

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Working Session**  
**Minutes of June 1, 2009**

Chairman Martha Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:09PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Martha Morrison were Richard Gandt, Nancy Luther, Karen Dow and Laura Powers. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder was in attendance.

**Open Meeting Law Sign-off Sheet:** Chairman Morrison explained that annually the Town Clerk requires the Board to sign the Open Meeting Law and provide updated contact information and meeting schedule. All Board members signed the paperwork.

**Legislative Letter:** Chairman Morrison stated the intent is to pull ideas together for a letter that is to be sent to state legislators expressing the Town's concern regarding the State's cuts to local aid. The Board agreed that the focus of the letter should be to explain how the state could help cities and towns by allowing them to have control over health care plans offered to employees. It was agreed to mention the progress the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Suburban Coalition have provided in achieving this goal. Chairman Morrison agreed to take all comments from the Board and draft a letter which will be circulated to the Board and finalized for mailing by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Morrison made the motion to implement this plan; seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 5-0.

**Renewable Energy/Green Community Committee Charter:** Chairman Morrison distributed draft #7 of the Charter that she and Selectman Gandt have authored. The Board agreed to forward the draft to George Hall and Sarah Beck, potential members of the committee, for their review and determine whether the charter presented would be a workable document for the new committee.

**Compost Access Ticket:** Ms. Wilder explained that the Highway Department had received comments from residents concerning the loss of the compost site due to budget cuts. The Road Commissioners took a look at how they could keep the facility available to residents. The Road Commissioners came up with a mirror image of the process Boxford residents follow to use the Topsfield compost site. Boxford residents pay a \$5.00 fee to the Boxford Board of Selectmen's Office and obtain an access ticket for entry (the fees are then sent to Topsfield). It has been determined that the Topsfield Board of Selectmen's secretary, Donna Rich, will follow the same procedure.

**Appointments:** Ms. Wilder noted that the development of the list of appointments was in progress and more notably the newly opened positions are being gathered.

**Warrants:** The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ **550,196.98**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY09:	
097T	\$ 77,146.04
097School	\$ 225,975.91
098	\$ 247,075.03

At 8:25PM, Selectman Luther moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as amended at the September 14, 2009 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*