

SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**
- 2. OFFICIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - Discussion about Albert's Hardware CDBG Project
 - Communication from the Conservation Commission
 - Discussion regarding Route 8 Signalization Project
- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

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On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Chairman Harrington presided, present: Michael Ouellette, Paula Melville, Jason Hnatonko, Scott Nichols and Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator.

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Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator asked if the first agenda item regarding Albert's Hardware CDBG Project be held till Town Counsel reviewed this item.

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Ouellette to suspend the rules to allow the Board to vote on motions - 4 Yeas, 1 Nay (PM) motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Hnatonko to add two items to the agenda – Appointment of DPW Employees and approval of a No Parking Sign on Lincoln Street. 4 Yeas, 1 Nay (PM) motion passed.

A motion made by Member Melville, seconded by Member Hnatonko to hold the agenda item regarding Albert's Hardware till the March 7, 1012 meeting – Unanimous

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Hnatonko to approve the ratification of Wayne Brown to the position of Operator I in the Department of Public Works. At this time Member Melville left the table as to not be included in the vote – 4 Yeas

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Ouellette to Approve a No Parking Sign on the east side of Lincoln Street 30 feet from Valley Street – Unanimous

Jason Krzanowski (chair, Cons. Comm.), with Donna Cesan (Dir., Comm. Devel.) and Jonathan Butler (T.M.), came before the board to present two items.

First, Mr. Krzanowski is seeking Commission civilian citation authority to fine violators of the MA Wetlands Protection Act. Currently, the commission can issue "enforcement orders" that require filings, mitigation, or work stoppage. Frequently there is no regulatory compliance even after an enforcement order is issued. The Commission then must rely on the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection for subsequent action; that action is subject to the Dept.'s limited staff, time, budget, and other primary responsibilities. The Commission wants, after exhausting other enforcement tools, to be able impose a motivating fine on violators. Mr. Butler and Ms. Cesan voiced support for providing citation authority to the Commission. The Select board consensus was that citation authority, similar to that already provided for the Board of Health and the Building Inspector, would be beneficial. The Board authorized Mr. Krzanowski, coordinated through Mr. Butler, to approach town counsel for legal review and by-law drafting, with the goal of putting a new by-law article on the next annual meeting warrant.

Secondly, Mr. Krzanowski is seeking consent of the Town to accept private land for conservation purposes. Recently, a landowner approached the Commission about donating a lot to the town; this land is in riverfront grassland/woodlot and is otherwise undevelopable. This lot presents only one of many opportunities in town. Such property has value for wildlife, neighborhood home values, and open space for public enjoyment and education. The Board's consensus was that such land conservation was worthy, and authorized Mr. Krzanowski, coordinated through Mr. Butler, to approach town counsel for legal review and opinion about how to enact.

The Board also expressed appreciation to Mr. Krzanowski for his efforts as Cons. Comm. chairman during the T.S. Irene response, wherein he met with affected landowners and assisted with emergency authorizations.

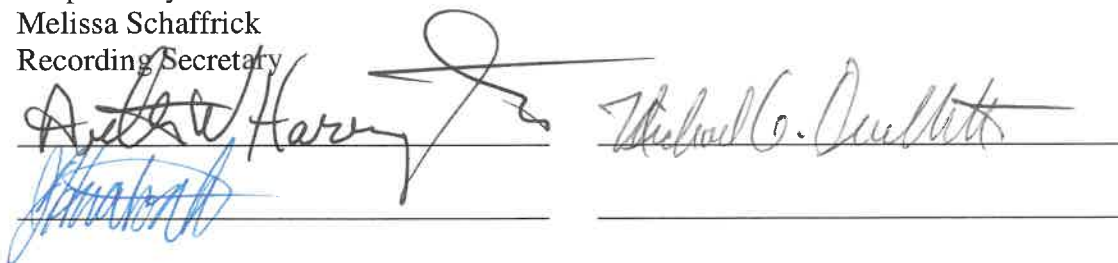
Next, the Board heard a presentation by VHB, who has prepared several preliminary design options for the Friend Street / Renfrew Street / Route 8 intersection on the north side of town. The three options include (1) signalized intersection with a single southbound & right turn Rte. 8 lane, (2) signalized intersection with separate southbound through and right turn lanes, (3) unsignalized roundabout with separate southbound through and right turn lanes. Mr. Matthew Case, Project Manager walked the board through the level of service for each of the concepts. Stacking distance for each vary dramatically, which was focused on during the discussion. A copy of each concept is attached to these minutes. This was an informative presentation for the Board the next steps are to select the preferred alternative, meet with abutters and then MassDOT.

At 8:23 PM Member Scott Nichols excused himself from the meeting.

Mr. Case also presented performance data and design elements; the roundabout has the best future traffic performance. The roundabout concept was most agreeable to the 7-11 shop; it would lose a curb cut but traffic would enter off Route 8 at a perceived safer location. The roundabout would adversely affect the McAndrews-King car dealership, causing loss of inventory storage space along the street frontage. Several Board members felt the roundabout was a good idea, and one member voiced objection to the roundabout idea. Donna Cesan, Community Development Director informed the Board that MassDOT approved all three design concepts

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Melville at 8:54 PM – Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary

The block contains three handwritten signatures written over horizontal lines. The first signature on the left is in blue ink and appears to be 'Melissa Schaffrick'. The middle signature is in black ink and is more stylized. The signature on the right is also in black ink and appears to be 'Michael C. Cullen'. There are additional horizontal lines below the first two signatures.