

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Lisa M. Green; 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 during which Chairman Kowalski asked everyone to please remember Esther Roache who passed away on Sunday. Mrs. Roache was the mother of Larry Roache, a leader for the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Chairman Kowalski opened public forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Richard Rosen on behalf of the Whitman Winterfest Committee for permission to conduct the 18th annual Winterfest Celebration on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to appoint Health Inspector Louis D'Arpino to the position of Special Police Officer through June 30, 2012. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to appoint Health Inspector Louis D'Arpino to the position of Board of Health Representative, South Shore Recycling Cooperative, through June 30, 2013. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to appoint Health Inspector Louis D'Arpino to the position of Municipal Coordinator, "Right to Know", Alternate. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

At this time Eric Joubert, Chairman of the Board of Health, came forward and introduced Louis D'Arpino to the Board. Mr. Joubert noted that Mr. D'Arpino lives in Duxbury, he has a masters in education, and has worked in the food industry for 50 years. On behalf of the Board of Health, Mr. Joubert stated that he would like to thank Administrative Assistant Elaine Williams, as well as Barbara White, for filling in while the Board tried to find the right candidate to fill the Health Inspector vacancy. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Kowalski welcomed Mr. D'Arpino and wished him good luck. Mr. D'Arpino thanked the Board as both he and Mr. Joubert took their leave at this time.

Mr. Lynam advised the Board that he received a request from Craig Finley of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District expressing his concern with children who attend the Whitman Middle School crossing Route 27 in the area of Highland and Beal Avenues. Mr. Lynam noted that he had agreed to allow a crossing guard to be placed there, subject to approval from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Salvucci stated that after surveying this particular area he feels there is a definite safety issue, and would support the placement of a crossing guard. With that being said, Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the recommendation of Craig Finley of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District to place a crossing guard where Highland Avenue and Beal Avenue meet Route 27 for the hour periods adjacent to the start and end of school at the Whitman Middle School. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Fire Chief Timothy Grenno stepped up to the podium and announced to the Board that a member of the department has filed his intent to retire in FY 2013. Chief Grenno informed the Board that he will be taking the proper steps to bring in a new firefighter in April. That person will then attend the Mass. Fire Academy, and be ready to begin with

the department in July. Following a brief discussion, Chairman Kowalski advised Chief Grenno that he has the blessing of the Board.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief May-Stafford to appoint Lt. Timothy Clancy to the position of Special Police Officer as part of his position as a tactical paramedic with S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Mass. Law Enforcement Council). Second Mr. Bezanson. Chief May-Stafford announced that Lt. Clancy graduated on July 24, 2011, from the basic reserve-intermittent police academy which was held in Plymouth. Lt. Clancy has also completed a 1-week course in tactical medicine. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Salvucci called for a vote in connection with the motion on the floor. So voted 4-0.

Mr. Lynam reported that the building projects are winding down.

Chairman Kowalski announced that he, Mr. Salvucci, Miss McGillivray, and Mr. Lynam all attended the Metro South Legislative Reception last week. Also in attendance was former State Representative and school committee member Kathy Teahan. Chairman Kowalski went on to say that it was a proud moment when Bill Morse, chairman of the event, acknowledged the representation of Whitman.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with the M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21a,(1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual; and (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body. Second Mr. Bezanson. Roll call vote revealed: Ms. Green – yes; Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; Chairman Kowalski – yes. So voted 4-0. The meeting will reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

At 7:30 Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0.

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk