



TOWN OF  
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*Minutes*  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Selectmen Linda Saari, Clarence Farwell, Kevin Gorgoglione, Tad Putney and Jack Flanagan were present.

**Chairman**

*Jack moved, seconded by Tad to nominate Linda as Chair for the year. Voted yes 4-1; Linda abstained.*

**Evergreen Clause**

**Ann Somers** asked what happens when a contract ends and there's not a negotiated contract. **Linda** said if a contract ends without an Evergreen Clause, there would be no raises or cost of living increases. She said our police contract includes increases in their hourly rates each year. There is no Evergreen Clause in our police contract and it was negotiated prior to the new law.

**Tree Cutting**

**Dennis & Maria Bechis** of 39 Pepperell Road were present to express their concern with the number of trees that are being cut, some are sugar maples. Maria said they removed the tags on the trees along their property. They would like an explanation on why so many trees are being cut. Dennis said we will have traffic issues with people going faster. He is concerned healthy trees are being cut. **Clarence** said he was contacted about the trees on town property. **Tad** said he looked at the marked trees on Pepperell Road and they appear to be trees that will be a safety issue in a few years. **Linda** said they haven't done much pruning in the last few years. She agreed to ask for their guidelines on which trees they are cutting.

**Brookline Chapel**

**Ron Pelletier** was present to ask that he and the town work together on renting the Chapel. He is getting business for receptions through renting of the chapel for weddings. Ron is promoting the Chapel on his website. He offered to open up and lock up the Chapel when weddings are scheduled if he is given a key. The Selectmen agreed to give Ron a key to the Chapel.

**Transfer Station**

**Martin O'Brien and Ryan Hansen** of H2O Waste Disposal Services were present. Also present was transfer station attendant **Maurice Marshall**. Martin said they pick up trash from 25 customers in town and have been for three years. They would like to bring the trash to the transfer station. They do not recycle in town. They would not bring trash from other communities. They pay \$100 per ton to dump in Milford. They service 11 communities totaling 800 households. **Maurice** said he hasn't had good luck with contractors that work in other towns and asked why they don't take the trash to a commercial

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facility. He said a household averages 3 bags per week. **Clarence** suggested we give a 3 month trial period. **Jack** asked Maurice to draft up something on what he'd like or not like in a contract.

### Master Plan

**Valerie Maurer, Alan Rosenberg and Ron Pelletier** were present. **Valerie** said she hasn't yet sent the contract to update the Master Plan to Attorney Drescher. An email was received from Sarah Marchant, Town Planner & GIS Coordinator for the Town of Milford. She said the UNH Cooperative Extension does Master Plan work. There is no charge for their time and minimal charges for travel expenses. They partner with Regional Planning Commissions but can do only 4 communities a year on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Valerie said there have been no changes since the 1997 Master Plan. **Alan** said the Coop would have some data to put into the Master Plan. **Tad** suggested Valerie check with New Boston or Newport on what the Coop could do and what dollars could be saved.

### Minutes

*Tad moved, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Linda** said the emails circulating on the yahoo group (that our minutes and agendas aren't posted on the website) are not correct. They are posted regularly.

### Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission recommends that Therry Neilson-Steinhardt and Jay Chrystal be reappointed as members until March 31, 2013. The Selectmen will address the appointments next Monday. **Tad** recommended that a selectmen's representative be on the Conservation Commission. **Rena** will check the RSA's.

### Milfoil

**Linda** suggested a letter be sent to the CC encouraging them to perform at least one treatment for Milfoil in late summer. **Kevin** said he thinks 2 treatments should be done this year.

### Police Dept.

#### Cruiser

**Linda** questioned whether the old cruiser could be used by the building inspector. **Rena** will mention it to Paul.

**Linda** said the flaggers were more visible on Route 130 in Hollis than the police were in Brookline when closing down one lane of the road. She asked why we're using police details when others are using flaggers. **Clarence & Tad** will check with those doing the road work on their policies. **Kevin** agreed using flaggers with signs are safer than police officers.

### Brusch Hall/Chapel

**Clarence** will get 2 quotes for a new well at the Chapel and Brusch Hall.

### Town Meeting

**Linda** thanked the people who stayed to put the chairs away at 1 am after town meeting. **Jack** said he was embarrassed by the comments made at town meeting about the Farwell's. He wished people knew how much they do for the town.

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**Gen. Business**

Approved warrants for payment.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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Kevin J. Gorgoglione

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