

Board of Selectmen
Town Office Annex
May 2, 2007
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen present: Brad Parker and Peter Govert. Absent Randy Dill.
Also present: Sharon Wheeler

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by First Selectman Parker and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Parker noted that Agenda item 8E had not been completed and suggested deferring this item until such time as it was finalized. Selectman Govert agreed.

Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the agenda as amended.
Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes:

In Selectman Dill's absence, Mr. Parker recommended deferring approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of April 25, 2007 until Mr. Dill could review them. Mr. Govert agreed.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Parker advised that there was no correspondence to discuss.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Parker reported on the following items:

- The Memorial Day parade organizing committee met on May 1st. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Annex. The Selectmen should advise any groups or organizations that they are affiliated with to contact the Town Offices or come to the May 15th meeting if they would like to participate in the parade. Mr. Govert advised that Youth and Family Services and/or the local Prevention Council may want to participate and he would ask Ms. McCabe to call the Town Office.
- Today was Student Government Day and members of the 6th grade sat in for Town officials. He noted that Tom Leclerc and Sydney Batchelder were Acting First Selectman and that the high point of the day was when the Acting Fire Marshal and Acting Building Inspector witnessed blasting work at the new Middle School construction site.

6. Citizen's Concerns: No citizen's concerns were discussed.

7. Old Business:

A. 4 - 8 Middle School Discussion: Mr. Parker stated that Mary Beth Mordecai had advised him that a public ground breaking ceremony was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 19th. Denise Gable will submit a press release and provide public notices about the event. Mr. Parker noted that he would like all of the Selectmen to attend the event.

He also advised that considerable progress has been made on adapting Clark Gates Road as the main access road and that the construction crew has started pouring the footings for the building.

B. Goodspeed Update: Mr. Parker advised that subsequent to the April 5th joint Boards and Commissions meeting, Mr. Pinnell had revisited his overall plan for the Goodspeed projects and done some additional work on it. He and other representatives of the Goodspeed will be attending the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Govert stated that he would advise the Economic Development Commissioners so that someone from that Commission could also attend the P&Z meeting.

Mr. Parker further reported that Mr. McMahon had met with himself and Mr. Ventres earlier in the week to discuss the process and timing regarding Town requirements for the projects. He felt the meeting was productive in that it provided Mr. McMahon with a good understanding of the hurdles they would encounter and cleared up a number of his mis-conceptions about the process.

C. Ethics Policy: Mr. Parker stated that the Town attorney had reviewed the draft Ethics Policy and provided him with a number of changes that should be made. He noted that several changes were suggested on language that was taken from the Colchester Ethics Policy and noted that Attorney Bennet felt that policy may not have been reviewed by an attorney. Mr. Parker stated he would have an updated draft available by the next meeting.

D. O'Connell Road Extension Petition: Mr. Parker advised that there was nothing new to report on this subject. He stated the topic would be removed from the agenda until such time as further discussion was required.

8. New Business

Regarding Agenda items 8A through 8D, Mr. Parker advised that the legal paperwork was reviewed by the Town attorney and was in place, and the maps were at the Town Offices. He also noted that Agenda items 8A through 8C were a result of the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of the Petticoat Landing Subdivision.

A. Road Acceptance & Associated Drainage Easements – Acorn Drive: Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve and send to Town Meeting for acceptance the dedication of a public highway and associated drainage easements, part of the Petticoat Landing Subdivision with a cul-de-sac named Acorn Drive, located off of Petticoat Road and traveling approximately 1,225 feet due north - northeast ending in a cul-de-sac, as more particularly described on map #3689. Unanimous aye.

B. Acceptance of Two Open Space Parcels – Petticoat Landing Subdivision: Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve and send to Town Meeting for acceptance two open space parcels associated with an approved Petticoat Landing subdivision on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan, Petticoat Landing – Petticoat and Bogue Lane, East Haddam Connecticut" and on file on Town Clerk's map #3689. The open space parcels acreage is as follows: Open Space Parcel #1 - 46.394 acres and Open Space Parcel #2 - 2.916 acres. Unanimous aye.

C. Acceptance of Conservation Easements – Petticoat Landing Subdivision: Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve and send to Town Meeting for acceptance

Conservation Easements containing two pieces of area on an approved subdivision plan entitled; “Subdivision Plan, Petticoat Landing – Petticoat and Bogue Lane, East Haddam, Connecticut”, as more particularly described on map #3689, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said Conservation Easement on behalf of the Town for recording in the land records. Unanimous aye.

D. Acceptance of Conservation Easement – Mazur Property, Ballahack Road: Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve and send to Town Meeting for acceptance a Conservation Easement from Stanley Mazur on a parcel of land, containing approximately 15 acres, located on Ballahack Road further known as Assessor’s Map 39 – Lot 16, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said Conservation Easement on behalf of the Town for recording in the land records. Unanimous aye.

E. Call for Town Meeting: Removed from Agenda.

F. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds to discuss.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

10. Selectmen’s Discussion: Mr. Govert distributed yellow stickers that can be posted around Town to encourage adults to be more friendly and outgoing to the Town’s young people. He noted that the stickers had been created as part of the Developmental Assets initiative.

Mr. Parker stated that he had received an invitation to the annual meeting and workshop of the Middlesex Substance Abuse Council. He stated he would forward the invitation to Mr. Govert for his consideration.

Mr. Parker reported that he and Mr. Mansfield had attended an Emergency Management Symposium on May 1st. He noted that approximately 600 people had attended the event and that several workshops were held throughout the day. The keynote speaker was the Emergency Management Director from Danvers, MA whose presentation was on his Town’s response to an explosion in a factory last year. Mr. Parker stated that he found the Symposium interesting and informative.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. Govert, Secretary