

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 14, 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, which was followed by a moment of silence.

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

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept Correspondence in the Read File. Second Mr. Bezanson, 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 31, 2009. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve license renewals for Fuel Storage, Junk Collector's and Junk Dealer's license holders for the period May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 (subject to the submission of renewal paperwork, renewal fees and a current tax status). Second Miss McGillivray, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to amend the date of the Whitman Wolverines Toll Booth fundraiser to Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to approve the request of Robert Marobella on behalf of Disabled American Veterans, Whitman Chapter No. 119, to conduct its annual Forget-Me-Not Drive in Whitman on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7, 8 & 9, 2009 at Stop & Shop and Johnnies Foodmaster. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to reappoint Gerald Eaton to the position of Veterans' Agent/Veterans' Graves Officer/Veterans' Services Director through April 30, 2010. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

Miss McGillivray **MOVED** to accept a parcel of land shown as Block 97, Lot 108 of the Town of Whitman Assessor's Map 35B from A.W. Perry, Inc. subject to a vote of town meeting, and assign management to the Whitman Conservation Commission. Second Mr. Salvucci, so voted 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was for the Board to sign the town meeting warrants for posting. Mr. Lynam explained that the special town meeting warrant has been prepared for posting and he would like the Board to sign it tonight. With regard to the annual town meeting warrant, Mr. Lynam is waiting on the final votes from the Finance Committee, which he should receive tonight. The votes will be updated and the warrant posted tomorrow or Thursday at the latest, at which time it will be available for the Board of Selectmen to sign. Once the warrant has been signed, it will be posted.

At this time Mr. Lynam gave a report of the Building Projects Committee. He announced that an agreement has been reached with the O.P.M. and a proposed contract has been forwarded to the town's attorney for review and comment. Mr. Lynam stated that he expects to be seeking authorization from the Board of Selectmen for borrowing at the

next scheduled meeting. Mr. Lynam went on to say the Building Projects Committee hopes to have a designer selected by the end of May, as the RFP's for the police station are due by May 7, 2009. The committee has opted to do a peer review for the Town Hall and fire station renovations; therefore they will be retaining the architect that did the feasibility study. Mr. Lynam advised that he will continue to update the Board of Selectmen as things move forward.

Mr. Salvucci announced that he attended an Old Colony Planning Council – Joint Transportation meeting last Thursday. He went on to say that there have been some questions with regard to the completion of the resurfacing of Route 18. Currently resurfacing has been completed from the Abington line up to the intersection of Routes 18 and 27. Mr. Salvucci advised that the remaining work, which extends up to the East Bridgewater/Whitman town line, will be completed as soon as nicer weather comes in.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with the M.G.L., Chapter 39, Section 23B, (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 strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Second Miss McGillivray. 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 7:50 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

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Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk