



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 12, 2013**

Chairperson David Gay was not present for this meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Doug Sears, Vice Chair. Present for the Board of Selectmen meeting were Scott Wilson, Clerk and Board Members, Todd Johnson and Anne Marie Stronach. Richard Montuori, Town Manager and Attorney Charles Zaroulis were present.

**1. Pole Petition—Shawsheen Street**

Michelle Stacey of National Grid; was present for this petition. She indicated Pole 50 has a guide wire to a tree. The proposal is to take down the guide wire from the tree and replace with pole. All safety departments are in agreement. Mr. Wilson noted he received a call from a resident with a concern about the placement of the new pole, and there is concern the current pole is leaning. Ms. Stacey suggested the resident should contact National Grid to request a work order which will trigger an engineer to come to property and inspect the current pole. It was determined after further discussion more research is needed to be done to see National Grid we can help the resident who contacted Mr. Wilson.

**MOTION:** Mr. Wilson made the motion to table the pole petition for Shawsheen Street to March 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion carried 3-0, with Mrs. Stronach not present.

**2. Residents**

Mr. Gay opened the hearing up to the public, no one present came forward to speak.

**New Business**

**3. Maverick's Restaurant & Lounge—request pool table license renewal**

Mr. Sears personally spoke to Mr. Proctor who stated a licensed plumber will take care of the issue raised by the DPW Superintendent tomorrow. The license doesn't expire until May 1, so the board felt this item could be tabled until the next meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made the motion to table license application until April 2, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 3-0, with Mrs. Stronach not present.

*Mrs. Stronach arrived at 7:15 p.m.*

**4. Run A Pleasant Mile—request road race approval**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the road race as submitted with the approval of all safety department heads for May 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 4-0.

**Town Manager**

**5. Town Counsel Invoice**

**MOTION:** Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve town counsel invoice in the amount of \$20,757.64; seconded by Mrs. Stronach and the motion carried 4-0.

**6. Special Town Meeting – open and close warrant**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made the motion to open the town meeting warrant effective immediately and close the warrant on March 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Stronach and the motion carried 4-0.

**7. Water and Sewer Rates**

Mr. Montuori explained Sewer Rates will stay at an 8% increase and Water Rates will be adjusted down to a 2 % increase instead of a 6% increase. Stating he will not just put away after tonight; always looking at rates. Mr. Johnson asked for explanation on the tendencies to look at these funds together but actual is there are two separate funds water and sewer. Also pointed out that before raising rates a few years ago, the town went without an adjustment in more than 20 years; adjustments have been fairly flat.

The Board asked from Mr. Montuori to present the history on rates to the next meeting.

Mrs. Stronach asked for the water and sewer presentations to be corrected on-line to avoid confusion to the public.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stronach made the motion to approve water rate increase of 2% for July 1, 2013 for usage beginning March, 2013; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stronach made the motion to approve sewer rate increase of 8% for July 1, 2013 for usage beginning March, 2013; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 4-0.

**8. Capital Budget/General Fund Budget**

The Selectman agreed in consideration of the Chair, Mr. Gay, to table this review until his return at the next meeting.

**9. Approval of Minutes January 31, 2013 (regular session); February 12, 2013 (regular and executive session); February 13, 2013 (regular session); February 26, 2013 (regular and executive session); March 6, 2013 (executive session)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013 Executive Session seconded by Mrs. Stronach and the motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stronach made the motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013 Executive Session seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stronach made the motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2013 Executive Session seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion carried 4-0.

The minutes of January 31, 2013, February 12, 2013 and February 13, 2013 were not presented, and the clerk noted all other outstanding minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

## 10. Reports

### a) Board Members

#### Mrs. Stronach

- Green Committee is requesting to present at the next Selectmen Meeting to discuss the expenditure of the grant received. They will meet tomorrow night at 6:15 at Senior Center.
- High School Building Committee has announced the project will be completed on August 1, 2013 and is currently still on schedule and on budget.

#### Mr. Wilson:

- Tomorrow will join the Local Housing Partnership meeting.
- Thanked the Town Manager for going back and looking at the rates and realizes this is an ongoing process.

#### Mr. Johnson

- He reminded residents to take time to enroll Code Red System.
- Mr. Johnson requested the board to take board action tonight as a letter has been received from Marie Sweeney from Community Teamwork, Inc. The residents of Tewksbury have been represented for the last 25-years by Rita O'Brien-Dee. She has advocated and represented low income families for affordable housing. The Selectmen are the appointing body for a town representative to CTI's board. Mr. Johnson recommends this for approval

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Rita O'Brien-Dee to be the Tewksbury representative on Community Teamwork Inc's Board as presented in a letter dated march 12, 2013 from Marie Sweeny Chairperson for CTI's Board. This appointment term will begin immediately and expire of June 30, 2013. This appointment will be renewed yearly with the regular board appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 4-0.

#### Mr. Sears

- Good turnout for the Republican Town Committee to speak to the public in Tewksbury. Candidates for US senate also came to speak. Good opportunity to hone message with a five-minute presentation. He was grateful to all who were present.

- b) Town Counsel
  - *No report given this evening.*
- c) Secretary
  - *No report given this evening.*

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The meeting currently scheduled to be held on March 26, 2013 will be postponed from due to candidates' night at Town Hall. The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

*Adjournment*

**MOTION:** Mr. Wilson made the motion for the Board to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.;  
Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion carried 4 to 0.

*Respectfully submitted,*



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Scott Wilson, Clerk

4-23-12  
Date