

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 30, 2008**

The Board of Selectmen met this morning at the Easton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office 136 Elm Street, with Clerk John Haederle presiding.

Present: John Haederle, Ellen Barlow, Charles King, Irwin Cohen, and Town Administrator David Colton. Chair Colleen Corona was absent.

Haederle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

One day liquor license request – Sodexho at Stonehill College

**On King's motion seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the one day liquor license requested by Sodexho at Stonehill College for the dinner to be held at Donahue Hall on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Contract Amendment 36 – Oliver Ames High School Project

Project Manger Tony Iaccarino explained that Contract Amendment 36 was for the Oliver Ames High School project and included 13 individual proposed changed orders, in the amount of \$91,922.62. A discussion followed as to the architect not foreseeing some of the changes now required. King asked as to the progress with the school projects and Iaccarino replied that both the Middle School and the High School were 98% completed, with a target finish date of July. Barlow asked Iaccarino if the Town was in good shape overall with the projects. Iaccarino replied in the affirmative and stated that the projects have remained below the 10% contingency fund.

**On Barlow's motion seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve contract amendment 36 as presented.

Appointment of Election Worker

**On Cohen's motion seconded by Barlow** the Board **voted unanimously by roll call** to appoint Bertha Maneikis as Election Worker. **Haederele – Maneikis; Cohen – Maneikis; Barlow – Maneikis; King – Maneikis**

Registrars of Voters – August Arns

Haederle asked regarding Brian Howard resigning from his position as Town Clerk in relation to the Board of Registrars. Colton said he felt the Board should go ahead with the appointment of August Arns, a Republican, who would be replacing Janet Linehan, who was retiring, and then in the future the other vacancy could be filled with a Democrat.

**On King’s motion seconded by Cohen, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to appoint August Arns as Registrar for a term ending June 30, 2011. Haederele – Arns; Cohen – Arns; Barlow – Arns; King – Arns**

Appointment of Veterans’ Graves Officer

Colton noted that John Melin is well know, an Animal Control Officer, and on the Cemetery Commission.

**On Haederle’s motion seconded by King, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to appoint John Melin as the Veterans’ Graves Office for a term ending June 30, 2011. Haederele – Melin; Cohen – Melin; Barlow – Melin; King – Melin**

COLA for FY2008 non-union employees

King asked about the basis for the amount of the increase. Colton said he likes to look at COLA increases for the non-union employees in a 3-year cycle – which is the union cycle. Colton added that over a 3-year cycle, the goal is always to keep it below 9% and affordable under Proposition 2 ½. Barlow noted in the past this group had often received 0%. Colton confirmed there was a period of time when this occurred and noted that the non-union group is much smaller now as many employees formerly in this group have unionized.

**On Haederle’s motion seconded by King, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 3% COLA for FY2008 for the non-union employees.**

Amendment to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan

Alice Savage, Staff Planner, was present. Savage explained that the amendment to the Easton Affordable Housing plan had been recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. Savage noted that amendment was necessary due to some recent changes. Savage referred to three new developments: 1) a change adopted by the DHCD, 2) the Town’s adoption of the Queset 40R District, and 3) the approval of the warrant at Town Meeting that allowed the Board of Selectmen to establish an affordable housing trust. Therefore, Easton’s Affordable Housing Production Plan needed to be amended to reflect those three changes.

Haederle asked with the adoption of these changes if Easton would be in compliance. Savage said the state has approved our plan, but to be certified as to being in compliance, the Town has to actually produce the units. Colton said the 40R units would now count and be part of our housing production plan. Barlow asked if you meet your goal for the year, if a town can then turn down a 40B. Barlow clarified, and said a new or any 40B. Savage said she wasn't sure. Colton said a town can deny a permit up until the Zoning Board of Appeals votes. Colton said the amendment was approved by the Planning Board.

**On Haederle's motion seconded by Cohen, the Board voted unanimously** to approve the amendment to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan as presented.

Town Administrator's Notes

Colton said that Easton's new Town Clerk announced to him last week that he was resigning. Colton commented that this turn of events is unfortunate and disappointing. Colton added the Town would start a new search process the following day.

Selectmen's Notes

King noted that he is an Easton Lions Club member and has been one for many years. King referred to the Easton Lions Club receiving the honor of being chosen as the Most Outstanding Club in the World. King said it is important to realize that Easton was chosen in a world wide search that included 47,000 clubs. King spoke about the wonderful support that is given to the Lions from the citizens and local government. Haederle commented that it is a great honor for the Lions and also for the Town.

**On King's motion seconded by Barlow the Board voted unanimously** to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Katherine L. Minsky*

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