

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009
7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator

Not Present: 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, March 5, 2009 (Regular Session). Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2009 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 26, 2009 (Executive Session). Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Conservation Commission members Bruce Lane, Scott H Julien and Michael Lawler appeared before the Board during the Open Forum. Mr. Lane questioned why there is still no Conservation Officer appointed for the Town? Mr. Lane explained there is business to be conducted and the Conservation Commission has no authority to sign off on pending issues.

Chairman Hegarty explained the Board is pursuing a state program with neighboring towns relative to a conservation officer where funding/grant money may be available.

Mr. Lawler, Clerk for the Conservation Commission, asked the Board to consider appointing Bruce Lane as Conservation Officer since Mr. Lane is very familiar with Avon terrain and issues of conservation.

After further discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion to appoint Warren Bruce Lane as Acting Conservation Officer for the Town of Avon, term to expire: June 30, 2009. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following articles were discussed:

The first three (3) articles are standard articles on the warrant.

The Building Committee is submitting an article in connection with design services in connection with a public safety facility.

The Town Accountant is asking for funds to upgrade the Financial Management System which will no longer be supported by Data National after July 1, 2010 and convert to Fundware.

The Planning Board is submitting several Zoning By-Law changes. Mr. McCue will be working with the Planning Board to condense the articles and fine tune the language.

An article from the Personnel Board to amend the Town of Avon Personnel By-Laws which would be subject to a Public Hearing.

Finance Committee is asking for a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Account.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Special Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed by the Board. The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1 – changes in appropriation

Articles 2, 3 and 4 – monetary agreements between AFSCME, IBPO and IAFF.

Article 5 – funding buyback of sick and vacation time of retiring employees

The Board discussed an article for the MTBE class action settlement proceeds to be placed in a stabilization fund for MTBE remediation with any interest being placed in the general fund.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the Special Town Meeting Warrant of Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

Mr. McCue provided the Board with a Cable Corporation Charter for their review. Changes in the charter proposed will be addressed at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 2nd.

Chairman Hegarty read the Annual Town Election Warrant to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Mr. Rose made a motion to sign the Annual Town Election Warrant. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting dates for the month of April were announced as follows:

Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue announced he would be attending a Procurement seminar sponsored by the State's Operational Services Division. The session would cover topics such as "How to Use Statewide Contracts, Comm-PASS" (the State's e-Procurement System) and other OSD services the Town may be eligible to take advantage of. The session will be held on Tuesday, March 31st in Norton.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session with the School Department to discuss a collective bargaining matter. 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