

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

At 6:35 p.m., Chairman Joseph M. Melican called the meeting to order with members Carol Lisbon and James P. Dawley, Jr. present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator.

ATTENDANCE: Elisha Lee, Dorothy Boylan & Fay Bacher, Historical Society, Jonathan Wolfe, Cemetery Commissioner

PRESS: Erica Moura, D-S Press

**Boston Post Cane Presentation by Historical Society & Board of Selectmen**

The Board of Selectmen welcomed members of the Historical Society to the meeting for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Dover's oldest resident. Elisha Lee, president of the Historical Society, was asked to speak about the origins of this tradition.

Mr. Lee explained that in August of 1909 the Boston Post newspaper gave inscribed, gold-headed ebony canes to New England towns (not cities) to present to the oldest male of each community for use as long as he lived, and for the Board of Selectmen to then hand it down to its next oldest citizen. In 1930, this tradition was amended, making women eligible for this honor. Of those 700 original canes, presently 310 are still owned or have been recovered by towns. Nine Dover residents have been recipients of the cane over the years, until eventually this tradition fell by the wayside.

Mr. Lee was pleased to announce this evening that the cane was recently discovered in an area antique shop by Dover resident Stephen Kruskall, and therefore the Historical Society and the Board of Selectmen will reinstitute the tradition.

Mr. Melican proclaimed that Izetta Reis, born on October 26, 1909, is currently Dover's oldest resident and as such is the recipient of this honor. Her name will be inscribed on a plaque commemorating recipients of this award and placed in the Town Clerk's office along with the cane for the public to enjoy. A resolution to this effect was read aloud by Mr. Melican [see attached]. Mrs. Lisbon suggested that Mr. Lee contact the Town's Website Coordinator about posting this announcement on both the Historical Society and Dover websites.

**Cemetery Commission**

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Cemetery Commissioner Jonathan Wolfe appeared before the Selectmen this evening to apprise them of recent events which have resulted in dogs being banned from Highland Cemetery. He said that walkers do not always curb their dogs in the cemetery, resulting in the Commission posting signs 2 years ago at the front and rear entrances directing walkers to leash dogs and to keep to the roadways. Not all walkers abided by these rules, which led to a decision by the Commission to ban pets in the cemetery beginning November 1, 2010. A notice informing residents of this restriction was published in the local newspapers. Mrs. Lisbon volunteered that the notice could also be posted on the home page of the Town website.

Mr. Wolfe told Mr. Dawley that a survey of local cemetery departments indicated that most do post signs to this effect. He added that there is no recourse in place if walkers violate the ban.

While the Cemetery Commission regrets having to take this measure, in an unpublished letter to Dover-Sherborn Press the justification for this decision was respect for those at rest as well as grieving family and friends, and to help employees keep the cemetery fit for its honorable purpose

The Cemetery Commissioners will hold an open hearing on this matter on September 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Highway Garage. Interested residents are invited to attend and give their input.

**Appointments**

Mr. Dawley informed the other Board members that Beverly Wax has resigned from the Cultural Council prior to the expiration of her term.

Mr. Dawley moved to appoint Rose Mahoney and Susan Baker-Cohen to the Dover Cultural Council for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Tobe Deutschmann and Gary Lilienthal as full members of the Board of Appeals for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Michael Donovan as an associate member of the Board of Appeals for a period of 1 year effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Jack London as Director and Arthur Adams as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint John Gilbert as Measurer of Wood and Bark for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Sue Geremia to the Personnel Board for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Dick Malcom as Surveyor of Lumber for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Erika Nagy-Lert as Town Energy Coordinator for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Bill Herd as Veterans' Grave Officer for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Jeffrey Carter as Deputy Water Operator for a period of 3 years effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

#### **Review Police Department Capital Budget Requests**

Mr. Ramsay went over the Police Department capital budget requests prepared by Chief Griffin prior to his retirement last month. Requests for FY12 include 2 patrol vehicles for \$65,500 (in keeping with the 1-2-1-2 cycle that has been in practice since FY09) and replacement of the repeater/comparator at the Grossman Day Camp for \$36,000. Mr. Ramsay told Mrs. Lisbon the repeater was in fact listed in last fall's out-year requests. He thought the individual radios were part of the Police Department's operating budget. He will research pricing for the Board.

Replacement of patrol vehicle(s) are listed in FY13 – FY16. Other capital requests in out-years include a radio receiver at the regional high school in FY14, dress uniforms in FY15 and a mobile message board in FY16.

Nothing is requested for the Animal Control Department in FY12; however, an Animal Control vehicle will be requested for FY14. After inquiries as to the status of the current ACO vehicle, the Board directed Mr. Ramsay to find out its value as scrap metal and to see if it is still insured.

The Board will take these requests under advisement.

#### **Discuss Police Chief Search Committee**

Mr. Melican announced that over the past week the Board of Selectmen has put together a very representative group of Town citizens to comprise the Police Chief Search Committee.

Mr. Melican moved to appoint Peg Crowley, Tobe Deutschmann, David Heinlein, Beverly Madden, James Repetti, Mark Sarro and Paul White to this committee for

the duration of the police chief search, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Pugatch told the Board that about a dozen applications have been received so far in response to advertisements placed with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Chiefs of Police Association. Mr. Ramsay stressed the importance of search committee members preserving the confidentiality of applicants to avoid the potential of negatively impacting candidates' careers. The Selectmen will only have access to the applications of finalists presented to them after the initial screening is completed.

**Execute Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Local 1116 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Mr. Ramsay said that negotiations for a successor contract for the laborers' union have led to an agreement which is fair to both the taxpayers and union members.

Mr. Melican moved to execute this agreement between the Massachusetts Laborers' District Council and the Town of Dover on behalf of Public Employees' Local Union 1116 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

**Other Business:**

**Reject Distillate Fuel Oil Bids**

Mr. Ramsay explained to the Board that after bids for distillate fuel oil #2 were opened on September 9, 2010, it was discovered that the bid specifications did not include insurance requirements. Therefore, he is recommending that, in the best interest of the Town, the Board rejects all bids and re-bid this commodity with amended specifications including insurance provisions.

Mr. Dawley moved to reject all fuel oil bids, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

**Center for the Development of Children License Agreement**

Mr. Ramsay recalled that the Board entered into a license agreement with the Center for the Development of Children (CDC) at its last meeting, with an amendment specifying that the daycare's calendar mirror that of the public schools. Tonight he is asking the Board to rescind the amendment and approve the original language contained in the agreement due to the fact the daycare's schedule has differed slightly from the school vacation schedule in the past to provide child care coverage during holidays.

Mrs. Lisbon asked for a copy of the CDC's 2010 – 2011 schedule to be given to the police department.

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Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the license agreement between the Town of Dover and the Center for the Development of Children for the use of the Caryl property [without the above-mentioned amendment], seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

**Special Licenses (3)**

Mr. Melican asked for a change to the special license application to ensure that type of event and number of attendees are specified on the form going forward.

Mr. Melican moved to approve special licenses at Elm Bank for Pepper's Fine Food Catering on October 2, 2010 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., and Baker's Best on October 10, 2010 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. and October 16, 2010 from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. [see licenses for stipulations], seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

**Approve August 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2010 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

**Adjournment**

At 7:16 p.m., Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

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Carol Lisbon, Clerk