

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: May 13, 2003
MINUTES

Members Present:

F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman
Mary C. Pratt, Vice-Chairman
Leonard A. Holden
Ronald M. Clark
Paul J. Nelson

Others Present:

Russell Phipps: Comcast Technician
Jeff Gould, MetroWest Daily News reporter
Ronald Eldridge, Chairman – Appropriation Committee
Dr. John Duffy, Chairman – Board of Assessors
Cindy Chesmore, Director – Council on Aging
Fire Chief Gary Daugherty
Police Chief Thomas Irvin
Attorney Laurence Faiman, Town Counsel
Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary
Geri Holland, Clerk

Others Present: Tim Gordon (Saddle Hill Country Club Mgr.), Stan Shaevitz (Eastern Propane Inc.), Danielle Belliveau (189 Saddle Hill Road), Helen Miller (34 Cedar Street Extension), Holly Miller (34 Cedar Street Extension), Bryan Wiener (Toll Brothers, 83 Cedar Street, Milford), Kevin Shea (25 Thayer Heights Road), Chuck Hancock

7:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett opened the public meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board approved the Town warrants and the town bills for payment.

Minutes: 4/1/03; 4/24/03; 4/24/03 (ES); 5/7/03

Mr. Sonnett presented the following Selectmen's minutes for approval:

1. April 1, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the April 1, 2003 Selectmen's minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mrs. Pratt. There were no comments. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

2. April 24, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the April 24, 2003 Selectmen's minutes, as submitted by Theodore Kozak. So moved Mrs. Pratt. There were no comments. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

3. April 24, 2003 (executive session):

Mrs. Pratt requests to amend the April 24, 2003 (executive session) minutes in the executive session meeting following this public session. The Board agreed to this.

4. May 6, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the May 6, 2003 Selectmen's minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mr. Nelson. There were no comments. Second Mr. Clark. So voted. Mrs. Pratt abstained from the vote, as she was not present at the meeting.

Police Chief Irvin – Status of Missing Girl:

Mr. Sonnett asked the Police Chief to give a status of the 15 year old Hopkinton teenager who ran away from home to Italy over the weekend with a 21 year old man that she met over the internet. Police Chief Irvin announced that the teenager was safe and that she was at the airport in Rome, Italy. He said that the teenager wanted to come home. Chief Irvin read a letter to the Board (see attachment) that reported this announcement and included thanks to the "numerous people and agencies that helped to bring this issue to a successful conclusion", as written by the Chief. Mr. Sonnett thanked Chief Irvin, Detectives Patrick O'Brien and Chuck Wallace for their efforts.

Federal All Hazards Emergency Operations Planning Grant: Fire Chief Daugherty

Chief Daugherty announced that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Public Safety approved his application for the Federal All Hazards Emergency Operations Planning Grant for \$3400. He explained that the purpose of this program is to update the Emergency Operations Plan to address all hazards, with an emphasis on terrorism using weapons of mass destruction or conventional means. The performance period of the grant is December 23, 2002 through December 21, 2003. The Board congratulated and thanked Chief Daugherty for his efforts.

7:10 p.m. Public Hearing: Boston Edison Company (Cedar Street Extension–conduit @ pole 5/87)

Mr. Sonnett read the public hearing notice upon the petition of the Boston Edison for permission to construct, and a location for a line of conduits and manholes, with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes for the transmission of electricity, under Cedar Street Extension, southwesterly at Overlook Road with a distance of about 50 feet at pole 5/87.

7:10 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to open the public hearing. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett read the abutter's list and asked if there were any abutters present. Abutters, Helen Miller and Holly Miller, from 34 Cedar Street Extension responded. Mr. Sonnett asked if representatives from the Boston Edison were present. Mr. Kozak explained that the representatives only attend these hearings upon request and that they were not requested to attend. Mr. Kozak said that he reviewed the petition request with Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, and that Mr. Gaucher recommends the approval of the request with the following conditions: 1. A permit to excavate in the right-of-way be applied for with the DPW; 2. A dig-safe number is applied for; 3. Required Bond and Certificate of Insurance is placed on file with the DPW; and 4. Compliance with the DPW road opening permit policy.

Mr. Sonnett asked the abutters for their comments.

Holly Miller said that she has a family member living at her home at 34 Cedar Street Extension, who is on life support and is very concerned, if there were to be a loss of power when performing the work? Mrs. Pratt recommended that NStar be made aware of the fact that there is a person on life support at this residence and to also notify the Fire Department about this. The Board agreed to contact NStar about this concern, and believes that NStar should have contacted the abutters. Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Kozak to coordinate a meeting with a representative from NStar and the abutters to discuss this issue.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to continue the public hearing until further notice. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing: Hopkinton Country Club (Storage of flammable liquids)

Mr. Sonnett read the petition on the application of Timothy Gordon, for Hopkinton Country Club, for a license for the storage of flammable liquids to be stored at 204 Saddle Hill Road, Hopkinton, MA.

7:15 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to open the public hearing. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett read the abutter's list and asked if there were any abutters present. Abutter, Danielle Belliveau of 189 Saddle Hill Road identified herself.

Tim Gordon, owner of the Hopkinton Country Club, explained the request for the storage license application which are three (1,000) tanks at the Club House and one (1,000) tank at the pool.

Mr. Clark asked if the propane tank has a double wall. Mr. Gordon responded no and explained that propane tanks do not require double walls. If the tank leaks, the propane disbursts and has no chance of contaminating anything.

Mr. Clark asked if there is anything that could present a leak? Mr. Gordon explained that the odor is the biggest indicator of a leak and that the tanks have a seal system. He added that unless the tank has been tampered with, there should not be any leakage.

Mrs. Pratt asked what the procedure is in case of an accident and if there is any means to put out a fire? Mr. Gordon responded yes and that the facility has a trained team to deal with an accident and that they work with the Fire Department. He explained that propane burns itself out.

Chief Daugherty said that he spoke with Lt. P. Kenneth Clark, who visited the site, about the license request. Chief Daugherty said that Lt. Clark favorably endorses the storage license application request with restrictions listed * in a letter, dated March 31, 2003, to the Board of Selectmen. Chief Daugherty said that he concurs with Lt. Clark's endorsement to approve the license request.

* The restrictions are as follows:

1. A permit shall be required to install the underground storage tank(s); the installation fee is \$100 per tank.

2. Certification tank(s) are not located within the 100-year flood plain or the aquifer overlay protection district.
3. The installation and use shall comply with 527 CMR 6.00 and NFPA 58, 1998 edition.
4. Certification by the installer that the tank(s) were designated installed and tested to meet 527 CMR 6.00 and NFPA 58.
5. The Fire Department prior to filling shall inspect all tank(s) by the applicant.
6. The plan lacks detail as to traffic patterns in the vicinity of the relief valve assemblies; all relief valve assemblies within ten (10) feet of vehicle traffic shall be protected.

Mr. Sonnett asked the abutter, Danielle Belliveau, if she had any questions. Ms. Belliveau said that she now understands the request for storage, and did not have any questions.

There were no other comments or questions at this time.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to close the public hearing. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the storage of flammable liquids to be stored at 204 Saddle Hill Road, Hopkinton, with the restrictions by the Hopkinton Fire Department. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Discussions:

Mr. Sonnett requests the following to give brief overviews of the Stabilization Fund (Mr. Eldridge), Tax Exemption Program (Dr. Duffy) and the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Program (Mrs. Chesmore):

Stabilization Fund (see attachment): Ronald Eldridge referred to the handout that explains the difference between a \$3.8M Override vote and using \$1.2M from the Stabilization Account versus a vote of a \$1M Override and using \$4M from the Stabilization Fund Account. He explained the function of the Stabilization Fund as being the Town's savings account and believes that the Fund could be used as a "cushion" over the next few years. He believes that if the override vote of \$3.8M passes, the town should not have to have another override for the next few years or so. He said that the Appropriation Committee does not want to come back with other override votes year after year. Mr. Eldridge added that if the town uses the Stabilization Fund in a "step by step" fashion, and in moderation, it could allow the town to handle their financial crisis without coming back for more overrides.

Tax Exemption Program (see attachments): Dr. John Duffy gave an overview of the various tax exemption programs available to those residents who might qualify, including statutory real estate tax exemptions, qualification guidelines, provisions for an income tax credit for property taxes, exemption from the Community Preservation Act, and the Circuit-Breaker Law. Dr. Duffy said that a detailed description of all exemption qualifications, the possible amounts for exemptions, and applications are available at the Assessors' Office.

Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Program (see attachments): Mrs. Chesmore reviewed the Circuit Breaker Program and other programs that seniors might be entitled to, including the Senior Property Tax Work off Program and the Elderly & Disabled Property Tax Relief Fund.

The Board thanked them for their presentations.

Proclamation: Eagle Scout: Daniel Mark Newbrander

Mr. Sonnett invited Daniel Newbrander to come before the Board and read the Town's proclamation recognizing his achievements in the scouting program. Mr. Newbrander gave an overview of his background and spoke about his participation in the Boy Scout programs. The Board presented the Proclamation to Mr. Newbrander and congratulated him on his achievements.

Auxiliary Police Candidates: Dodson Renaud, Anthony Puntini, and David Farris

Mr. Sonnett invited Auxiliary Police Candidates Dobson Renaud, Anthony Puntini, and David Farris to give an overview of their backgrounds. Auxiliary Police Chief Don Creswell stated his recommendation of their appointments.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Dodson Renaud, Anthony Puntini and David Farris as Auxiliary Police for a term to June 30, 2003. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Election

Mrs. Pratt explained that the Town would need to vote for one city and two towns to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, and recommended that the Board cast their votes for Stanley Usovicz, Jr., City of Salem; Charles Sisitsky, Town of Framingham; and Catherine Cordes, Town of Bedford. Mrs. Pratt advised the Board to wait until the Board votes the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen at the May 20th Selectmen's meeting, as the Board would be voting for the Chairman's position at that time. Mr. Sonnett agreed to this and asked that this issue be placed on the May 20th Selectmen's meeting for a vote.

Reappointments: Yearly Town Committees

Mr. Sonnett read the following reappointments for the Board's vote:

Town Counsel: Laurence A. Faiman, Faiman & DeAngelis (1 year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Laurence A. Faiman as Town Counsel for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted. Attorney Faiman thanked the Board for their consideration in re-appointing him as Town Counsel for another term.

Affordable Housing Task Force (1 year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint the following to the Affordable Housing Task Force for a one-year term: Robert Clark, John Coolidge, Gary Daugherty, Theodore Gasset, Mary

Harrington, Thomas M. Bond, and Ronald Roux. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Animal Control Officer (1 year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint William J. Proctor as Animal Control Officer for a one-year term. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Appropriation Committee (3-year term)

Mr. Sonnett explained that the Appropriation Committee appointments must be made jointly between the Town Moderator, Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen, at a future meeting; and that currently there are two members, Rick O'Dell and Fred Hoskins, are seeking reappointment for three-year terms.

Mr. Sonnett said that Paul Chek served two terms and no longer wishes to be re-appointed. The Board requests to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Chek for his years of service on the Appropriation Committee. Mr. Sonnett announced that the vacancy is effective July 1, 2003 and said that interested persons should apply to the Selectmen's Office.

Board of Appeals (5-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Wayne Davies to a five-year term to expire in 2008 to the Board of Appeals. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Cable Committee (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Vincent C. Dwyer to a five-year term to expire in 2008 to the Cable Committee. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Capital Improvement Committee (5-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Jack D. Speranza to a five year term to expire in 2008 to the Capital Improvement Committee. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

Community Preservation Committee (1-year terms)

Mr. Sonnett explained that once each committee represented on the CPC reorganizes, a representative would be appointed to the Committee. He said the Committee has a representative from the following list: Planning Board, Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Open Space Preservation Commission, Hopkinton Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, and one resident at-large.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to Linda Henderson as the at-large position on the Community Preservation Committee for a three-year term to 2006. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Conservation Commission (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Brian Morrison and Robert G. Murphy to the Conservation Commission for three-year terms to 2006. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Council on Aging (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Daniel Garner and Harold E. Boudreau to the Council on Aging for a three-year term to 2006. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Council on Aging – Associate Member (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Barbara McIntyre to the Council on Aging as an Associate member for a one-year term to expire in 2004. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett said that there is an Associate member vacancy, and if a resident is interested in the vacancy to contact the Selectmen's Office.

Local Inspector – part time (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint Robert Crandall as part-time Local Inspector for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

DPW Advisory Committee (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint Daniel McIntyre, F. Eric Sonnett and James G. Pyne to the DPW Advisory Committee. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Economic Commission & Development Financing Authority (9-member Bd., 5 year term to 2008)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint Joseph A. Giovino, Jr. to the Economic Commission & Development Financing Authority for a five-year term to 2008. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett noted the vacancy due to member, Markyan Chodnowsky, who does not wish to be reappointed. He pointed out that Gail Fallon is due for reappointment as an alternate member to the Economic Commission & Development Financing Authority, and recommends her appointment to the Commission as a regular member. The Board concurred.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Gail Fallon to the unexpired term to 2005. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

The Board noted that filling the alternate position is not required.

Facilities Board (1-year term)

Mr. Sonnett explained that the Facilities Board is comprised of a representative each from the Appropriation Committee and Capital Improvement Committee and one resident at large. He said that the Committees would select their representative effective July 1, 2003.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Raymond P. Giroux to serve as the at-large member on the Facilities Board for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Fence Viewer (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint Gary R. Haines as Fence Viewer for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Field Driver (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Gary R. Haines as Field Driver for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Hopkinton Tax Relief Committee (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Richard R. Brault, Teresa Rice, Leah DeSantis, the Town Treasurer/Collector and Assessor to the Hopkinton Tax Relief Committee for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

MAPC (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Mary C. Pratt to the MAPC for a three-year term to 2006. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

MAPC Alternate (1-year term)

Mr. Sonnett said that there is a vacancy on the MAPC as an alternate.

Mutual Aid Building Inspector (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Robert J. Hill as a part-time Mutual Aid Building Inspector for a one-year term. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Open Space Preservation Commission (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Jeffrey Doherty to the Open Space Preservation Commission as the resident at-large for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Parking Clerk (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Geri Holland as Parking Clerk for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Person to Cut Wires in Case of Fire (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Edward V. Hicks as the Person to Cut Wires in Case of Fire for a one-year term to expire in 2004. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

Personnel Committee (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Kathleen A. LaFlash to the Personnel Committee for a three-year term. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett noted that there is a vacancy on the Personnel Committee and interested residents should contact the Selectmen's Office

Plumbing & Gas Inspector (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Charles Featherstone as the Plumbing & Gas Inspector, and Paul Elder, as Assistant to the Plumbing & Gas Inspector, for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Special Officer (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint the following as Special Officers for a one-year term to 2004 with the exception of Mary Pratt and F. Eric Sonnett, which will be made following the May 19th Town Election: *William A. Proctor, Stephen Deletti, Marilyn Palmer, Joanne Wright, Jeanne Taylor, Nancy M. Lauze, Leo Touzjian, David Clemons, Luis Gonzalez, Jr., Paul Culliton, Steven D. Iadarola, Henry A. Pyne, Deric McGill, William J. McRobert, Meaghan DeRaad, Robert Champney, Robert Fayard, Robert Bartlett, Mary Gibney, Christine Griffin, John F. Litchfield, Kyle Reilly, Paul K. Clark, Clarence Lukey, Robert Santucci, William Lukey, Stephen Slaman, Jane Goodman, Darlene Haines, Don Creswell, Richard Keough, Douglas Oliver, Stuart K. Montgomery, Lino Morales, Brian Hickey, Eric Bens, Russell Flannery, Carl Harris, Thomas Poirier, F. Philip Goodwin, Robert Slaman, Jarred Seely, Edward Kern, Evan Brooks, Scott Culliton, Michael Messier, Anthony Yannino, Leo Kopec, Frederick Taylor, William Carlo, and Michael Hennessey.* So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted

Auxiliary Police (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint the following as Auxiliary Police for a one-year term to 2004: Don S. Creswell, Sr., Richard Keough, Douglas Oliver, Stuart Montgomery, Leno Morales, Brian Hickey, Jane Goodman, Darlene Haines, Eric Bens, Russell Flannery, Deric McGill, Anthony Yannino, Leo Kopec, Frederick Taylor, Michael Hennessey, Dodson Renaud, Anthony Puntini and David Farris. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Public Weighers (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Thomas McIntyre, John Palmer, Stephen Nedoroscik, Colleen A. McIntyre, and Kathleen M. McIntyre as Public Weighers for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Board of Registrars (3-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Barbara Wirzberger to the Board of Registrars for a three-year term to 2006. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Sealer of Weights & Measures (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Louis H. Sakin as Sealer of Weights & Measures for a one-year term to 2004. So moved

SMOC Representative (South Middlesex County Council for Children) (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Paul D. Prior as SMOC Representative for the South Middlesex County Council for Children for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Gary Haines as Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber for a one-year term to 2004. Second Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Veterans Agent (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Anthony Mastroianni as Veterans Agent for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Veterans Celebration Committee (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint the following to the Veterans Celebration Committee for a one-year term to 2004: Susan P. Condon, Thomas J. Ellam, Glen A. Layton, James L. Rose, Michael W. Shepard, Marjorie I. Wright and Cynthia A. Chesmore, as the Council on Aging Liaison. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Sonnett announced that there is a vacancy on the Veterans Celebration Committee and to call the Selectmen's Office if interested in applying for this Committee.

Wiring Inspector (1-year term)

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reappoint Edward V. Hicks as Wiring Inspector and Louis Travaglini, as Assistant to the Wiring Inspector, for a one-year term to 2004. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Town Treasures Gifts

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept gifts into the Town Treasures Gift Account from Michelle Gates for \$60.00, Paul & Anne DiBona for \$60.00, and the Cultural Arts Alliance for \$60.00. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Letter to MA Highway Department: *Blackstone Valley Corridor Planning Study (attachment)*

Mr. Sonnett presented a letter that was prepared for the Board of Selectmen to send to the MA Highway Department regarding the Draft Report for the Blackstone Valley Corridor Planning Study prepared by the Central MA Regional Planning Commission. He explained the Board's concerns, stated in the letter, if the widening of West Main Street should take place. The Board agreed to send the letter to the John Cogliano, Commissioner of the MA Highway Department.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen Chairman to sign the letter. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

READOUT MAIL

Mr. Sonnett read out a letter from Guy Morse, Executive Director of the Boston Athletic Association, that thanks the Town for the success of the 107th BAA Boston Marathon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss Strategy for Response to Grievance

9:20 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to move into executive session for the sole purpose to discuss the strategy to respond to a grievance, and then move back into public session to continue the meeting, if the Board decides it's necessary. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Nelson. The roll call votes are as follows: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mr. Holden: yes. Unanimously voted.

10:15 p.m. The Board reconvened the public session.

Grievance Request Votes:

Attorney Faiman explained that the Board of Selectmen should vote the action taken in the executive session, regarding the grievance hearing held on April 24, 2003, that the grievance was denied on all accounts.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to deny request #1. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mr. Holden. Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Nelson: yes. **So Voted.** Mr. Clark abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the grievance hearing held on April 24, 2003.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to deny request #2. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Nelson. Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Nelson: yes. **So Voted.** Mr. Clark abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the grievance hearing held on April 24, 2003.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to deny request #3. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mr. Holden. Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Nelson: yes. **So Voted.** Mr. Clark abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the grievance hearing held on April 24, 2003.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to deny request #4. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Nelson. Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Nelson: yes. **So Voted.** Mr. Clark abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the grievance hearing held on April 24, 2003.

10:20 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the public session. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Holland

Clerk:

Date Approved: June 3, 2003