

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2009

Members Present: Mark Sullivan, Chairman
Paul Feeney, Vice Chairman
Lynda Walsh, Clerk
Jim Thrasher
Paul Mortenson

Others Present: Sandra Herrmann, Administrative Secretary
Randy Scollins, Finance Director
Police Chief O'Leary
Jack Authelet
Bob Boette, Chairman Conservation Commission
Dr. Christopher Martes, School Superintendent

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mark Sullivan, Chairman.

7:00 – Citizens Input – Police chief O'Leary notified the Town of the receipt of a JAG grant (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant) in the amount of \$24,321.00. He pointed out this notification was so that anyone with ideas of how to spend the money could do so by notifying him. This grant is has been combined with fourteen other towns in Norfolk County. The Chief said there are ten other counties in the Commonwealth that have received this grant.

7:05 – Jack Authelet came before the Board to discuss two items. He explained that the Registry of Deeds for Norfolk County had asked for a historical photograph of the Town to be hung in the Registry of Deeds. Jack said that he had been working with the Historical Society and a photograph was unanimously recommended. The photograph is of the Common with a street car and many citizens gathered in celebration. Jack pointed out that the Town was incorporated June 10, 1778 and is celebrated as Founders Day each year. He gave a brief historical summary of the events/celebrations that have been observed on the Common. He said the photograph was made from an original glass negative in the historic collection and he feels it represents Foxborough as "Gem of Norfolk County".

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the photo of the Foxborough Common as presented by the Historical Commission to be hung in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Seconded by Paul Feeney.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Jim Thrasher abstained)

Street Names – Jack Authelet brought to the attention of the Board a request to change the name of Sand Street. He explained that this is a short street that is used to connect to Cocasset Street. He said the Mosher family has

lived on that street for many years, a family that has given much to the Town – a family that made sure everybody had something to heat their homes. Jack said if the elder family member is to see the name memorialized the usual process for that is not going to work. He asked if the Board would consider naming the cul-de-sac Mosher Circle. A brief discussion was held.

Motion by Paul Feeney to officially name the cul-de-sac on Sand Street in honor of the Mosher family to be known as Mosher Circle. Seconded by Paul Mortenson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

7:20 – Open Space – Bob Boette, Chairman, Conservation Commission, came before the Board to discuss acquisition of conservation land. He is very concerned about a “recent policy decision issued by the Board of Selectman concerning the prohibition of acquiring future conservation land”. He pointed out that the Board decided not to accept land on Ridge Road based on the tax exempt values to the Town, even though the calculations are skewed by the value of Gillette Stadium. Bob said the Conservation Commission would like to work with the BOS in the future when it comes to accepting land. He further explained he feels the charts submitted are misleading as to the percentage of conservation land in Foxborough. Valerie Bataille-Ferry said that 58% is Gillette Stadium, 20% is schools and the actual percentage for conservation land is 5.8%. Mark Sullivan said he feels it is important to work with Conservation on a case by case basis. He added that “unfunded liabilities have to go”. Bob Boette pointed out that it is very important that everyone in Town understands what the charts represent. He said this is very important to developing open space planning. Valerie added that the open space plan identifies properties that Conservation would like to acquire over the next five years. This would enable Conservation to get grant funding.

7:45 – Foxborough High School Renovation Project – Dr. Christopher Martes distributed copies of the “Repair Project for Foxborough High School”. He said “This is the right project at the right time.” He was careful to point out that this is *repair*, not an addition. He added that this information outlines each step in the scope of the project. As Dr. Martes reviewed each section of the presentation, he explained what would be done and the related costs. The HVAC upgrades and renovations, the roof replacement and replacement of windows and exterior doors are calculated showing a reduction in energy consumption of 39% and an estimated savings in energy per year of \$128,319. He pointed out that during the 2001 accreditation inspection of the school the Town was told a new science lab was needed. He said another inspection would take place in 2011. It makes sense to update the lab at this time. A floor plan was included in the information submitted. Dr. Martes said a new fire alarm system is needed to bring the building up to code and along with that new electrical system upgrades are necessary. He said accessibility upgrades are also necessary to bring the building up to code and that includes replacement of door knobs, toilets and sinks have to be handicapped accessible, automatic door operations, elevator

controls and door signage in Braille and English as well as exterior door ramps. Asbestos abatement is also a large part of the cost of this project. Dr. Martes said the total cost estimate at this time is \$19,993,000 and broken down to \$103.00 per year for 30 years per home. He explained this would be a Ballot Question for the ATM, May 4th and an Article on the Warrant for a debt exclusion authorization. He pointed out that this a good time economically for this project to go out for bids and would be ready to start this summer if approved by the Town.

A brief discussion ensued. Paul Feeney pointed out that the Board had supported this project from the start. He said the Board should vote on the project at this meeting. He said the Town would be spending \$10M over time and the cost would be far greater at a later time when State school assistance would not be available. Jim Thrasher said it is important to get the information out to the public as often as possible and that the public appreciates it when they are spoken to plainly and directly. He anticipates that the new School Committee would be supportive of the project and particularly of the improvements in the science labs. Lynda Walsh said "it has been a long time coming" and getting the word out to the public is very important. She also pointed out the fact that the school has been well maintained and that probably has given a little bit of an edge for Foxborough over other municipalities that have applied.

Motion by Paul Feeney to support Article 6 (High School Renovation Project) on the 2009 ATM Warrant as well as the Ballot Question on debt funding for the High School Renovation Project. Seconded by Mark Sullivan.

