

Selectmen's Meeting  
March 24, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Office Building. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz and Mr. Burnell; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk, were present.

Tourism Committee Amendments

Mrs. McKenna, Tourism Committee, is working to resolve staff concerns regarding the Tourism surplus of \$2,270 earned in 2007 and the Committee's desire to capture the money for future year's use. The Appropriations Committee voted 8-0 to support the Tourism Committee's plan to put the money in a revolving fund. The Moderator suggested dividing out line items 2300 (reserve fund) and 7300 (economic development) in Article 4, Appropriate FY 2009 Operating Budget, and take up after Article 8, Continue and Approve Departmental Revolving Funds, to allow time to resolve the issues. Mrs. McKenna will have information at Town Meeting that shows what the projected surplus will be for 2008.

The Selectmen clarified that they will be unanimous in supporting the motion to divide out line item 2300 and 7300 in Article 4. Selectmen will decide the best way to handle the surplus going forward.

Budget

It was confirmed that Article 24, Establish and Appropriate to Specified Stabilization Funds, would come up at Town Meeting prior to Article 4, Appropriate FY2009 Operating Budget.

The Appropriations Committee will recommend a resolution regarding an analysis of health care benefits. The staff recommendation is that the Selectmen take no position on the resolution because it could be viewed as trying to influence negotiations and would not be bargaining in good faith.

There is also likely to be a resolution regarding full-day kindergarten and the impact it would have on the budget. The Selectmen's position should be that full-day kindergarten is an education policy, which the Selectmen do not have a say in.

If Town Meeting decides to divide out the school budget, the Town Moderator suggests there be a brief adjournment so that the School Committee, Appropriation Committee and Selectmen caucus on how to handle the Stabilization Fund piece, which requires a 2/3 vote.

Mr. Valente reminded the Selectmen that under the motion for Article 4, Appropriate FY 2009 Operating Budget, the funding sources for two items needs to have a 2/3 vote of town meeting. The items are the \$65,000 for the School Bus Transportation Stabilization Fund and the \$61,000 for the Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation Stabilization Revolving Fund.

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The Selectmen will discuss the land purchase articles at the Wednesday, March 26, meeting. Larry Smith and members of the Planning Board will be at the Selectmen's March 31 meeting to first discuss the citizen articles and then the Planning Board articles.

Town Manager Appointments

One Selectmen requested that the reappointments to the Historical Commission be tabled until he can resolve an issue.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the Town Manager's reappointment of Angela Frick and Richard Wolk to the Conservation Commission for three-year terms to expire March 31, 2011.

Consent Agenda

Commitment of Water and Sewer Charges

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the following commitments of water and sewer charges:

Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for 3/10/08 (Cycle 9)	\$135,931.80
Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for 2/1/08 to 2/29/08 (final bill)	\$9,769.96

Ratify Poll Vote – Oppose Proposed Bill to Fine Individuals for Open Meeting Law Violations

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to ratify a poll vote to send a letter opposing a proposed bill that would fine individuals for open meeting law violations.

Ratify Poll Vote – Fox Morning News Request to Broadcast from Lexington

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to ratify a poll vote for Fox Morning News to broadcast from Lexington on Friday, April 25, 2008 beginning at 3:00 a.m. and leaving at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to go into executive session for the purpose labor negotiations and litigation, with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease  
Executive Clerk