

MINUTES

For approval at the 4-12-10 meeting

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes****April 5, 2010**

Vice Chairwoman Brunelle opened meeting at 7 pm by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Selectmen M. Brunelle, M. Duphily, S. McKinnon, A. Rullo and S. Spataro.

Vice Chairwoman Brunelle called for nominations for Chairman.

Motion made by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman Spataro to nominate Marsha Brunelle as Chairman.

Three in favor. S. McKinnon and A. Rullo opposed.

Motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Rullo to nominate Alfred Rullo, Jr. as Chairman.

Two in favor. M. Brunelle, M. Duphily, S. Spataro opposed.

Motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, to nominate Alfred Rullo as Vice Chairman.

All in favor.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to approve 3-29-10 meeting minutes with clarification re surplus funds found under the Town Manager's Report.

Four in favor. S. Spataro abstained.

Chairman welcomed and congratulated newly elected Selectman S. Spataro and newly re-elected Selectman A. Rullo and acknowledged the Board's Secretary Jacqueline Shanley and Town Manager C. Cristello.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Rullo, Board voted to approve 3-29-10 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Four in favor. S. Spataro abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Rullo, Board voted unanimously to approve request by Beacon Homeschool Group to utilize the Town Hall parking lot for an "Open trunk book sale" on Monday, May 10, 2010 from 6-8 PM.

Board had the following questions relative to request from Samuel Fuller School to place a banner on the Town Hall lawn prior to voting on the matter. Board would like to know how the banner would be secured/displayed, if Pratt Farm is still available due to recent flooding issues and if permission was granted by the Conservation Commission to use Pratt Farm. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro,

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Board voted unanimously to postpone matter until 4/12 or until questions have been answered.

A. Nalevanko updated Board on development projects/activities: Shoe Shop Place (Pierce Street), proposed new GATRA transportation service, DHCD Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program, 1st Time Homebuyers Workshop, and downtown beautification.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to send letter of appreciation to Martha of William's Trading Post for her floral contributions in the Horse Trough in front of Town Hall.

Director Nalevanko will provide responses to Board's request for additional information at its next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

#4 Letter from M. Solimini – Town Manager noted that the rental fee of the Lincoln D. Lynch school was negotiated between the School Department and Massasoit Community College. This fee does not include utility expenses, which will be reimbursed by Massasoit. The matter has been forwarded to the School Committee

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town's Chapter 90 apportionment for FY 2011 is \$672,925. This apportionment is automatically incorporated in the Town's 10-year C.90 contract which was signed in FY2008.

TM had telephone call with Cedric Cromwell today and he indicated that we will have a response to our letter by next week.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Fire Chief reviewed the recent flooding and updated Board as to status of the aftermath 3-30-10 incidents started at Ashley Place. Eight units were evacuated. They confirmed that the Days Inn would take evacuees. Holiday Inn Express had agreed to take some, if needed. The Pratt Farm Dam breached. Chief had a list of 75 homes that they assisted. Fire Department received 50 clean-up kits today for homeowners who were impacted by the flooding.

Chairwoman commended the Chief and thanked everyone involved for their efforts in helping with the flooding incidents, noting that it took a lot of work by many.

Chairwoman extended the Board's deepest appreciation.

Fire Chief noted that lessons were learned relative to technological as well as communication issues.

Selectman McKinnon suggested that all department heads meet after action critique to discuss what was learned and what needs correcting. Chief acknowledged that he has talked with the Town Manager about holding such a meeting when things settle down.

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Selectman Rullo congratulated the Fire Chief and asked what the Town's policy is relative to helping residents pump out their basements. Chief understands that the Fire Department doesn't do that, but that the Water Department does. This incident took everyone by surprise. The Fire Department did respond to 75 incidents, even though it is not policy. It was a State of Emergency. The Firefighters did a terrific job, and, in fact, created one pump by taking apart others.

Selectmen Spataro and McKinnon inquired about status of bridge inspections.

Town Manger indicated that the bridges that were almost to the top with water were being looked at recently.

Town Manager noted that he couldn't commend Fire Chief enough for his command of the incident.

Brian Giovanoni noted that the Plymouth Street bridge may need to be considered to be opened for safety issue. Town Manager noted that it had been put back on list by the Board some time ago.

Mr. Young addressed Board and suggested that if the Town has open office space available, sometimes FEMA finds it easier to set up satellite office.

Chief noted that he may have space to offer. He understands that they may put a trailer here. Mr. Young noted that a lot of times, they will use a trailer, but if they have to wait for one, having office space available, may make it quicker.

OTHER

Chairwoman noted that Selectman Spataro needs to take the required Ethics training.

Chairwoman took a moment to recognize all candidates in recent elections.

Chairwoman noted that the Board will meet on Wednesday 4/21/10 to finalize the Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectwoman Dumphily noted that folks should take children to the Herring Run to see it. She also indicated that there are still a number of political signs, including school signs that need to be picked up.

Selectman Rullo noted that the Board needs to discuss its goals and objectives.

Chairwoman noted that it is on the next agenda.

Selectman McKinnon thanked everyone who came out to vote. He thanked Judy Bigelow Costa and Wayne Perkins and all those involved for their efforts in bringing Massasoit to Middleborough.

Chairwoman – if anyone has a particular issue that they think will entail a lengthy discussion, she asks that they submit it as an agenda item to allow time and opportunity for others to be present for discussion, if wanted.

Allin Frawley asked if there is anything that the public can do in the endeavor to assist in applying for grants. Town Manager will follow up with A. Nalevanko. Town Manager noted that we have received help in the past from residents on pursuing grants.

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Chairwoman asked that emails be sent to the Board's Secretary for response by the Board of Selectmen's office as opposed to individual personal Selectmen email addresses.

Allin Frawley asked when the new website will be up and running. Town Manager responded that it will be soon.

P. Provencher spoke about a Spaghetti Supper to be held at the Middleborough VFW on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 as a fund raiser for William (Billy) Garant who will be running in the 2010 Red Sox Foundation and MA General Hospital Run to Home Base 9k road race

Brian Giovanoni asked if there is going to be a handout re the Open Meeting law as the Town Clerk is attending the training. Chairwoman responded that the Town Clerk will be issuing.

Mr. McManus congratulated Selectman Spataro and Selectman Rullo. He looks forward to working as a community and asked that he meet with each of the Board members personally to talk about what everyone can do on behalf of the children in Town. He offered his cell number so that if any Board members see any schools signs, he will be happy to remove if called.

Judy Bigelow Costa noted the following:

Lion's Club event this Friday at Town Hall - Beach Boys

There has been an ongoing unemployment workshop going on at the library . Danielle Bowker has been wonderful. Friends of the Library have donated juices and snacks. Middleborough on the Move has run out of funds for speakers. It's every Wednesday and ongoing.

Upon motion by Selectman Rullo and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:38 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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