

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 25, 2015

At 6:30 PM Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members James P. Dawley, Jr. and Robyn Hunter present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator and Mona DiSciullo, Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDANCE: James Stuart and Douglass Lawrence, Warrant Committee

PRESS: None

Finalize Ballot Question(s)

The Warrant Committee has determined that they have no Ballot questions for the Town Election. As the Board of Selectmen has none either, there will be no Ballot questions at Town Election.

Discuss Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship

Mrs. Lisbon has represented the Board of Selectmen at the Dover-Sherborn High School Awards Night for the past several years and has had the pleasure of presenting the Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship to a well-rounded, accomplished graduating senior who is furthering his/her education at an institution of higher education. This trust fund was originally established in 1991 with a \$20,000 endowment. Due to the fact that the principal cannot be touched and interest earnings have declined, the scholarship amount has been reduced in recent years. It was determined to give an amount of \$200 this year.

Mr. Dawley moved to fund the Ruth Pfeiffer Scholarship for 2015 in the amount of \$200, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Boston Post Cane Presentation

Mrs. Lisbon gave a summary of the history of Dover's Boston Post Cane. In 1909 the publisher of the Boston Post forwarded to towns in New England a gold-topped cane to be presented to the oldest male citizen in town (opened to females in 1930), and at his or her passing, the cane should be handed down to the next oldest citizen. The last recipient of the Cane, Barbara "Bunny" Larkin passed away in March, and

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the Board of Selectmen presented the Cane and extended their congratulations to Margaret "Peggy" Clowes who, at age 101, is now Dover's oldest citizen. Mrs. Lisbon read the Boston Post Cane Resolution honoring Peggy and noted that it would be given to Peggy, and her name would be placed on the plaque housed with the cane at the Town's library.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Margaret Clowes, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Mercury Recovery Program Flyer Mailing

The Board of Health requested permission from the Board of Selectmen to include in the next tax bill mailing to residents, a flyer about the Mercury Recovery Program and the safe disposal of items containing Mercury.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve the mailing of the flyer with the next tax bill, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Special Licenses (11)

Eleven Special Licenses were delineated: April 11 at the Charles River School; May 9 at Kraft Hall, and the following at the Connors Center - April 17, April 19, May 9, May 23, May 24, May 27, May 29, May 30, and May 31.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to accept all Licenses as delineated, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Reserve Fund Transfers – Building Department (2)

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$13,394 to the Building Maintenance - Caryl Community Center budget for costs to repair damage caused by pipe failure in an inside wall and by breaching support failure, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$14,497.50 to the Building Maintenance budget for costs to remove snow and ice from Town buildings, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Water Department

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 to the Water Department for water charges and repairs to damage caused by a water leak on Centre Street, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously approved.

Approve March 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dawley, it was unanimously approved.

Citizens' Comments

Mrs. Lisbon reminded the residents that the Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7 PM in the Alan Mudge Auditorium at Dover Sherborn High School, and the Town Election will be held on Monday, May 18 from 7 AM to 8 PM in the Great Hall at the Town House. The Board urged everyone to attend both events to voice their opinions and cast their votes for nominees to serve on elected boards.

Mr. Dawley related that the Council on Aging van, which offers free scheduled transportation, is now operating and encouraged eligible residents to use it as much as possible. Reservations are required and can be made through the Highway Department. The Selectmen thanked all those who were involved in securing the van for their hard work and efforts on behalf of Dover's seniors.

Mrs. Lisbon noted that the subcommittees of the Springdale Study Committee (SSC) are formed and meeting regularly. The meetings have been well attended by interested citizens, and Mrs. Lisbon suggested that residents peruse the Town's website and sign up for e-mail notifications which relay updated information about the committees. The members appreciate the input and interest of the Town's citizens.

Adjournment

At 7:05 PM, Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

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James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk