

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Wayne Phillips

Not present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 20, 2007 as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty announced at 7:45 p.m. the School Committee would meet with the Board to jointly appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

A request was received from the Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Frieswyk, to declare the following items as surplus because they are in disrepair:

One (1) 10 x 16 USA Storage Shed
125 folding aluminum chairs
Four (4) storage carts for folding chairs

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the request and declare the above mentioned three (3) items as surplus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rose. The motion carried.

A donation was received from Wal-Mart, in the amount of \$500.00, to the Council on Aging to be used towards the grandparents day celebration. The donation required the Board's acceptance.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the donation from Wal-Mart to the Council on Aging, in the amount of \$500.00, to be used for Grandparents Day. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty discussed a memo received from Building Superintendent William Salter informing the Board of the damages that have occurred at the Crowley School. There have been four (4) instances of vandalism at the Crowley School as well as damage reports from the Library and Town Hall areas. Mr. Salter went to the Crowley to board up the three (3) broken windows, only to find nine (9) additional windows damaged.

The Board agreed that increased police surveillance is needed at the Crowley School.

Chairman Hegarty urged all residents to report any vandalism or anything of a suspicious nature to the Police Department.

Chairman Hegarty wanted to remind all residents that there is a Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Middle/High School. There are ten (10) articles on the warrant.

A letter was received from McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP regarding a transfer application of a beer and wine package store license currently exercised at 85 East Main Street. The proposed buyer (Heer Corp.) is aware of the 75 day license suspension for MJS Group, Inc., d/b/a A-1 Market (the licensee) beginning on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

The Board agreed, based on the Town's liquor policy, that no application would be voted on for a beer and wine license transfer until the suspension period is served. Chairman Hegarty reported that it was Town Counsel's opinion, according to the language in the Town's alcohol policy, that the suspended license for MJS Group, Inc. is invalid during the suspension period.

At 7:45 p.m. School Committee members John Nolan, Jeanne Martineau-Fernald, Janis Kelly and Carol Marinelli appeared before the Board.

One application was received from Robert LeGrice of 10 Brentwood Avenue to fill the vacant seat on the Avon School Committee.

Mr. Nolan made a motion to nominate Robert LeGrice to fill the vacancy on the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips.

A roll call vote was taken:

Janis Kelly	aye
Carol Marinelli	aye
John Nolan	aye
Jeanne Martineau-Fernald	aye
Chairman Hegarty	aye
Mr. Rose	aye
Mr. Phillips	aye

The Board congratulated Mr. LeGrice on his appointment.

Central Street resident Sheila Velissaris appeared before the Board. She reported an area of concern between Reservoir and Old South Street. Ms. Velissaris reported there is an island area that she has watched with some disturbing problems. It appears that this island area is a meeting place and there is sexual activity going on. She has viewed used condoms, trash, empty pill packages, debris, etc. in this area. Ms. Velissaris is asking the Board's assistance in having this island cleared for the safety of children in the area.

Chairman Hegarty explained the Board would need to determine who owns this piece of property. Until it is clear who owns the property, no trees or any other work could be done.

Chairman Hegarty reported that police surveillance has been stepped up in this area. The Board would report back to Ms. Velissaris to determine who the property owner is in this section of land.

It was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Phillips voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary