper! Campaign Resolution

Claire Sullivan, former Chairman of Mass Recycles, asked the Board of Selectmen as Dover's chief elected officials to endorse the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign which she is presently chairing. Her organization's goal is to have one million tons of paper recycled per year statewide at a \$150 million benefit to the state. She

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invited the Board to take a recycling quiz, which gave some interesting educational facts about the ease and extent of recycling in the Commonwealth.

Kerri O'Brien of the Dover Recycling Committee said that the Town of Dover uses 535 tons of paper per year with a 46% recovery rate. The Town spends \$46,000 per year to dispose of paper with additional hauling costs. She asked the Selectmen to encourage Dover's residents to use paper recycling services maximally in order to earn the Town \$15 per ton as opposed to spending \$90 per ton to incinerate paper. The Recycling Committee is constantly trying to update the Town's recycling procedures as the technology improves. She lauded the local schools for their recycling efforts.

Mrs. Weld read portions of the Board of Selectmen's resolution in support of the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign [see attached].

Mrs. Lisbon moved to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Ms. Sullivan thanked the Board for joining the 133 towns in Massachusetts who are already participating in this campaign.

Sara Molyneaux re: Conservation Restriction

Mrs. Weld welcomed Sara Molyneaux to the meeting to discuss a conservation restriction request for a parcel on Strawberry Hill.

Ms. Molyneaux told the Board that the Dover Land Conservation Trust has accepted conveyance of a 6.52-acre property, which includes a 2 acre limited building area, for the purpose of preserving and protecting the conservation values of this parcel in perpetuity. This restriction limits building to provide scenic and wildlife habitat protection, and furtherance of governmental policy by preservation of open space. Ms. Molyneaux said that this parcel has a 600' frontage which would have been suitable for development if not protected, and it is prime, upland farmland with a scenic vista enjoyed by many people. The land will be agriculturally viable in the future. The Conservation Commission has approved this proposal.

Ms. Molyneaux told Mrs. Weld that this parcel, which is in a mosaic of protected lands, is located a short distance from the Noanet Woodlands and the Hale Reservation.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the conservation restriction subject to final review by Town Counsel, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

The Board thanked Ms. Molyneaux for this generous contribution.

Dover Community Center Building Committee Update

Mrs. Weld thanked Ford Spalding, Co-Chairman of the Dover Community Center Building Committee (DCCBC), for coming to this evening's meeting to give the Board an update on progress made by the DCCBC and its subcommittees.

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Mr. Spalding said that 31 volunteers on the DCCBC and the four subcommittees have each met in their smaller groups two to three times since this new research and development phase of the community center project began in September. These groups are using information previously compiled, and gathering additional facts as needed. Findings to date were presented when all involved groups met last Monday night. Some decisions about the uses and possible siting of programs at the Caryl school should be made at the next meeting of all of the committees on February 5, 2007. Mr. Spalding urged any interested citizens to share their thoughts and ideas with members of any of the committees.

Mr. Heinlein emphasized the fact that there are no predetermined outcomes for the Caryl School site, that previous facts gathered and assumptions made are being revisited in order to arrive at a comprehensive and cogent solution. He thanked Mr. Spalding and Carol Gregory for all of their hard work during this stage of the project. Mr. Spalding in turn recognized the efforts of all of the committee members and the cooperation of those providing them with research facts as requested.

Mrs. Lisbon commented on the excellent communications between the various committees as they share information and ideas.

Annual Alcohol License Renewals (2)

Mrs. Weld noted that there have been no issues with the two annual liquor license holders in Dover this past year, and that the American Legion's fire certificate has been approved by the Fire Department and the Building Inspector.

Mrs. Lisbon asked Mr. Ramsay to provide the Board with information on the American Legion's membership and activities.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to renew the alcohol license for 2008 for the American Legion, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the alcohol license for Higgins Wine & Spirits for 2008, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Approve Police Department Capital Budget

The Board needs more time to review additional data submitted by Chief Griffin before voting on the Police Department capital budget. This item was rescheduled for the November 29, 2007 meeting.

Mrs. Lisbon said the Chief has done a superb job gathering information for the Board's consideration.

Appointments

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Kay Guild to serve on the Historical Commission to fill the unexpired term of Dave Stapleton, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Marisa Fisch to the Caryl Management Advisory Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

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Other Business:

Special Licenses (2)

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a license for the Boston College Christmas party on at the Boston College Conference Center on December 20, 2007 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a license for the Medfield Merchants Christmas party at the Boston College Conference Center on December 13, 2007 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Approve November 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of November 1, 2007 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. Melican reported that the Warrant Committee has received the Town's FY07 financials. It has distributed the FY09 budget guidelines to all departments with a December 21, 2007 due date.

Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m., Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

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Carol Lisbon, Clerk