Vote: 5-0-0

ACTION:

Minutes -The Minutes for the Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 24, 2009 were reviewed.

Motion by Jim Thrasher to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of March 24, 2009 as submitted. Seconded by Paul Mortenson.

Vote: 3-0-2 (Jim Thrasher & Lynda Walsh abstained)

One Day Wines & Malt License – Received from Ann Foley-Collins an application for a One Day Wines & Malt Beverages License for the grand opening of Glee Gifts at 121 Main Street, Foxborough scheduled for May 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A brief discussion was held.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the application for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License as submitted by Ann Foley-Collins. Seconded by Lynda Walsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Invoice – Received from Collins, Loughran & Peloquin, P.C. an invoice for services rendered March 1 through March 31, 2009 in the amount of \$4,275.00.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the invoice from Collins, Loughran & Peloquin, P.C. for services rendered March 1 through March 31, 2009 in the amount of \$4,275.00. Seconded by Lynda Walsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Invoice – Received from Attorney Peter J. Epstein an invoice for services rendered during the month of March, 2009 in the amount of \$1,120.00 regarding Cable Television Licensing.

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the invoice from Attorney Peter J. Epstein as submitted in the amount of \$1,120 for services rendered regarding Cable Television Licensing. Seconded by Mark Sullivan. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Commercial Parking License – Received from Curtis L. Rodman on behalf of Rodman Five Realty Associates an application for increasing Commercial Parking License for an additional 150 spaces at 101 Washington St., Foxborough.

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the application for increasing Commercial Parking License for an additional 150 spaces at 101 Washington Street, as submitted by Curtis Rodman. Seconded by Paul Feeney.

Vote: 5-0-0

Constable Appointment – Received from Stephen M. McGrath a request to be re-appointed as Constable for the Town of Foxborough.

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the request from Stephen M. McGrath to be re-appointed as Constable as submitted in his letter of March 27, 2009 – appointment expiring April 11, 2010. Seconded by Paul Feeney.

Vote: 5-0-0

Resignation – Received from Charlie Masison notice of his resignation from the Renewable Energy Advisory Committee.

Motion by Paul Feeney to accept the resignation from the Renewable Energy Advisory Committee as submitted by Charlie Masison, as received on April 7, 2009. Seconded by Paul Mortenson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Resignation – Received from Margaret Nash notice of her resignation from the Foxborough Cultural Council.

Motion by Lynda Walsh to accept the resignation from the Foxborough Cultural Council as submitted by Margaret Nash. Seconded by Paul Feeney.

Vote: 5-0-0

Resignation – Received from Lawrence J. Harrington notice of his resignation as Foxborough School Committee appointee to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee, effective May 4, 2009. Also notifying the Board that the School Committee voted to appoint Katie Adair as his replacement to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee.

Motion by Paul Feeney to accept the resignation of Lawrence J. Harrington as the Foxborough School Committee appointee to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee, effective May 4, 2009. Seconded by Lynda Walsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the appointment of Katie Adair as Foxborough School Committee appointee to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee as a replacement for Lawrence J. Harrington. Seconded by Paul Feeney. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Proclamation – Received from Nancy Spoerke on behalf of Silver Star Families of America a request to proclaim May 1st as Silver Star Banner Day.

Motion by Paul Feeney to proclaim May 1st as Silver Star Banner Day as requested by Nancy Spoerke, dated 3/31/2009. Seconded by Lynda Walsh.
Vote: 5-0-0

Tuition Reimbursement – Received from Police Chief O’Leary a request to approve tuition reimbursement in the amount of \$840.00 for Officer Shawn McKay for courses – Identity Theft, Ethics and Law Enforcement, and Corrections.

Motion by Jim Thrasher to approve tuition reimbursement in the amount of \$840.00 for Officer Shawn McKay for three courses taken at Curry College. Seconded by Paul Mortenson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Grant Award – Received from Police Chief O’Leary notice of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program. Lynda Walsh read the notice. This was discussed during the Citizens Input discussion earlier at this meeting.

Lease Agreements – Conservation Commission – Received notice of renewal of three lease agreements – 120 Spring St., 89 North Street and 87 North Street. A brief discussion was held.

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the 3-year Lease Agreement for 120 Spring Street between the Town and John & Beth Zielinski as submitted. Seconded by Mark Sullivan. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the 3-year Lease Agreement for 89 North Street between the Town and Fred & Dianna Weckbacher as submitted. Seconded by Paul Mortenson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Motion by Lynda Walsh to approve the 3-year Lease Agreement for 87 North Street between the Town and Janna Bremer as submitted. Seconded by Mark Sullivan. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Invitation – Received from Kara J. Griffin, Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce, an invitation to a Ribbon Cutting on May 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. for the opening of Glee Gifts. Members of the Board will respond.

Motion by Paul Feeney to go into Executive Session for discussions on Police Grievances, Collective Bargaining and Executive Session Minutes and to exit from Executive Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Seconded by Mark Sullivan.

Vote: 5-0-0	Mark Sullivan, Chairman	Yes
	Paul Feeney, Vice Chairman	Yes
	Lynda Walsh, Clerk	Yes
	Paul Mortenson	Yes
	Jim Thrasher	Yes

Motion to adjourn by Lynda Walsh. Seconded by Paul Mortenson.
Vote: 4-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Lynda Walsh, Clerk