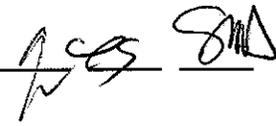


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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**10/5/10**

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Ernie Sund, Tom Alonzo and Dave Matthews present, Town Manager Kerry Speidel absent. Meeting opened at 6:32 P.M. Recessed Regular Session at 6:32 P.M. and opened Executive Session by roll call vote; Steve aye, Tom aye, Paula aye, Ernie aye and Dave aye, at this time for the purpose of discussing contract deliberations when having in open session would be detrimental to the town's negotiating strategies, MGL Chapter 39, §23B (2). Chairman announced that the Board will return to Regular Session. Reconvened @ 7: 02 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **M.G.L. Chapter 39, §23B(2)** - to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom expressed appreciation to the Lunenburg PTO for the excellent job that they did with the Annual Town Fair this past weekend. Ernie reiterated Mr. Alonzo's thoughts and on a somber note wanted to recognize the recent passing of Judy Holden, who was a prior employee with the Board of Assessor's.

Tom referred to the Massachusetts voting ballot that several weeks ago this board took up discussions on the questions and noted that the board voted yes on #1 & 2 and no on question #3, as it was apparently was erroneously reported in the Lunenburg Ledger.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. **Determine Date for Classification Hearing** - scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 P.M.

2. **Declaration / Surplus Property, 42 Main Street (MGL Chapter 30B, §16)** - Paula read the following motion to declare the property identified as 42 Main St. and recorded with Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 488, Page 10 containing .35± acres as surplus property and available for disposition in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B on such terms and conditions and for such monetary consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town. Dave so moved, voted unanimously.

3. **Minutes** - None.

**Warrants** - #18 11, 10/5/10 - \$512,235.08 reviewed and signed.

**Action File Issues** – Steve mentioned the Holman Street bridge and would like an update on the status of the culvert and what is expected to happen, would like to be placed on next week's agenda. Board would like to have discussion for town meeting articles placed on a future agenda.

CDBG Block Grant – Senior Center parking lot Board would like to have this on for discussion on next week's agenda.

4. **Committee Updates** –

➤ Steve; DPW Building Committee will be interviewing 5 architects on Thursday and Friday at the Ritter.

5. **Department Updates** –

6. **Manager Updates** – Kerry is questioning if Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> will work for the presentation of the 10-Year Budget Retrospective and 5-Year Financial Forecast. Board will check their calendars for availability as the intent is to have this televised and invite all Departments and Boards/ Committees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Update on Meals Tax** - Town Manager provided the following information for the board. Beginning January 1, 2010, the Town of Lunenburg began imposing an additional 0.75% Meals Tax. The Department of Revenue estimated that this additional tax would bring in about \$60,000 per year. As this was a new revenue source, it was not used in estimating available revenues for FY2011.

To date, this revenue source has resulted in \$36,523. Although the collections over the first few months were low, Kerry believes the reason was most likely due to the change in rate, rather than reflective of regular monthly collections. Based upon what we've seen to date, this revenue source should bring in close to the DOR's estimate annually. Please see the Treasurer-Collector's report below for additional information.

TOWN OF LUNENBURG				
Treasurer & Tax Collector				
Local Options Meals Tax				
Date Received	Period Covered	Amount	Average Month	
03/29/10	December 2009 to February 2010	3,472.32	1,736.16	
06/28/10	March 2010 to May 2010	14,697.81	4,899.27	
	<b>Fiscal Year 2010 receipts subtotal</b>	<b>18,170.13</b>		
07/29/10	June 2010	5,900.84	5,900.84	
09/28/10	July 2010 to August 2010	12,451.90	6,225.95	
	<b>Fiscal Year 2011 receipts subtotal</b>	<b>18,352.74</b>	2,345.28	monthly average, over 8 months
			5,675.35	monthly average, over 6 months
	<b>Grand Total Inception-to-Date</b>	<b>36,522.87</b>		
			68,104.24	estimated annual revenue

Dave noted that he did not support this and always felt that this was a sidestep to which Paula agreed completely and also noted that she didn't support this tax initiative. Per Tom the meeting that this was adopted at didn't get the attention that it should have and this board voted 4 to 1 against this and would like to see an article placed on the spring warrant to rescind this.

Dave motion to approve, seconded voted unanimously to approve.

2. **Update on Wind Energy Bill / Landfill** – The RFP for a Solar Farm (Landfill) is still on hold. As Kerry mentioned to the BOS at the last meeting, the increase in the cap from 1% renewable to 2% renewable was pulled out of the original Wind Energy Bill and put into the Supplemental Budget Bill, which is being held up in the House. The Wind Energy Bill is also held up. Until this cap is increased, there is no opportunity for Lunenburg to sell green energy to Unitil. Unfortunately don't believe we'll be able to act on this in order to meet the deadline.

3. **RFP Power Provider Company** - The RFP for the Municipal Aggregation Consultant has been advertised in the Goods & Services Bulletin, on the website and posted through the Town Clerk's Office. Proposals are due October 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. **Appointments: Conservation Commission, Sharon Jordan** – Robert Verge, Chair of the Conservation Commission was present to recommend the appointment of Sharon to the Commission as a full member as she is currently serving as an Associate member. Board voted unanimously to appoint Sharon Jordan as a full member.

**Associate Building Inspector, James M. Maillet** – Laura informed the board that due to a clerical error this should be for an appointment as Assistant Building Inspector and not "Associate". Board received a letter from Building Inspector, Michael Sauvageau recommending the re-appointment of Mr. Maillet. Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of James M. Maillet as Assistant Building Inspector.

#### UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

October 12, 2010

October 19, 2010

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen