

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 28, 2009

Present: Ch. Frank A. Consolati, Patricia D. Carlino, Gordon D. Bailey, Board of Selectmen.
Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator
Ch. Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** None

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a Temporary Sign Permit and Poker Tournament Application for St. Mary's Church to hold an event at Greenock Country Club on May 1, 2009.

The Board next discussed the FY09 Special Town Meeting Warrant and FY10 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles. Donald Torrico, Building Commissioner, came before the Board to ask for support of Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant which would fund a \$2,500 stipend for him to continue as the sign code enforcement officer. This stipend was approved by the Personnel Relations Review Board after Mr. Torrico appealed the decision of the Personnel Board not to fund a stipend for sign code enforcement. He said if the article is not funded he felt a line item should be included in his budget for this service. He further stated that if there is no additional funding, he would resign from that position. Ch. Consolati said that he has gotten calls from individuals and who felt if Mr. Torrico resigned from the sign enforcement position he should resign as the building official. Selectman Carlino said if the Personnel Relations Review Board approved the requested stipend, she would stand by that decision. She asked if the job description has been changed and Mr. Nason said it has not as yet. She felt the sign code enforcement should be expressly spelled out in the job description if Article 1 passes. Mr. Torrico said it is the job of the Planning Board to review all sign permit applications but that is not done. Selectman Bailey said he will support Article 1. He felt the sign by-law should be adjusted. He was on the committee to create a sign code enforcer and it was two separate positions. He felt either the sign by-law should be changed or the position should be included in the job description. Article 2 was adopted by the Personnel Board and there was no discussion. There was further discussion on the other articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to post the warrant as written.

The Board next reviewed the FY10 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board asked for clarification on Articles 12 and 13 regarding funding for access over a roadway to Sandy Beach that is now owned by a private individual. The Articles give the Selectmen the right to negotiate on behalf of the town and to offer funding for this access up to a specified amount. The Board discussed with Mr. Nason the school budget which he said was decreased by \$110,000. Selectman Carlino thanked the School Committee for their efforts on behalf of the town. Mr. Nason said the bottom line budget increases still impacted the tax rate by 2.5%. The Board voted, unanimously, to post the annual town meeting warrant as written.

The last item was discussion on the Town Administrator's contract. It is for three years and, at his request, the first year the administrator's salary is frozen at the FY09 level. The next two years are open for negotiation. There are no other changes. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the contract as written.

4. **Pending Business:** None

5. **Town Administrator:** None

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:** The Board voted, unanimously, to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Alderman, Selectmen's Secretary

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator

Board of Assessors
Board of Health

Dept. of Public Works
Town Treasurer

Town Clerk
Town Collector
Planning Board

Conservation Commission
Police Chief
Building Inspector

Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant