MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Conway Hearing Room at 7:00 PM. Present were Selectman Robert Accomando, Vice Chairman, Selectman Robert Correnti, Secretary, Selectman Michael Rosa, Selectman Marc Lombardo, Selectman Andrew Deslaurier and Town Manager William (Bill) Williams.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Robert Accomando stated on behalf of this Board, I would like to welcome new Selectman Andrew Deslaurier and thank former Selectman James O'Donnell for his 15 years of service to Billerica.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, made a motion to nominate Selectman Marc Lombardo as Chairman.

It was voted: 5 - In Favor
0 - Opposed

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Accomando, made a motion to nominate Selectman Andrew Deslaurier as Vice Chairman.

It was voted: 5 - In Favor
0 - Opposed

Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, seconded by Selectman Robert Accomando, made a motion to nominate Selectman Michael Rosa as Secretary.

It was voted: 5 - In Favor
0 – Opposed

Chairman Marc Lombardo stated I would just like to take a moment to thank my colleagues for giving me the honor of being Chairman this year. My goal is to run a Board where everyone is, not only are they, but felt like they are all equal members of this Board. Where everyone will be kept in the loop of all communication and we will respect our residents and we will bring a little professionalism and civility to this Board. I look forward to a positive year and working with this new Board. Thank you. I also want to take a second to thank former Selectman O'Donnell for his 15 years. Anyone who serves that amount of time deserves to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Billerica.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated I agree. I would like to congratulate Andrew and all the candidates who ran. It is never easy putting yourself out there. It is important to be involved. To take it one step further, Selectman O'Donnell did contribute 15 years to this Board, which is a long time, and I think it would be appropriate to send a letter of thanks from this Board to former Selectman O'Donnell thanking him for his years of service.

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion that the Board send former Selectman James O'Donnell a letter of thanks for his 15 years of service to the Board of Selectmen.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

OPEN MICROPHONE

There was no one signed up for Open Microphone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL ON AGING RESPITE CARE SERVICES/COMPANION PROGRAM

Selectman Michael Rosa stated the Respite Care Program is designed to give people who are caring for their elderly relatives a break from their care-giving role. At the same time, the Respite Companion Care Program provides companionship and supervision for elders by trained Respite Care Workers. Caregivers need time to tend to day-to-day errands to schedule medical appointments. Some caregivers need help for the time when an elder comes home from a daycare program, before the caregiver returns home from work, and coverage for other "gaps" in care giving times. The Respite Companion Care Program allows the caregiver to do these things, and offers the caregiver a peace of mind knowing their loved ones are receiving quality, dependable companionship and supervision. For more information contact Lauren Gray at 978-671-0916 at extension 226 or lgray@town.billerica.ma.us.

COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS

Selectman Michael Rosa stated the Billerica Senior Center is located at 25 Concord Road and their hours are 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. They have many activities scheduled for the month of April and for more information on these activities call 978-671-0916 or go to their website www.billericacoa.org.

TOWN OF BILLERICA MERCURY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Selectman Michael Rosa stated residents and contractors can bring mercury thermostats to the Town Hall, Board of Health, Room G03, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This is a program sponsored by Wheelabrator of North Andover.

THE BILLERICA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S 1ST ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

Selectman Michael Rosa stated the Billerica Public Library Foundation is hosting their "1st Annual Scavenger Hunt" on Saturday, April 25th, 2009. Check-in is at 2:30 PM with a 3:00 PM start time and a 6:00 PM finish time. Entry forms are available at the Library or at www.billericalibrary.org. The cost is $100 per a team of four. All teams must have access to a car and a digital camera. Following the Scavenger Hunt, there will be food, drink and entertainment at the Library until 9:00 PM. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. All proceeds benefit the Library Foundation. For more information please contact Barbara Flaherty at 978-671-0948.

CLEAN UP/GREEN UP DAY

Selectman Michael Rosa stated Billerica's Clean Up/Green Up Day will be held Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Town of Billerica and the Billerica Community Alliance. Join with your friends and neighbors, and pitch in to make Billerica look good! Rain or shine, this is the day to donate an hour or a day to your community! You can work to clean up in your own neighborhood, or pick up an assignment at registration. Also, they have projects that involve activities other than cleaning and greening, should you want something a bit more challenging. If you want to help, but cannot participate on Saturday, May 2, the Clean Up/Green Up Committee is willing to work with you to find the right project and the time that works best for you! Businesses, individuals or neighborhood teams are asked to sign in at the Senior Center (note the change from Town Hall) between 8:30AM-9:00AM. Trash bags will be provided. Workers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools, and to wear sturdy shoes. A limited number of plants will be available for planting public areas such as our

traffic islands, the Library, our parks, or our schools. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 978-671-0921, billericarecreation@town.billerica.ma.us or the Billerica Community Alliance at 978-667-4174, info@billerica-alliance.org.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM, APRIL 27TH, 2009 TO MAY 30th, 2009

Selectman Michael Rosa stated that the Town of Billerica's Yard Waste Collection Program, which runs on your former trash day, began today, Monday, April 27th and will end in your area on the following dates:

Tuesday 5/26/09:	West Billerica, Talbot Avenue & Lowell Street area
Wednesday 5/27/09:	Nutting Lake, Riverdale, Windsor Road area
Thursday 5/28/09:	Pinehurst area
Friday 5/29/09:	East Billerica area
Saturday 5/30/09:	North Billerica, Pond Street area

Yard waste must be placed curbside and in paper bio-degradable bags or barrels clearly marked for yard waste. No plastic bags what-so-ever will be accepted. For further information please call 978-436-9178 or go to www.billericadpw.org.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING 3RD ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD NIGHT

Selectman Michael Rosa stated the Friends of the Council on Aging is hosting their 3rd Annual Senior Award Dinner on Friday, May 1, at 6:00 PM at the Billerica Lodge of Elks on Webb Brook Road. This will feature a four-course meal with music and dancing. Last year they had nearly 200 guests and they are looking forward to the same support this year. They are depending on you to nominate a deserving senior for this award. The person must be 60 years of age or older, live in Billerica and have contributed in a significant way to the community. Past winners include Betty Anderson and Fred Kenyon. This annual award was named to honor the memory of Eugene L. Lecomte, a past President of the Friends of the Council on Aging. Forms are available at the Senior Center, Library and Town Hall and must be returned no later than Friday, April 10 at 3:00 PM in order to be considered. If you are unable to pick up a form, please contact Cynthia McCormack at 978-667-2711. Tickets for the dinner are $22.50 and will be on sale at the Senior Center until April 24th, 2009.

RECYCLING BROCHURE

Selectman Robert Correnti stated I just want to call to the attention of all residents that the Recycling Brochure from "We Get Rid of It" that they might have received in their mail recently was not sent out by the Town. This was sent out by a private business and is in no way affiliated with or endorsed by the Town of Billerica. This has caused some confusion on the part of some residents and I just wanted to clarify this matter.

PRESENTATION

BILLERICA HEALTH AND RECREATION FAIR

Ms. Pat Zapert from the Billerica Community Alliance, Gwendolyn Steele, the Billerica Health and Recreation Fair Coordinator and Recreation Director Peggy Hannon Rizza came to the podium and gave a presentation regarding the 17th Annual Billerica Health and Recreation Fair that will take place on Saturday, April 11th, 2009. This event is for the citizens of Billerica and will be held at the Marshall Middle School. Registration forms will be mailed this month. For more information please call Event Coordinator Gwendolyn Steele at 978-828-1070 or gwendolynksteele@yahoo.com.

The Board thanked Pat Zapert, Gwen Steele and Peggy for their presentation.

MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2009 (REGULAR SESSION)

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion to approve the March 23, 2009 Regular Session Minutes as presented.

It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Abstained (Selectman Deslaurier)

MARCH 26, 2009

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion to approve the March 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes as presented.

It was voted: 3 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
2 – Abstained (Selectmen Deslaurier and Rosa)

OLD BUSINESS

ETHICS COMMISSION DECISION, RE: SELECTMAN ACCOMANDO

Selectman Michael Rosa stated Selectman Accomando has a standing request that this be on the agenda.

Selectman Marc Lombardo stated I called the Ethics Commission and they stated if you are not hearing from us, then they are still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

SHORT-TERM BORROWING APPROVAL – TERTIARY TREATMENT PLANT

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark came to the podium and stated I am asking this Board to vote to approve the issuance of a temporary loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust not-to-exceed $10,792,389.00 for construction of the Tertiary Treatment Plant. Until the Mass Water Pollution Abatement Trust goes out and borrows long term, this is a temporary loan offered by them similar to a Bond Anticipation Note that I have come before you with. Similar type of language and it gives us room to reimburse ourselves for funds expended to cover the cost of the building of the plant, until the Trust actually goes out and borrows long term. This is the result of a Town Meeting action.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated for clarification, was it $9 million or the $8,380,000.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated that is the reimbursable component. The total amount we can finance through the Trust is in total $10,792,389.00. The rest of it will fund through the standard long-term borrowing process.

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion that the Board approve the issuance of a temporary loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust not-to-exceed $10,792,389.00 for construction of the Tertiary Treatment Plant.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 - Opposed

STAGE II MANDATORY WATER BAN FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

Town Manager Bill Williams stated DPW Director Abdul Alkhatib put this on the agenda and asked me to review it with you. He is requesting that a Stage II Mandatory Water Ban for conservation purposes be implemented and adopted by this Board in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Town By-Laws beginning May 1st through October 1st, 2009. Stage II limits outside watering of odd/even addresses to odd/even calendar days. Violation of this mandatory water conservation is as follows:

Violations	Residential	Commercial/Industrial
First	Written Citation	Written Citation
Second	$50.00 Fine	$100.00 Fine
Third	$100.00 Fine	$200.00 Fine

Selectman Robert Accomando stated I am on the Water Conservation Committee and they felt that it was such a strong outcome last year in saving the Town water, that they highly recommend that we do it again.

Selectman Robert Correnti stated this is the result of a Town By-Law that we have to impose this. Also, the DEP has issued an Advisory Conservation Plan for registered water supply systems, which we are, and they have mandated water conservation meet a target of 65 gallons per capita residential by the year 2017. I think we are around 75 gallons now. We really need to get aggressive to reduce the amount of gallons that we use to comply with the DEP mandate.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated I agree with conservation measures and trying to get to the 65 gallons per capita residential, however, why are we skipping, by-passing Stage 1 and going directly to Stage 2. My recollection was when the By-Law was created, Stage 1 was the first step, where fines were not involved. Based on stepping it up, we could then go to a higher step. Why are we skipping Stage 1 and going directly to Stage 2.

Town Manager Bill Williams stated a lot of the towns that I have worked with have gone directly to Stage 2 because the voluntary effect does not always work and the DEP insists that you go to Stage 2 to insure water conservation. To make it more of a set program. I can get you the definitive answer from our DPW Director tomorrow if you would like.

Selectman Robert Accommando stated the Water Conservation Committee feels that the Stage 2 created much better/stronger results. They did not achieve many results from the voluntary action.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated I suggest starting with Stage I to get the residents in the mind set of water conservation without any risk of violations or fines. Then we could

invoke Stage II if the demand is there. We need to publicize the different stages and start working with the residents to conserve water.

Selectman Andrew Deslauriers stated we have been doing water conservation for some time now. I agree that the step approach is a more natural progression to get residents in the mindset, but I don't think this is a surprise every summer that we go to the water bans. I can understand why we maybe endorse a little bit of leeway, but clearly there has been no response, according to Selectman Accomando. Thus I think unfortunately we have to go with Stage II.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated to add one other thing, it is important to point out that this really has to do with the amount of water we can process and the amount of water we can draw from the Concord River and turn into drinking water and disperse throughout the community.

Chairman Marc Lombardo stated I was actually thinking along the lines of Selectman Rosa. I think that the process has multiple steps for a reason. I am not one to mandate residents on water use. I think this is kind of ironic. We are looking at big industry coming in here and using our water and here we are telling residents that they cannot use the water and that they have to abide by a certain schedule. I find that a challenge. I think that conservation is a good thing and we should start with Stage I. If we are finding that we are having problems, then we could implement Stage II.

Selectman Michael Rosa made a motion that the Board invoke a Stage I Water Conservation Ban.

No one seconded the motion.

Selectman Robert Accomando, seconded by Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, made a motion that the Board invoke the Stage II Mandatory Water Ban for conservation purposes in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Town By-Laws beginning May 1st through October 1st, 2009.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

The Board instructed Town Manager Bill Williams to find out from DPW Director Abdul Alkhatib why he was seeking a Stage II Water Ban instead of a Stage I Water Ban.

2009 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Town Manager Bill Williams stated there are 34 Warrant Articles on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant. A good number of them were reserved for potential Collective Bargaining Agreements, which may or may not happen. At the present time, the Finance Committee has only met on 5 articles.

Further discussions ensued.

It was decided that the Board would finish other agenda business first and then come back to this discussion.

ADDENDUM - OLD BUSINESS

BILLERICA COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

Selectman Robert Correnti stated Mr. Wayne Smith is here tonight and he has put a lot of work together regarding this Community Garden and he is seeking our final stamp of approval regarding this matter. He has touched base with Town Counsel, the Conservation Department and the Recreation Department.

Mr. Wayne Smith came to the podium and stated I am here tonight seeking final approval on the final proposal that I have submitted. I would also like to thank Mr. Williams and his staff because they really stepped up to the plate. They helped me at every turn. I would also like to invite anyone who wishes to join in this endeavor to do so. Everyone is welcome and we encourage your participation.

Brief discussions ensued and the Board enthusiastically gave their support regarding this endeavor and thanked Mr. Smith for all his hard work towards making this Community Garden a reality.

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion that the Board institute the Billerica Community Garden Program and adopt the Billerica Community Garden Program Policies and Procedures as presented to us tonight as well as the 2009 Garden Plot Application and the Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement to the Town of Billerica.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

ADDENDUM - NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF CREDIT CARD USE TO PAY REAL ESTATE TAXES

Town Treasurer John Clark came to the podium and stated I would like to begin by apologizing for the language of the addendum item. Had I not been so hasty on this, I just would have worded it "Discussion on credit card use to pay real estate taxes, etc. all and the second notation is "I am the back-up". I want to bring to this Board's attention and to the public's attention this extraordinary expense that we have incurred this year. We have a significant deficit, which the other night the Finance Committee saw fit to cover out of the reserve. It has grown exponentially. When we first noticed this we had an $8,000 deficit. We took steps to correct it. It just seems to have exasperated beyond that point. The basic details is that since we have been letting the public pay their real estate taxes, their motor vehicle excise taxes and their water bills, it has more than doubled since 2006 in the amounts billed and the activity. From $1.3 million dollars with 2,368 transactions in 2006 to $2.744 million dollars and 5,500 transactions now at a cost of 2.6%, the actual figure. It has gone to a significant expense. In 2008 it cost the Town $56,651 to fund the credit card fees. December is an estimated amount. If anything it may be higher. I think we need to discuss potential alternatives. I have four such alternatives. First would be to eliminate credit card transactions all together until the economy turns around, second we could eliminate the Web transactions, which amount to 73.5% of all credit card transactions, third we could add a convenience fee to the Web payments only and fourth is to continue with both and appropriate the funds. My estimate for 2010 would be somewhere between $60,000 and $75,000 additional. I am just asking you to think about this issue and I will defer to your guidance.

Selectman Robert Accomando stated as a businessman myself, I have seen my business go to approximately 75% credit card and 25% cash. My concern would be that I am afraid that in these tight times, we would be hurting the average citizen who has no other choice but to pay their taxes by credit card to maintain their good standing.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated that person could come into the Town Hall in person and pay by credit card if we eliminated the Web component. I do believe that would help.

Selectman Robert Correnti stated on one hand, it is a service for the residents and there are some folks who cannot come into the Town Hall. They find the Web more convenient, and they must put their taxes on their credit card due to the fact they do not have the money. That helps us on our side of the ledger with our accounts receivable. On the flip side of the coin, $50,000 or $60,000 could be a teacher or a firefighters salary. Regarding Bank of America, I did file with the Town Clerk's Office that my wife does work for the Bank of America in their Commercial Real Estate Division. I want to make

this disclosure, but I feel that relationship is so attenuated that I feel I can participate in this discussion tonight. What about the option of looking around for other banks who would give us a better return.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated that Bank of America offers a service that is unique to the industry because they own the business enterprise called Merchant Services, they are a banking service and a credit card providing service in the same package. If we went to another bank, we would not be able to fund it from earnings on our investments. The only one that has this service available is Bank of America without fees.

Selectman Robert Correnti stated I would prefer that you do a little bit more due diligence regarding this matter before this Board makes a decision.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated I agree with the comments of my colleagues. You stated you reduced our fee from 2.6% to 1.6% and you now are able to get 1% interest where we were getting 0% interest. Based on those two changes, how does this affect the $56,000.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated that depends on market forces. If it continues to grow, I see it increasing over time. That is going to be an issue at hand. I don't think it will be enough with interest rates what they are.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated so if you have reduced the fee down to 1.6% and the interest is 1%, the difference is really only 6%.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated no, 1% of interest on our average daily balance, which is about $6 million dollars. So basically, that is $60,000 a year, that would essentially cover the $56,000.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated so we got to the $56,000 primarily being charged at 2.6%.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Clark stated that is correct. We reduced it actually by a quarter of a percent. We went from 2.06% to 1.68%.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated you were not clear on those percents. I think you need to do more due diligence on this issue before I can make a decision regarding this matter. We need to weigh out what is best for the residents and the Town. I would like to see a presentation where everything is broken down in more exact detail.

Selectman Andrew Deslaurier stated I have already had a discussion with Mr. Clark regarding this issue at the Finance Committee meeting. As part of the Finance Committee, I did support the transfer because I think this service is valued by the

community from a need and a convenience factor. I don't do it myself, but a lot of folks are seeking those airline points and such. I support the transfer because I think this is a valuable service and it enables folks who are going through a rough patch to access their credit to cover their bills. Anything we can do to enable folks to pay their taxes is something I would be in full support of. Due diligence never hurts.

Chairman Marc Lombardo stated to me, eliminating credit cards is just not an option. We need to find a way to work with this. I think the convenience is needed for those residents who cannot come into Town Hall. I think, quite honestly, what we do not collect if people cannot use their credit cards might be far greater than $56,000. It could be a far greater loss. Of course we don't want to have this added expense, but the elimination of web transactions or credit card transactions in its entirety is not something that I am going to support. I think a convenience fee is something that we could look at. Maybe we could do some stern negotiating with Bank of America to get a better percentage. If you could put a report of your findings together and report back to us, it would be appreciated.

Selectman Michael Rosa stated if you could get your findings to us ahead of your presentation, so we could review ahead of time, it would be appreciated.

BILLERICA ROD & GUN CLUB

Selectman Michael Rosa stated the Billerica Rod and Gun Club is seeking two (2) One Day All Alcoholic Licenses. One for April 16, 2009 from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight for their Annual Meeting and another for April 25, 2009 from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight for a 50th Birthday Party. We do have all the insurance information on file in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

Selectman Robert Correnti, seconded by Selectman Michael Rosa, made a motion that the Board approve a One Day All Alcoholic License for the Billerica Rod and Gun Club for April 16, 2009 from 12:00 Noon until 12:00 Midnight for their Annual Meeting.

It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Abstained (Selectman Accomando)

Selectman Robert Correnti, seconded by Selectman Michael Rosa, made a motion that the Board approve a One Day All Alcoholic License for the Billerica Rod and Gun Club for April 25th, 2009 from 12:00 Noon until 12:00 Midnight for a 50th Birthday Party.

It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Abstained (Selectman Accomando)

CORRESPONDENCE

POLICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM SGT. JOHN ZARRO

Selectman Michael Rosa stated I would like to read into the record a letter of commendation sent to Police Chief Daniel Rosa from Sgt. John Zarro on March 20th, 2009:

> Dear Chief Rosa:
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> I am presenting this letter to recognize Officers Brian West, Daniel O'Leary and Robert Davidson for their actions in the early morning hours of March 18, 2009 when they responded to an accident scene and pulled a severely injured man to safety. The officers arrived on scene to find a car with severe head damage and the vehicle on fire. The vehicle doors and windows were locked and entry was gained with assistance of the Fire Department, Lt. Thomas Joyce, who shattered the window with an ax. The victim was then pulled to safety as the fire spread to the passenger compartment and eventually engulfed the whole vehicle. I believe the quick actions of these officers saved a life while disregarding their own safety.
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> Respectfully yours,
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> Sgt. John Zarro

The Board commended Police Officers Brian West, Daniel O'Leary and Robert Davidson and Fire Lieutenant Thomas Joyce for their bravery and dedication.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 - TO SET COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the following six elected officers of the Town and determine any salary increase that shall become effective July 1, 2009; or act in relation thereto.

Selectmen, Chairman - $2,000
Selectmen, Members - $1,800
Town Clerk - $91,876; or act in relation thereto.

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Robert Correnti, made a motion that the Board support Article 1.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

Brief discussions ensued regarding checking with the Town Council to see if it is legal to redirect salaries/funds.

Town Manager Bill Williams stated he would check with Town Counsel.

ARTICLE 2 - TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

To see if the Town of Billerica will vote to hear and act upon the reports of Town departments, committees and officers; or act in relation thereto.

Brief discussions ensued.

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, made a motion that the Board support Article 2.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

Selectman Robert Correnti stated I think we should consider re-voting Article 1 due to the fact that Selectman Accomando already takes a salary from the Town.

Selectman Robert Accomando stated I will gladly abstain my vote on Article 1.

Re-Vote on Article 1: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Abstained (Selectman Accomando)

ARTICLE 3 – TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN 2009 BUDGET LINE ITEMS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $2,000,000 to fund various FY 2009 budget line items; or act in relation thereto.

Brief discussions ensued.

The Board decided not to vote on Article 3 at this meeting.

ARTICLE 21 - TO ALLOW TOWN MANAGER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Manager, upon the request of a Department Head, Board or Commission, to make a transfer of funds between budget line items not-to-exceed a difference of $5,000 from the amount voted at Town Meeting per line item for the Fiscal Year 2010, with the exclusion of the travel accounts within the same department. Transfers within department line items in excess of $5,000 for Fiscal Year 2010 must be approved by the Finance Committee. A written report from the Town Manager on all transfers of $5,000 and under must be provided to the Finance Committee on the first Tuesday on each month; or act in relation thereto.

Brief discussions ensued.

Selectman Robert Correnti, seconded by Selectman Michael Rosa, made a motion that the Board support Article 21.

It was voted: 5 – In Favor
0 – Opposed

ARTICLE 23 – TO TRANSFER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article #15 of the Annual Fall Town Meeting of October 2008 which originally voted to fund asbestos removal, hazardous waste removal and demolition of the Old Central Fire Station to fund removal of the fuel storage tank at the New Central Fire Station; or act in relation thereto.

Brief discussions ensued.

Selectman Robert Correnti, seconded by Selectman Michael Rosa, made a motion that the Board support Article 23.

The Board decided not to vote on Article 23 at this meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 27, 2009
May 4 and 18, 2009

Selectman Michael Rosa, seconded by Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, made a motion at 8:31 PM that the Board adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 39S.23B(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the governments bargaining or litigation position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with Non-Union personnel. To actually conduct Collective Bargaining and contract negotiations with Non-Union personnel.

It was voted:	Selectman Andrew Deslaurier	Aye
	Selectman Robert Accomando	Aye
	Selectman Robert Correnti	Aye
	Selectman Michael Rosa	Aye
	Selectman Marc Lombardo	Aye

The Board returned at 8:46 PM and reconvened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Marc Lombardo, seconded by Selectman Mike Rosa, made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

It was voted: 5 - In Favor
0 - Opposed

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Susan Michelini
Recording Secretary