

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
7/14/08**

The Board of Selectmen met this evening at the Easton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office, 136 Elm Street, with Chair Colleen Corona presiding.

Members present: Colleen Corona, Charles King, Ellen Barlow, Irwin Cohen and Town Administrator David Colton

Members not present: John Haederle

Corona called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Easton Lions Club "Most Outstanding Club in the World" Award

Nancy Sullivan, Immediate Past President, Mike Melley, the current President and other members of the Lions Club were present. Sullivan spoke of the application process when applying for the award. The Lions Club competed with over 45,000 clubs worldwide (see attached press release). On June 26, 2008, the Easton Lions Club was presented with the "Most Outstanding Club in the World" award. Sullivan spoke of the town's support and noted that the award belongs to the community as well. Sullivan further commented that the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and all other town departments have been very supportive of the club over the years. She spoke of the different criteria involved when applying for the award and the community events held throughout the year.

Corona commended the entire club on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and noted how proud she is; her family has fond memories associated with the Lions Club. The memories that the club brings are simply amazing. The other Board members congratulated the Lions Club for all their accomplishments.

One day liquor license request – Sodexo at Stonehill College

**On King's motion, seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the one day beer and wine license for a dinner on July 24, 2008 from 609 at Donahue Hall.

Southeastern Regional School – request for waiver of fees relating to building permits for summer projects

Colton spoke of the Southeastern Regional School's request to waive the building permit fees for the summer projects. The Board acknowledged that the fee waivers have been granted in the past.

**On King's motion, seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the fee waiver related to the summer building projects.

Ambulance bill abatement request

Colton spoke of the HIPPA regulations and the confidentiality of the report. He spoke of the Chief Stone's recommendation to abate the bills due to hardship or inability to collect. Cohen asked the charge for ambulance service. Colton replied that he was not sure of the actual charge but can get this information. Colton has ordered a review of the ambulance budget by our auditing firm, Melansen Heath. They will look at everything and see how we are doing, are we charging enough, etc. Cohen asked about some of the charges and if it's always a town resident. Colton noted that it's not always a resident; sometimes it's somebody going through town that needs transport.

**On Barlow's motion, seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the abatement in the amount of \$6,710.61.

Bid/Contract Award – MHQ Municipal Vehicles for Fire Department vehicle

Colton spoke of the fire vehicle for the Fire Prevention Officer and indicated that this was approved by town meeting in 2007. The purchase was delayed because we had a vacancy in the position of Fire Prevention Officer; the position has been filled and we now need a vehicle for these inspections.

Barlow asked about the term "police interceptor vehicle". Colton explained that it's the same kind of vehicle as a police cruiser but designed for the Fire Department.

**On King's motion, seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the contract for the vehicle in the amount of \$25,984.

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### Appointment to the Cultural Council – Bill Bradley

Cohen asked the purpose of the Cultural Council. Corona explained the state grant funding and the committee's role in distributing the funds to various organizations

**On King's motion, seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously by roll call** to appoint Bill Bradley to the position of Cultural Council.

**King-Bradley; Cohen-Bradley; Barlow-Bradley; Corona-Bradley**

### Cable Advisory Committee resignation – Christine Margulies

**On Corona's motion, seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to accept Ms. Margulies resignation with regret. Corona acknowledged Ms. Margulies hard work and noted that a certificate of appreciation will be issued.

### Designation of Tree Warden and GIS/CAD Specialist in accordance with MGL Chapter 42, §2

Colton explained the MGL and the need to mark the boundaries for the town at least every five years. Colton further spoke of the Board's option to designate up to two people to serve on their behalf. Colton recommended the appointment of the Tree Warden and the GIS/CAD Specialist as possible designees so that we can map these locations.

Unrelated to this MGL, Barlow asked about "Entering Easton" signs and if we could install more of these signs throughout town. Colton explained that we should have more but we should do it in a more decorative way. This is being proposed as part of Doug King's Queset Commons proposal. Corona spoke of four locations in town with these signs that she is aware of. She also expressed caution with the placement of too many signs as they become a distraction to drivers. Colton reiterated that it is something we would want to do but it all means money.

**On Cohen's motion, seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to appoint the Tree Warden and GIS/CAD Specialist to walk the bounds of Easton.

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General dated 5/5/08 - no action was taken at this time

### Town Administrator's notes

None

### Press notes

None

### Selectmen's notes

Barlow spoke of the Activate Easton family walking event starting next Wednesday night (6pm) at the high school track. Walking pedometers will be given to the first 85 participants so that they can track their progress.

### Public participation

None

**On King's motion, seconded by Barlow**, the Board **voted unanimously** to adjourn. (7:30pm)

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Southworth*