

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: May 29, 2007
MINUTES**

Board of Selectmen members present: Muriel E. Kramer, Chairwoman; Mary Pratt, Vice-Chairwoman; Michael Shepard; Brian Herr; Matt Zettek;
Others Present: Geri Holland, Executive Assistant

Public Meeting Opened/Move into Executive Session (Room 211)

6:00 p.m. Mrs. Kramer, Chairman, opened the public meeting; and entertained a motion to move into executive session for the sole purpose to discuss contract negotiations and to then return to public session in Room 215 to continue the meeting. **So moved Mr. Shepard. Second Mr. Herr. Mrs. Kramer amended the motion to discuss contract negotiations on how the handle the hearing process. The roll call votes follow: Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mr. Shepard: yes; Mr. Herr: yes; Mr. Zettek: yes. Unanimously voted.**

7:00 p.m. The Board of Selectmen moved the meeting into Room 215.

Others present included: HCAM: Casey Pulnik; HopNews: Robert Falcione; Renee Cammarata and two high school students from the "be Free!" Project; Boulder Capital Group: Roy MacDowell; Steven Zieff; Wayne Davies; Lilly Holden; Tom Pratt; Ray Gendreau; Sean Patrick Donahue; Brian Anderson; Ann Click; Bernadette Markey; Ron Eldridge; Mark Furber; Nancy Peters; Gail Clifford; Steve Yavarow; Maddie Aronson; Colleen Sullivan; Laura Crook-Brisson; Valerie Lechtanski; Kevin Li; Bryan Bromley; Lauren Blake; Archan Vamanrao; Sarah Smith; Amy Sung; Cecily Boyce; Geri Holland.

7:00 p.m. Mrs. Kramer re-opened the public meeting and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elementary School Building Committee resignations: David Hamacher; Paul Cassidy (Life of the Project)

Vote: Mrs. Kramer entertained a motion to accept with regret David Hamacher's and Paul Cassidy's resignations from the Elementary School Building Committee. **So moved Mr. Shepard. Second Mr. Herr. Unanimously voted.**

be FREE! Project (Hopkinton High School): Renee Cammarata

Renee Cammarata along with two high school students gave an overview of the "be Free!" project, a three year grant initiative to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse. Ms. Cammarata said that one of the project's goals is to build a community coalition committed to address substance abuse issues in Hopkinton. Mrs. Kramer invited the students to talk about their involvement with the project. Ms. Cammarata invited the Board to the project's first year's celebration scheduled on June 5 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the High School. The Board congratulated them on the completion of their first year and wished them continued success with the project.

Cardinal Health Corporate Video Road permit request in June 2007

Mr. Jay Duchin, one of the producers for the Cardinal Health Corporation (CHC), talked about the CHC's project to shoot a corporate video in Hopkinton. He said that Mr. Ronald Patnik, a Producer from Chicago, contacted the Town Manager's Office to request a road permit and was in contact with the Hopkinton Police Department to request what action needs to be done in order to film on the streets of Hopkinton on Tuesday,

June 19. Police Chief Irvin and Mr. Patnik have worked together to provide a safe and secure venue for the production without creating a hardship for the community.

Vote: Mrs. Kramer entertained a motion to grant a road permit contingent upon any recommendations made by the Police Chief to the Cardinal Health Corporation. **So moved Mr. Herr. Second Mr. Shepard. Unanimously voted.**

Mr. Zettek stepped off the Board due to conflict of interest.

TPL – Taurus Presentation (Weston Nurseries Property)*It was noted by the Chairwoman that TPL cancelled its presentation that was scheduled for this evening's meeting.*

Review/Discussion of Town Committees/Board's Weston Nurseries Property recommendations

Mrs. Kramer invited those committees that were present to give input regarding the upcoming sale of the Weston Nurseries property including Wayne Davies, Board of Appeals, and Lilly Holden, Housing Committee; Mrs. Kramer stated a list of those committees who also provide input about this issue. (See attachment).

Mrs. Kramer reviewed the schedule of meetings including the Special Town Meeting, June 11, Special Election, June 18, and the Ch. 61A Public Hearing scheduled by the Board of Selectmen on June 14 to be re-convened on June 19 after the Special Election.

The Board agreed not to hire a stenographer as the meeting will be televised.

Boulder Capital Presentation (Weston Nurseries Property)

Mr. Roy MacDowell, Jr., Boulder Capital LLC, presented Boulder Capital's intentions with respect to the approvals to be sought by Boulder Capital for development of the Weston Nurseries property located off East Main Street. Mr. MacDowell, along with his associates, presented a PowerPoint of the Legacy at Weston Nurseries that summarized the benefits to Hopkinton. The presentation showed a site plan including a vision for the land including the preservation, restoration and stewardship of the land, its municipal infrastructure improvements, environmental and fiscal benefits and Boulder's commitment to the community. The presentation gave an aerial view of the property and showed scenarios of scenic roadways, recreation trails, recreation fields, etc. The development includes over 500 acres of open space, 50 single family homes, 325 town homes, 325 garden style condos, 240 rental communities (25% under 40B), a village center (150,000 sf), East Main Street Commercial property (100,000 sf), and Legacy Park (200,000 sf). There was a question and answer period; and the Board thanked Mr. MacDowell for his presentation.

Mr. Zettek stepped back on the Board.

Tax Credit Worker Application Appointment: George Reimann (appointment to calendar year to 12/31/07)

Vote: Mrs. Kramer entertained a motion to approve George Reimann's appointment to the Tax Credit Worker Program as recommended by Cindy Chesmore, Senior Center Director. **So moved Mr. Shepard. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Selectmen's Liaison Reports

Mrs. Kramer reviewed the Board's "Punch" list and asked each Selectman to give an update of the projects that they were working on as follows:

Contract Negotiations: Mr. Zettek said that a letter went to each union on May 23 to inform them that the Board is working in good faith towards completing the contract negotiations.

Interim Town Manager Options: Mr. Shepard and Mr. Herr are researching the legal questions regarding this issue; the long-term and short-term solutions, and should have a report by the next meeting.

Human Resource Director Interviews & Hiring: Mr. Herr is in contact with the Personnel Committee Chairman, Mr. Parnia, about continuing the search for a Human Resource Director. He should have more information by the next meeting.

Mrs. Pratt is working on a Town-owned cars survey with the Town Manager's staff, along with other issues such as the North Pond Dam and the Town Counsel's performance evaluation for the past fiscal year.

Mr. Shepard is working on a Town-wide ADA response and a Town-wide facilities approach with Mr. Main, Facilities Director.

Mrs. Holland talked about how the Town Manager's Office staff is working on the Town insurance renewals and the Fiscal Year '08 re-appointments which is scheduled for the June 26 meeting.

Mr. Herr recommended placing a tracking number on each legal assistance form so that when the bills for that particular legal assistance are submitted to the office, the numbers coincide. This system is being worked on with the Town Manager's staff.

"be Free!" Proclamation

Vote: Mr. Zettek motioned to authorize the Board to sign a Proclamation for the "be Free!" Project to recognize its first year anniversary. Second Mr. Shepard. Unanimously voted.

Meeting Adjourned:

9:30 p.m. Vote: Mrs. Kramer entertained a motion to adjourn the public meeting. **So moved Mr. Herr. Second Mr. Shepard. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Holland

Date Approved: 6/26/07