

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2009**

In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice-Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Lars W. Johnson; Member Margaret C. McGillivray; and Town Administrator Francis J. Lynam. Chairman Kowalski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kowalski asked everyone in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence at which time Chairman Kowalski asked everyone to remember John English, a former member of the Whitman Board of Selectmen, who passed away on Monday.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve Bill and Payroll Warrants. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to accept Correspondence in the Read File. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

Chairman Kowalski opened Public Forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0-1 (Chairman Kowalski abstained).

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 3-0-2 (Chairman Kowalski and Mr. Johnson abstained).

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$785,000.00 pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed May 5, 2008 (Article 41), which authorized a total borrowing of \$785,000.00 for construction of sewers and other water pollution control facilities. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss Pinches & Pounds, located at 785 Bedford Street, selling KENO To Go. Mr. Lynam advised the Board that a letter was received from the Lottery Commission stating that Pinches & Pounds has applied for a remote KENO license. The Lottery Commission is seeking information from the Town before approving the license, particularly if the Town has an objection. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to not object to Pinches & Pounds, located at 785 Bedford Street, pursuing a license to sell KENO To Go. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to act on the request of R. Al Rainey on behalf of Whitman V.F.W. Post 697 to hold its annual Buddy Poppy Drive on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14-16, 2009, at Dunkin' Donuts (South Avenue location), Foodmaster, Stop & Shop and the Post Office. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of June O'Leary on behalf of Friends of the Park to use the Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to hold their annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, and to approve a One-Day Liquor License and waive the fee for said permit (approval also includes use of the auditorium on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in order to set up for the event). Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Derek Keenan on behalf of the Whitman Wolverines to hold a toll booth fundraiser at the intersection of Washington Street and Route 27 on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0. After the vote

Mr. Bezanson questioned whether the Board would require a police detail for this event. Police Chief May-Stafford stepped forward and confirmed that a police detail will be in place for this event.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to appoint Richard Rosen to the By-Law Study Committee through June 30, 2009. Second Miss McGillivray. Mr. Lynam announced that the second candidate has withdrawn her letter of interest. Chairman Kowalski asked for a vote in connection with the motion on the floor. So voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to rescind the appointment of Robert Morrison to the Council on Aging. Second, Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of the Council on Aging to appoint Jean McDonald to fill an existing vacancy on the Council on Aging through June 30, 2011. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to approve the request of Town Clerk Pamela Martin to appoint checkers for the Annual & Special Town Meetings scheduled for May 4, 2009 in accordance with the list attached to a memo dated March 30, 2009. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of June O'Leary on behalf of the Whitman Cultural Council for a One-Day Liquor License on Saturday, May 23, 2009 for the Spring Fling concert event, and to waive the fee for said permit. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

The Board set their April meeting schedule for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The last item on the agenda was to discuss the proposed Policies and Procedures of the Whitman Recreation Commission. Michelle Winnett, Director of the Recreation Commission stepped up to the podium. Ms. Winnett stated that there have never been any policies or procedures in place for the Recreation Commission. What she has provided for the Board to review is currently general practice, however, she would like the Board to establish this as the Recreation Commission's Policies and Procedures. Miss McGillivray suggested amending the first sentence under the section "Use of facilities." After a brief discussion, Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Recreation Director Michelle Winnett to establish proposed policies and procedures for the Whitman Recreation commission with an amendment to the first sentence under "Use of Facilities" as follows: "Whitman recreation is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and works cooperatively with the WHRSD, Board of Health and other Deaprtments, Commissions and Committees." Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Lynam announced that on Saturday, March 28, 2009, the office of the Town Clerk participated in Passport Day USA. It was a great success as there were 52 passports issued during this event.

Mr. Salvucci announced he had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Andrew Brolin this past Saturday. Mr. Salvucci would like to extend his congratulations to Andrew for his achievements; and also to Andrew's parents for raising such a fine young man.

Chairman Kowalski announced that on May 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an event taking place at Massasoit Community College. Laughalot, a comedy review pertaining to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of radio and television classics, will feature Rex Trailer and a salute to Boomtown. Chairman Kowalski noted that the official biographer of Rex Trailer, Shirley Jump, is a graduate of Whitman-Hanson High School as well as Massasoit Community College. She is currently a New York Times bestselling author of comic romance.

Chairman Kowalski also announced another show that will take place at Massasoit Community College on Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The show is called Sunday

Swing, featuring 1940's music by nationally acclaimed recording artist Amanda Carr. Chairman Kowalski went on to say the proceeds from both of these shows go to the Massasoit Radio/TV Scholarship Fund.

At 7:20 p.m. Miss McGillivray **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with the M.G.L., Chapter 39, Section 23B (1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual; and (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Second Mr. Salvucci. Roll call vote revealed Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; Miss McGillivray – yes; Mr. Johnson – yes; Chairman Kowalski- yes. So voted 5-0. The meeting will reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

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Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk