

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator  
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

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

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 22, 2009 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 8, 2009 (Executive Session) as written. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to accept the December 4, 2008 Regular Session Minutes as amended.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Award Bid for Printing of the 2008 Annual Town Report

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to award the bid for the printing and delivery of the 2008 Annual Town Report to TecDoc Digital Solutions of Hudson, Mass. for a total cost of \$3,041.00.

A request was received from the Superintendent of Schools to declare Grade 7 and 8 science textbooks as surplus material because they are outdated.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the request declaring the textbooks as surplus material per the letter submitted, authorizing disposal. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cable TV Advisory members Bruce Lane, Sharon Kelly and Gerry Picardi appeared before the Board. The Cable TV Advisory Committee settled on a 10 year contract renewal with Comcast for the Board's approval and signature.

Chairman Bruce Lane explained under the new contract, Comcast would provide start-up money for the Town to purchase equipment that would allow the Town to continue broadcasting local access television. Where the studio would be housed is not yet known. Comcast will close its Easton studio within 120 days.

Mr. Lane reported the Cable TV Advisory Committee recommends signing the new 10 year contract with Comcast. Mr. Lane stated the Town cannot negotiate programming or rates in the contract.

Mr. Rose made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Cable TV Advisory Committee and sign the 10 year renewal contract with Comcast. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board expressed their thanks to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for all their hard work.

Chairman Hegarty reported that on February 2, 2009 Domenic Cotoia, cable TV access coordinator for Avon, held a "Job Shadow Day." Several students from the Avon Middle/High School went to the Easton studio. They recorded a "fake" TV program and then interviewed themselves. Chairman Hegarty read the list of students who participated in "Job Shadow Day."

Town Administrator Michael McCue provided a "draft" of a "Work Related Injury/Illness Policy" for the Board's review. The policy would be placed on the next Board of Selectmen's meeting agenda to be voted and adopted.

Fire Chief Spurr appeared before the Board requesting approval of new Ambulance Service Billing Rates to be effective February 1, 2009.

After some discussion Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the new Ambulance Service Billing Rates as submitted by Chief Spurr. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Beverly Estes-Smargiassi of Community Opportunities Group, Inc. appeared before the Board to discuss the Community Development Block Grant application.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to submit the fiscal year 2009 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program application in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and to establish a housing rehabilitation program and complete a needs assessment plan for social services and to authorize and direct the Chairman and other officials and staff to take such actions related thereto. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to appoint an ad hoc Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen

consisting of Michael McCue, Barbara Brenton, Michael Stanley, Reverend Louis R. Palmieri and David Young. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was unanimously voted to approve the draft of the Community Development Strategy (CDS) and to request the Community Development Advisory Committee's (CDAC) endorsement of it.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips to designate Town Administrator Michael McCue as Environmental Certifying Officer (ECO) for matters relating to said grant application and such grant resulting from it. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips.

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