



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday October 5, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, Selectman Rich Lemoine, and Selectwoman Karyn Puleo.

Staff members present: Rosemary Cashman, Town Administrator, and Therese Gay Admin. Assistant.

Chairwoman Karyn Puleo called the meeting to order, the Board was introduced, and Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill read the agenda.

1. 6:05 P.M. Animal Control Officer - Update

The Board welcomed Officer Mike Harrington to the meeting. Mr. Harrington updated the Board of the comings and goings of the Animal Control Office. The town does share the ACO with Westford, we pay a fee to the Town of Westford and Westford pays the salary and all the benefits and supplies the use of their kennel. Mr. Harrington has a full time assistant and two on call assistants when needed. When an animal is found everything possible is done to find the owner. The animal is kept for up to 3 weeks and if the owner is not found the animal is then placed in an adoptive home. Question about cats, there are no regulations for cats, if a missing cat is found the police dispatch is notified. Mr. Harrington is prepared in case of a disaster. He has his assistants and does have a veterinarian on call if needed. The Board thanked Mr. Harrington for coming in and updating the board.

2. Citizen's Time

Ms. Paulette Grout of 1 Hamblett Avenue was reading the newspaper and read an article that gave her an idea. She submitted a letter to the Board that she then read. Ms Grout asked that the Board consider hiring a professional negotiator when union discussions begin. Ms Grout thanked the Board for listening.

3. Other Business

A. Energy & Environmental Affairs Committee – School Committee Request - By-Law Change

The Board received a letter from the School Committee requesting that the Board of Selectmen consider a change to the Energy & Environmental Affairs Committee's existing by-law. The by-law states that a school committee member be appointed to the committee representing the school, the change in the by-law is to allow the school committee to appoint/designate an individual to represent the Tyngsborough School Committee's interest on this committee. After some discussion the Board voted unanimously to change the school committee representative to school committee appointee/designee.

4. Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – Monday, May 11, 2009; Monday, May 18, 2009; Monday, June 1, 2009; Monday, June 15, 2009; Tuesday, June 16, 2009; Monday, June 29, 2009; Monday, July 13, 2009; Monday, July 20, 2009; Monday, August 3, 2009; Monday, August 10, 2009; Tuesday, August 18, 1009.

To Approve and not release the Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes - Friday, May 8, 2009; Monday, June 1, 2009; Monday, June 15, 2009; Monday, June 29, 2009; Monday, July 13, 2009; Monday, July 20, 2009.

The approval of the minutes was deferred to Monday, October 19, 2009.

5. Correspondence

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to accept the correspondence. For discussion, the Board reviewed the correspondence from the Community Preservation Committee member Eric Lantz on the SB90 Endorsement referring to the CPA matching funds that are dwindling. Mr. Lantz is asking that the Board send a letter recommending the consideration of continue matching funds at 75%. The Board voted 3-2 on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectman Jackson to send a letter of consideration with recommendations to our state representatives.

6. Executive Session

The Board voted 5-0 on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin; yes; Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M.

A. 7:00 P.M. Board of Health- Collective Bargaining -Personnel

The Board met with the Board of Health Members, Carol Devanney, Bernadette Harper, Sheila Perrault, Fred Winn and Chris Mellen to discuss the restructuring the Board of Health office with the possibility of regionalizing. The meeting was with the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and a representative from a local medical organization. Handouts were given for review and began discussions on services provided and the cost associated with them. The Board of Health will provide further information for continued discussions at an upcoming meeting. Discussions with the Board of Health ended on a positive note. The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen continued with their next agenda item.

B. Litigation

The Board received a complaint about hunting in conservation land. The Board after discussions will continue this discussion at a future executive session with the Conservation Commissioners and Town Counsel.

The Board voted 5-0 on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to exit the Executive Session and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin; yes; Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:40 P.M.

7. Adjournment

The Board voted 5-0 on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant

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