

Selectmen's Meeting - September 16, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Silvia, Brian Bowcock, (Charles Murphy on vacation), Jeffrey W. Osuch, John Nunes, Jane Bettencourt, Paul Matheson, Paul Keefe

Michael Silvia called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

General discussion on the re-organization of the Board of Assessors followed. Board of Selectmen want a strong Board of Assessors to meet with residents and get the work done in a timely fashion. Also want to save the taxpayers money in the re-organization. Discussion on how Appellate Tax Board cases would be handled. Paul Matheson stated he would review the 6 or 7 cases pending and meet with the applicants. Depending on cases, he would meet with the ATB in Boston on cases. Both Paul Matheson and Paul Keefe stated that someone else may be hired to handle certain cases. General discussion to what Patriot Properties will do for valuations and new growth. Board of Assessors to handle abatements and exemptions. Duties for Jane Bettencourt were discussed. Brian Bowcock motioned to appoint Jane Bettencourt as Administrative Assessor and to have the Personnel Board review compensation. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Jane Bettencourt, Paul Matheson, Paul Keefe left at 8:15 p.m.

General discussion followed on the award for the Police Contract and what impact the decision would have on Town Finances.

Board of Selectmen approved sending letter to create the Public Employee Committee to review GIC plan.

Discussion on holding a Special Town Meeting in late October or early November to be discussed on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at regular Board of Selectmen meeting.

Discussion on Town Accountant.

Brian Bowcock motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Jeffrey W. Osuch  
Executive Secretary