

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 12, 2012**

At 6:30 p.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members James P. Dawley, Jr. and Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator

PRESS: Sarah Freedman, Dover-Sherborn Press; Ben Paulin, D-S Patch

Sign Annual Town Election Warrant

Town Election will be on Monday, May 21 in the Town House's Great Hall. Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve the Annual Town Election warrant for May 21, 2012 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Finalize Articles and Motions

Mrs. Lisbon reminded citizens that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alan Mudge Auditorium at the regional school campus.

Mr. Dawley moved to accept the Articles and Motions for 2012 Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Discuss Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship

Mrs. Lisbon has represented the Board of Selectmen at the DSHS Awards Night for the last several years and presented the Ruth Pfeiffer scholarship to an accomplished, well-rounded graduating high school senior. This trust fund was originally established in 1991 with a \$20,000 endowment. The annual scholarship was originally \$1,000; however, the Board reduced it to \$750 in 2010 due to declining interest earnings. Mrs. Lisbon asked the Board to look at the account balances for the last 5 years as provided by the Treasurer/Collector to decide whether to further reduce the amount of the award.

It was the sense of the Board after discussion to give \$500 this year to keep the scholarship at a meaningful dollar amount, while providing funds for future years.

Mr. Dawley moved to fund the Scholarship for 2012 in the amount of \$500.00, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Other Business

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The following five special licenses were discussed: Elm Bank on April 20, Charles River School on April 28, Elm Bank on May 15, Elm Bank on May 24, and Elm Bank on June 24. All were approved by Police Chief McGowan with blanket stipulations.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve the five special licenses as described by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Prior Notice for Animal Control

Animal Control's carcass freezer has broken. A Prior Notice in the amount of \$734.78 has been submitted to cover the cost of a new one.

Mr. Dawley moved to accept the Prior Notice for Animal Control, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Approval of March 22, 2012 Minutes

Mr. Dawley moved to accept the minutes of March 22, 2012, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Caryl House update: The architect has done the reference checks, and the contract documents have been sent to Vareika Construction. It is hoped that repairs can be started in the next few weeks, once a pre-construction meeting has been held with all concerned.

Bond Refinancing

The Board of Selectmen wishes to extend its thanks to Gerard Lane, Treasurer/Collector, for looking at refinancing bonds with bond counsel to address bonds issued on March 1, 2001, and April 15, 2003 for the Wylde Property and the Chickering School. Due to lower interest rates, over the next 11 years this refinancing will save the Town of Dover about \$500,000.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve the issuance of refinanced bonds per the formal vote dated April 12, 2012, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to commend Kathy Weld and the Town Report Committee for producing an outstanding report.

Adjournment

Mr. Melican moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley. It was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk