

PRESENT: Selectmen Joseph A. Sergi, Patrick J. McNabb, and Joseph Hallisey

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Hallisey and seconded by Mr. McNabb, the regular and executive session minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2009 were unanimously approved. On a motion by Mr. Hallisey and seconded by Mr. McNabb, the executive session minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2009 were unanimously approved. On a motion by Mr. Hallisey and seconded by Mr. McNabb, the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2009 were unanimously approved.

APPROVE WARRANT/SIGN PURCHASE ORDERS: The Board signed the warrants.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Sergi read a proclamation recognizing Julia Prevost as an Academic All-Star for North Middlesex Regional High School. Mr. McNabb announced several committee vacancies; Mr. Sergi noted that there are two vacancies on the Mill Site Study Committee.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Item #1 – Appointment – Conservation Commission: The Board reviewed a letter from Kris Masterson expressing interest in being appointed to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Masterson was present at the meeting, and outlined her background and interests. Following a brief discussion, and on a motion by Mr. McNabb and seconded by Mr. Hallisey, it was unanimously voted to appoint Kris Masterson to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2010.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1 – Discussion: Mill Market Analysis, with Dick Stoltz, Bartram & Cochran: Present were Mike Landino, Steve Themelis and Ken Morgan from the Mill Site Study Committee.

Mr. Stoltz described the highlights of the report and the recommended use of the property. A discussion and question and answer session followed. Mr. Themelis commended Mr. Stoltz and Bartram & Cochran on their efforts with this site. Mr. Sergi requested bound copies of the report, which Mr. Stoltz will provide.

The Board thanked Mr. Stoltz for attending the meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Discussion: Proposed LIP, with Al Patnaude: This item was tabled.

Item #2 – Discussion: Army Community Covenant, with Steve Themelis: This item was tabled.

Item #3 – Any other Old/New Business: Mr. McNabb commented that he had wanted to discuss farming on town-owned property and FIOS at this meeting, though he knows the Board has a lot on its plate right now. Mr. McNabb asked what the policy was for placing items on the agenda. Mr. Sergi stated that the normal practice has been that the agenda is closed on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Sergi stated he had a conversation with Mr. Hanson regarding FIOS, and Mr. Hanson was going to follow-up with Mr. McNabb. Mr. McNabb stated Mr. Hanson provided information to him regarding FIOS, but he thinks this should be discussed at the Board level. Mr. Sergi asked what the issue was regarding farming on town-owned land. Mr. McNabb stated he wanted a discussion at this meeting, but Mr. Hanson was not available. Mr. McNabb acknowledged that the agenda was established on Wednesday last week due to Ms. Mazzola being on vacation, but thought the agenda would still be open for additional items until Thursday.

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Mr. Sergi stated that interviews for the Town Administrator position will be held in the coming days, and prepared a draft agenda and order of proceedings for discussion. Mr. Sergi acknowledged that the three candidates were in attendance this evening. The Board spent a considerable amount of time discussing various questions each member had prepared, and decided on questions to be asked during the interviews. Mr. Sergi will compile the list of questions and forward them to the Board. Don Eriksson from the Pepperell Free Press asked about the process the Board would follow, which was explained by Mr. Sergi. Following the interviews, background checks will be performed and various documents will be requested of the applicants; once this process is completed the Board will meet to make a decision.

Mr. McNabb announced that work had been done on the audio-video system in the meeting room, and welcomed feedback regarding the quality. Mr. McNabb thanked Frank Schmidt from Charter Communications and Richard Potts for working on the system.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. McNabb and seconded by Mr. Hallisey, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, transcribed from meeting tape,

Peggy Mazzola, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Joseph A. Sergi, Chairman

Patrick J. McNabb, Clerk

Joseph Hallisey