

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Working Session**  
**Minutes of March 10, 2011**

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 4:03PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Nancy Luther, Eldon Goodhue and Laura Powers. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were residents Jeanine Cunniff and Kim Sherwood.

Chairman Gandt announced that a citizen would be videotaping the meeting.

**Hood Pond License Agreement:** Chairman Gandt began by stating that the agreement before the Board has Selectman Powers comments in the margin for discussion. Selectman Powers voiced her concerns regarding the Beach Association's sharing of financial reports, and it was agreed that whatever is filed with the Department of Revenue should be provided to the Board of Selectmen. A final vote of the agreement is expected at Monday night's meeting.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Chairman Gandt provided a recap of the Finance Committee's Monday night meeting including discussion of the numbers that were being utilized to balance the budget. The assumptions in this model are: Local Aid is expected at 90% of last year, Chapter 70 funds are expected to be 90% of last year, excise receipts are equal to last year, Free Cash is estimated at \$1.33 million, Snow and Ice deficit is at \$150,000, and budgets are at guidelines. With these assumptions the numbers are \$500,000 over Prop 2 1/2.

Chairman Gandt proceeded to facilitate a dialogue on each of the warrant articles with the Board. Articles 1-13 are annual boiler plate articles, no discussion required.

Articles 14, 15 and 16 relate to seniors and tax options, no discussion occurred.

Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 relate to operating budget items, no discussion occurred. Although the name of 18 was changed to read: Fund Town Employee Separation Obligations.

Article 21, Masconomet School Committee Representation, no discussion occurred.

Article 22, Water Restriction Bylaw Amendment was removed from the Warrant at the request of the Water Department.

Article 23, Memorial Day Committee Amendment, was removed after a discussion of the Board.

Articles 37 – 41 relate to the Zoning Bylaw changes. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> and will be included in the Warrant as voted on at the hearing.

Article 42, Citizen Petition, was discussed briefly.

Articles 43-Acceptance of Antoria Way, 44-Exchange of Land on Pheasant Lane and 45-Acceptance of MGL Chapter 53, Section 9A-Nomination Papers were discussed briefly.

Capital Expense Articles were discussed in detail, noting that some items do not have final numbers associated with them.

- Selectman Morrison made a motion to remove the following Articles: Memorial Day Committee Amendment, Fire Station Apron, Fire Station Training Room Floor, Elementary School Curriculum Development Materials, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 5-0.
- Selectman Luther made a motion to remove Water Restriction Bylaw Amendment; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 5-0.
- Selectman Goodhue made a motion to remove the following Articles: Police Cruiser, Highway Dump/Sander/Wing/Plow Truck and Fire Rapid Response Vehicle T1, seconded by Chairman Gandt-for discussion; Selectman Morrison then amended the motion to limit the removal of Articles to only the Fire Rapid Response Vehicle T1, seconded by Chairman Gandt-for discussion; and then voted 4-1. Selectman Goodhue opposed. On Selectman Goodhue's amended main motion, the removal of only the Fire Rapid Response Vehicle T1; voted: 5-0.

- Selectman Morrison made a motion to eliminate the Facilities Planning Town Building Assessment, seconded by Selectman Goodhue; so voted: 5-0.
- Article name changed to: Fund Town Employee Separation Obligations

Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve the warrant articles 1-21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30-32, and 36-47 in the draft format as discussed tonight for purposes to forward to the Finance Committee so they begin their deliberation, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted 5-0.

At 6:25 PM, Selectmen Morrison made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Powers seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as amended at the May 23, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.