

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2010
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall*

Meeting Minutes

Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. John Szewczyk and James McLaughlin present.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO AMEND AGENDA TO REFLECT FOLLOWING ITEMS; RE-ADOPT FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION, FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT, AND TITLE VI EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT, APPROVAL FOR FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT, DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH, AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF DURHAM. ALL AYE

Public Comments

None

Public Safety Committee; Kyle Backus Public Safety Sign Project

Kyle Backus presented the Board with guidelines and sample messages for the Public Safety Message Board. The Four Public Safety Services that will utilize the sign are Emergency Management, Fire, Police, and Ambulance. Signs will be changed out on a monthly basis (each service selects (3) messages; same message is to be displayed on both sides of the board), individual services may develop and submit custom messages but must receive prior approval from the Board of Selectmen. Per the Historic District Committee lettering shall be black or dark blue in color with the color red reserved for emphasis only. Kyle noted that he received permission from Planning & Zoning and Historic District Commissions and the location in front of the Fire House has been approved. Either Kyle or the Public Safety Committee will be available to switch out the signage. Kyle estimated that he would have the project finished by the end of the summer.

Set date, time, place and approve Call to Special Town Meeting

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO SET APRIL 26, 2010, 8:00 P.M., 3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL AND APPROVE CALL TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. ALL AYE

CALL TO A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DURHAM

A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the Electors and Citizens qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Durham will be held in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

1. To approve the transfer of up to \$131,400 from #9740 Revaluation Reserve Fund to Line Item #6700-487 Revaluation as recommended by the Board of Finance at their meeting of January 26, 2010.
2. To approve the transfer of \$4,400 from Undesignated Fund Balance to Line Item #2020-449 Conservation Commission Mowing/Cleanup to cover expenses for the mowing of Whites Farm for the prior two fiscal years as recommended by the Board of Finance at their meeting of January 26, 2010.
3. To transfer \$7,833 from #9760 Skating Pond Repair Reserve Fund to #2566 Skating Pond Repairs as recommended by the Board of Finance at their meeting of February 20, 2010.

Laura L. Francis
First Selectman

John T. Szewczyk
Selectman

James McLaughlin
Selectman

Tax Refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE (2) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$6,038.35 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. ALL AYE

Acceptance of Blue Trail Range Study

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETED A BLUE TRAIL RANGE EVALUATION STUDY BY GOLDEN, WEISE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH REPORT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CONCLUSION OR RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN. ALL AYE

L. Francis noted that a meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks to include Consultant, Charles Golden, members from the Attorney Generals Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Blue Trail Range owners and attorneys, and neighbors surrounding the Blue Trail Range.

Re-adopt Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-ADOPT FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-ADOPT FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-ADOPT TITLE VI EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT. ALL AYE

Approval for First Selectman to sign Affirmative Action Policy Statement

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT. FRANCIS, MCLAUGHLIN; AYE. SZEWCZYK; NAY

Designate the Month of April as Fair Housing Month

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH. ALL AYE

Authorize the First Selectman to sign agreement between the Metropolitan District and the Town of Durham

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN 2010 PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF DURHAM. ALL AYE

Approval of Board of Selectmen regular and special meeting minutes of March 8, 2010

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2010. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2010. ALL AYE

Old/New Business

- L. Francis will be attending Continuity of Operations (COOP) Workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23rd and 24th in New Haven.
- The Towns of Durham and Middlefield are hosting a management re-employment workshop sponsored by Workforce Alliance on April 20th, 9:30-3:30, at the Durham Town Hall.
- Furlough day update; L. Francis has received a good response from elected and non union employees; she has not heard back from union employees yet.
- On Sunday, May 23th the Durham Fair Association will be holding an off season event. L. Francis has met with all Chiefs of Services.
- Members of the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, Town Engineer Brian Curtis, Kurt Bober and Public Works crew members went on a tour of Killingworth, East Haddam and Portland public works facilities on March 19th. Brian Curtis then met with K. Bober to discuss the storm water permit and tour.

- Mass Gathering Bill will be going to vote; with this vote the Durham Fair will need to become compliant. The Town of Durham will need to work on a Mass Gathering permitting process.
- The Firehouse Use Policy is being reviewed by the town's insurance company and the Firehouse Board of Trustees.
- The Town is hosting an OSHA 10 hour workshop sponsored by CIRMA on Monday and Tuesday, March 22nd and 23rd.

Selectmen's Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:27 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata