

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 15, 2005

Chairman Gill called the meeting to order 7:30 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium with members Charles Coldwell, Joseph Gill, Doug Sears, Jerome Selissen and John Ryan present. Town Manager Dave Cressman, Town Counsel Charles Zaroulis and Recording Secretary Heather Tecce were also present.

Agenda Items

1. Water Study Committee: Appearing before the board was members of the Water Study Committee Rick Mackey, Donna Walsh, Toma Duhini, Jeff Direck and Mike Walsh. Mr. Walsh gave the presentation for the committee. The Board of Selectmen and the Water Study Committee all agreed that the hydrant replacement should not wait and this is a public safety issue.
2. School Committee: Appearing before this board was School Supt. Chris McGrath, Business Mgr. Jack Quinn, High School Principal Ferris and Asst. High School Principal Alyward, Gina Marie Talford, Jeff Cook Architect and Members of the School Committee Joe Russell and Keith Rauseo. Supt. McGrath gave a presentation reviewing the proposal for improvements to the High School. She stated long term goals to establish a building committee to study the feasibility and construction a new high school and develop the optimal future use of our existing high school. Short-term goal is to improve selected areas of the current high school; science labs are too small, library insufficient and gym floor in need of repair, classroom furniture, traffic pattern, computer technology and parking. Short-term solutions are projected to cost \$2,076,283.00. Mr. Ryan suggested to the school committee that they establish a committee for the long-range plan. Mr. Coldwell made note that the school has not had repairs since early 1980's. Mrs. Walsh will provide wording for the article.
3. Community Development Strategy – Appearing before the board are Steve Sadwick, Nancy Reed, and Dave Plunkett members of the Planning Board to explain the Draft Community Development Strategy for the Town of Tewksbury a necessary part of the grant submission for the Senior Center. Motion by Mr. Selissen, second by Mr. Sears to support the Community Development Strategy and the board voted unanimously.
4. Silverwoods – 40 B: Appearing before this board was applicant John Nolan, Steve Sadwick, Steve Deackoff and Marylyn Phelan members of the Housing Partnership. Mr. Nolan continued with a brief description of the intended plan: Eight townhouses with 2 affordable. One car garage in 4 units the other 4 have two car garages. One small unit and one large unit will be affordable. This board agrees with the Housing Partnership all units should be the same. Resident Mr. Bill Lipp 157 Salem St. Tewksbury appeared before this board opposing these town homes be built for numerous reasons including sewer, flooding and ownership. **Motion** by Mr. Selissen to send letter to Mass. Housing Authority including Atty. Zaroulis' note and concern with sewer easement crossing wetlands, second by Mr. Sears and the board voted unanimously.

5. Residents: Stephanie Wilke, 3 So. Oliver St. appeared before this board stating she feels there was a conflict of interest when Christine Kinnon was appointed to the Board of Health. Ms. Kinnon is a relative of Selectmen Coldwell.

Town Manager

6. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to approve labor counsel invoice second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted unanimously.
7. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to adopt authorizing the Town Manager to request civil service list to fill five Sergeants positions second by Mr. Coldwell and the board voted unanimously.
8. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to authorizing Chairman Gill to submit the request for Executive Order 418 Certification second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted unanimously.
9. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to approve minutes from January 4, 2005 reg. session second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted unanimously.

Reports

10. **Mr. Coldwell** requested that this board support the Article at Town Meeting to continue to provide health insurance for spouses and children if an employee is called to active duty. **Motion** by Mr. Coldwell to have this board support at Town Meeting second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted unanimously.
Mr. Ryan reported the next 9-11 Committee would be on February 27, 2005 at 7 PM.
11. Melmark, NE Special Town Meeting Recommendation - **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to insert Article 1 for Special Town Meeting, second by Mr. Sears and the board voted 4 in favor 1 against. Polled Mr. Ryan, Selissen, Gill, and Coldwell – yes. Mr. Sears – no.
12. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Sears to approve and sign letter for CDBG Grant Application and the board voted unanimously.
13. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Sears to approved Automatic Amusement Device License for Extra Innings and the board voted unanimously.
14. **Motion** by Mr. Coldwell second by Mr. Sears to approve Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2005 and the board voted unanimously.
15. **Motion** by Mr. Sears second by Mr. Selissen to approve Auctioneers License to Ronald Wackowski and the board voted unanimously.
16. Mr. Cressman updated this board on Melmark NE, 832 East Street regarding upgrades to this address. No action necessary by this board at this time.

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The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be March 8, 2005 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall Auditorium

Motion by Mr. Ryan to adjourn at 10:45 PM and second by Mr. Sears and the Board voted unanimously. Polled all yes.

John Ryan, Clerk