

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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.

A donation was received for the Board's acceptance from the Council on Aging. Donations were received in memory of Dorothy Tolson. The gift donations, from family and friends of Dorothy Tolson, may be used for entertainment/trips for the seniors, new programming and necessary equipment to benefit the Senior Center.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to accept the donations from the friends and family of Dot Tolson.

Chapman Manufacturing Co., Inc. is requesting permits for two (2) temporary, portable signs at 481 West Main Street. One (1) "A" frame sign, 36" x 48" is to be used in front of their parking lot at 481 West Main Street to publicize a factory outlet sale on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The second sign is a free standing sign, 30" x 48" to be placed at the side entrance of their building directing people to the sale location. Use of the temporary signs would be for a period no longer than six (6) months.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to allow the temporary signs for Chapman Manufacturing Co., Inc. for a period no longer than six (6) months. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose questioned the other establishments in town requiring temporary signs and the fact that a fee schedule should be set by the Board for future requests.

It was unanimously voted to amend the previous motion as follows:

“To allow the temporary signs for Chapman Manufacturing Co., Inc. for a period no longer than six (6) months and a fee schedule would be set up and approved by the Board for all future temporary sign requests.”

A resignation letter, effective June 3, 2009, was received from Anna Friedmann, Chair of the Council on Aging,

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept Ms. Friedmann’s resignation with regret. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board thanked Anna Friedmann for her years of service to the Town and the Council on Aging Board.

A road opening permit was submitted by Celco Construction Corporation. This request for a street opening is part of the Water Department’s project consisting of East Spring Street, East High Street, Glendon and Robbins Streets.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve the road opening permit to Celco Construction Corporation.

A request for a street opening permit was submitted by Bay State Gas to renew gas service at 64 Page Street. The request was denied and signed off by the Highway Department since Page Street is a newly paved road.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to deny the request from Bay State Gas for a street opening permit at 64 Page Street. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A software proposal from WTI Systems was received for the Board’s signature. The software will upgrade the Town Accountant’s Financial Management System which will no longer be supported by Data National after July 1, 2010. Chairman Hegarty reported WTI Systems is the single source provider.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve and move forward on the WTI Systems software for the Town Accountant. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty announced a representative from Congressman Lynch’s office would hold office hours at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to appoint Corrine DePetra as Assistant Cook to the Council on Aging, F6, Step 1, at a starting salary of \$11.26 per hour. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Hegarty read a letter from Gerard D. Perry, Director of Accounts, Mass. Department of Revenue. The Town requested permission to appropriate funds into a stabilization fund in the amount of \$3,263,410, which is in excess of 10% of the Town’s tax levy for last year. Mr. Perry stated “this request falls within the legal requirements of Chapter 40, Section 5B, as it related to this office.” “Please be advised that your request is approved.” These funds were received as a result of an MTBE settlement.

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.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue wanted to thank all town departments for their cooperation and assistance during the budget process.

Mr. McCue thanked Mimi Rothstein, Selectmen's Secretary, for putting together the necessary handouts for the Annual Town Meeting and for her endeavors in editing/compiling the Annual Town Report Book for 2008.

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to call for a brief recess. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the recess, the Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary