

MINUTES

For approval at the 9-15-08 meeting



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Minutes of Meeting**

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HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Soule Homestead representatives F. Albani and J. Stevens addressed the Board to review a revised capital improvement plan as part of Soule Homestead's lease. The homestead is run on an annual budget of \$80,000. The Homestead is planning to raise funds to make significant renovations and facility improvements.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to ask the Town Manager to research possibly terminating the lease between Soule Homestead and the Town of Middleborough early and to re-bid it. This would potentially allow more time for the Homestead to enjoy the benefits of the updated facility results.

Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to move forward with this project (improvements) on Town property.

Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve minutes of 8/25/08.

Unanimous vote.

AGS Development Corp. E.R. Permit Application Hearing - Outback Engineering

At 7:20 PM Chairman opened public hearing. Applicant turned in green cards.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve request by applicant and continue hearing for sixty days, specifically, 11/10/08 at 7:05 PM.

Unanimous vote.

Board welcomed Eagle Scout Anthony Barbatos who gave an update regarding the status of his project to clean the Nemasket River by the Plymouth Street Bridge and to make a portage (walking area) for canoes and kayaks to get out of the river, walk next to the bridge and re-enter the river. Board thanked Mr. Barbatos for his leadership skills and for organizing the project and offered its thanks to the volunteers as well. Mr. Barbatos will provide list of volunteer names.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to issue letter of support upon notification of completion of the project.

Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman gave explanation regarding letter of support of Wampanoag Tribe's request to Governor to commence negotiations on a compact.

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Chairman read aloud draft letter. Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to approve issuance of letter as written, subject to change in 3rd paragraph.

Four in favor. One abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve Treasurer's recommended bid award regarding Bonding for Middleborough High School roof and Science lab renovations to World Bank of Scotland doing business as R.B.S. Citizens, NA in the amount of \$900,000 at a Net Interest Rate of 2.49.

Four in favor. One abstained.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted to approve request from Kiwanis Club to use Town Hall lawn and rest rooms for Jack-O-Lantern Festival on Saturday, 10/25/08 (rain date 10/26 from 5 PM – 9 PM).

Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve request from Boy Scout Troop 96 to use Town Hall lawn for "Yard Sale" on Saturday, 10/18/08 (rain date 10/25) from 9 AM – 2 PM, subject to any required Health department food permits being obtained.

Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to approve request from Lydia Cobb-Quequechan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Request and proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as "Constitution Week".

Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 8:01 PM to discuss strategy relative to contract negotiations and pending litigation. Roll Call: S. Spataro, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; M. Brunelle, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes; A. Bond Yes. Chairman announced Board would return into Open Session. Ended at 10:10 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Rock Village School – potential use as an outreach center – Town Manager to talk with Don Boucher/Joe Ciaglo for input or whoever is storing items there and to talk with various groups about what their needs might be re use. Board will discuss again in approximately two weeks.

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Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to set 10/20/08 as Fall Special Town Meeting date. Chairman encourages all department heads to follow guidelines/deadlines as laid out by the Town Manager.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to close Special Town Meeting Warrant by 12 Noon on 9/26/08.
Unanimous vote.

Town Manager to include in his report for 9/15/08 a consolidated list of Goals and Objectives for the Board. Town Manager or Board's secretary to poll surrounding Towns and ask if they have lists of goals and objectives. Each Board member will put together a list of five goals/objectives for discussion. Chairman extended invitation to the public to submit its goal/objective wish list via the Board's correspondence for consideration. Chairman asked that each Board member come up with a 6th item that would not require financial expense.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Reminder that we continue to look for volunteers for the Landfill Committee and the Green Energy Committee

Town Manager referred Board to his memorandum re draft Website policy and recommendation.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve new Town website.
Unanimous vote.

R. Dunphy addressed Board regarding the website.

Selectwoman Brunelle reported to the Board that I.T. Director R. Brunelle has requested that he be present if the website is going to be discussed.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to support website policy.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to authorize Town Manager to pay all bills out of the Selectmen's budget up to \$500.00
Unanimous vote.

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OTHER

Selectwoman Brunelle informed Board that we do not have a report yet from Enfield Paranormal Society, however, on Saturday 11/1/08, there is a Halloween Masquerade event being held by the Middleborough Friends here at Town Hall and Enfield has offered to attend and present its reveal then. Board agreed it prefers to have Enfield provide results directly to the Board first.

B. Giovanoni will ask the Friends at its meeting tomorrow if it would like Enfield to reveal its results to the public at the Halloween Masquerade event. He will send email to the Selectmen's Office.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted not to refund the \$100 security deposit retained on behalf of the auditorium wedding rental on 8/30/08 as the applicant had left the room in very poor condition. Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to send a bill with a cover letter from Town Counsel to pay for the Town Custodian's time (4 hours) involved in cleaning the auditorium in conjunction with the 8/30/08 auditorium rental. Unanimous vote

Board agreed it will discuss adding language to the Town Hall rental agreement applications regarding an increase in required amount of security deposits and will review policy on rentals when discussing "fees" in future.

Selectwoman Duphily made public request asking for more volunteers for this weekend (Saturday) to come by and assist in weeding/additional cleanup of the Town Hall property at approximately 9 AM and also asked for donations of Mum plants.

CORRESPONDENCE

#21 Winter Energy Costs Task Force – Public Hearing dates
Chairman Bond read notice, dates, and contact information aloud.

#2 MMA – Annual Essay Contest for 6th Graders
Secretary to send to School Department.

#18 Health Agent – MAHB Annual Certification Program
Selectwoman Duphily will discuss with Health Agent about attending.

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Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to adjourn meeting at 10 PM.

Unanimous vote.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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