

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Mr. Caldwell called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Office at 3:10 PM with Mrs. Walter also present. Mr. Foyle was away on business.

I. Mr. Caldwell moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008 as amended, and the minutes of September 9, 2008 as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Caldwell moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1011 for \$75,758.19. So voted. Mr. Caldwell moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1012 for \$257,690.95. So voted. Mr. Caldwell moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #6 for \$299,424.93. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Caldwell and Mrs. Walter discussed the continuing need for the selectmen to appoint an alternate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. Because the position is so important, Mrs. Walter stated that she would be willing to be appointed. Mr. Caldwell moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to appoint Mrs. Walter as the town's alternate to the CMRPC. So voted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Greg Kline from the Finance Committee, and to send a letter of thanks. So voted.

B. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Raeann Caron from the Finance and Town Manager Study Committees, and to send a letter of thanks. So voted.

C. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Violet Rogacevicz from the Council on Aging, and to send a letter of thanks. So voted.

D. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to appoint Brett Cavanaugh as an alternate to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. So voted.

E. The selectmen reviewed a letter from Julie McCarthy regarding the town's upcoming 200th anniversary. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to create a 200th Anniversary Committee, and to ask that any person interested in being appointed to the committee send the selectmen a letter of interest. So voted.

F. The selectmen discussed a request from Town Collector Donna Gauthier that the selectmen consider increasing the demand fee charged to delinquent taxpayers. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to set the demand fee at \$30. So voted. This will still need to be voted at the November town meeting.

G. The selectmen reviewed a letter from School Building and Grounds Director Peter Shipman regarding a tree located on school property. The tree is close to the property line of an abutter, and the abutter is concerned that the tree could fall onto her property. Mr. Shipman called in Tree Warden Tony Holway to look at the tree, and Mr. Holway has stated that the tree is healthy and in no danger of falling. It was agreed to send a letter stating that the town will not be taking down the tree, but the neighbor may ask for the town's permission to have the tree removed if she is willing to pay for it.

The selectmen took a brief recess to walk down to the new town offices at 215 North Main Street in order to assess the progress of the project.

When the selectmen returned they signed the bi-weekly bills and payrolls.

There being no further business, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Caldwell seconded, a motion to adjourn at 4:20 PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant