

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

April 14, 2014

Chairman Michael V. McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Michael L. Champoux, Louis Cimaglia, IV and Michael J. Newhouse. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real property issues with the intention to return to open session.

Chairman McCoy reconvened the open session at 7:03 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Michael L. Champoux, Louis Cimaglia, IV and Michael J. Newhouse. Selectman O'Connell was excused. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman McCoy stated that members of the Board were wearing blue in observance of Autism Awareness Month.

### TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman McCoy asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 39, 39A, 40 and 40A.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman Champoux, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held on February 24, 2014 and all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

### **ERNEST A. PEARLSTEIN, FORDHAM ASSOCIATES, INC. DBA ALEPPO TEMPLE, 99 FORDHAM ROAD, RE: REQUEST TO CHANGE MANAGER FROM PETER K. STONE TO ERNEST A. PEARLSTEIN**

Mr. Pearlstein stated that there has been a change in officers and he is the new manager for the Aleppo Temple. Chairman McCoy expressed his appreciation to the Aleppo Temple as its members have stepped up to help the community on multiple occasions. Town Manager Hull advised that the request was reviewed by the police chief who recommends approval.

Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Fordham Associates, Inc. dba Aleppo Temple to change the manager from Peter K. Stone to Ernest A. Pearlstein.

### **RECOGNITION OF KEVIN J. ABERLE AND STEVEN D. HUNT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Town Manager Hull stated that on Monday, March 31, 2014, during the course of their work activities, Mr. Aberle and Mr. Hunt observed smoke coming from a residence at 23 Carter Lane. A 9-1-1 call was placed while attempts were made to alert inhabitants of the house about the unsafe condition. When police and fire personnel arrived on scene Mr. Aberle and Mr. Hunt advised them

of the conditions including that no one had left the house. The home served as a daycare and several young children and adults were in the home. The observations and willingness to act by Mr. Aberle and Mr. Hunt prevented a potential tragedy.

Members of the Board thanked Mr. Aberle and Mr. Hunt for their actions. They commented that they conducted themselves the way one hopes they would but until you are in that situation you don't know how you will respond. Their actions exemplify what a good neighbor is.

Chairman McCoy presented Certificates of Recognition to Mr. Aberle and Mr. Hunt.

**SCOTT GARRANT, CHAIRMAN, FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE, RE: REQUEST TO USE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND TOWN COMMON FOR THE ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVITIES**

Mr. Garrant stated that Fun on the Fourth festivities are back on. He advised that the celebration will take place from Wednesday, July 2 through Saturday, July 5. He advised that this year some events will be held at the Town Common and some events will be held at the Shriner's Auditorium on Fordham Road. Mr. Garrant reviewed the tentative schedule. He thanked businesses, members of the community and the Shriner's Auditorium for supporting the Fourth of July Committee. Mr. Garrant stated he was present to make a formal request to use the Town Common on Wednesday, July 2 and Friday, July 4. Town Manager Hull stated that there were no objections from Department Heads.

A motion was made by Selectman Champoux, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Fourth of July Committee to use the Town Common on Wednesday, July 2 and Friday, July 4.

**MICHAEL V. MCCOY, CHAIRMAN, RE: PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013**

Chairman McCoy read the Board of Selectmen's report as contained in the 2013 Annual Report for the Town of Wilmington. The Selectmen's report highlighted projects and programs that either commenced or were completed during the year 2013. The Board of Selectmen's report is made part of these minutes by attachment.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Town Manager Hull reviewed correspondence from Police Chief Michael Begonis regarding Distracted Driving. Chief Begonis advised that April is the National Distractive Driving Awareness month and in 2012, 3,328 deaths and 421,000 injuries were attributed to distracted driving. Distracted driving is defined as any activity that diverts a person's attention from the primary task of driving. State and local police departments will voluntarily join a nationwide high-visibility enforcement blitz in a concerted effort to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Law enforcement personnel will be cracking down on motorists who text and drive April 10 through April 15.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum relative to promotions to be made in the Fire Department. He advised the Board that Chief Edward Bradbury will be retiring on May 31 after nearly 41 years of dedicated service to the Town. Town Manager Hull advised that it is his expectation to announce Chief Bradbury's successor no later than the Board's first meeting in May.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his correspondence relative to the determination of surplus or non surplus for the parcels of Town-owned land that are on the warrant for disposition. He advised that the petitioners have been notified of his recommendations.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an invitation from Louis Cimaglia, Director, Department of Veterans' Services, to members of the Board to participate in honoring our veterans on Monday, May 26, 2014 by marching in the Memorial Day Parade and participating in the ceremony to be held at Wildwood Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Town Manager Hull reviewed information from the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding \$30 million in one-time aid to cities and towns for pothole and winter recovery efforts.

Town Manager Hull reviewed correspondence from Richard A. Davey, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Mr. Davey advised the Town of Wilmington that MassDOT is issuing a one-time contract allowing the Town of Wilmington the opportunity to draw down on \$113,604 for the reimbursement of specific purpose road and road facility repairs resulting from this harsh winter.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, who wrote to advise the Town that the ABCC has received an application from 99 Restaurant of Boston, LLC for a Change of Officers/Directors. Mr. Sacramone advised that the local licensing authority will be contacted by the applicant and should forward the Form 43 to the Commission.

Town Manager Hull reviewed information from the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding the House Ways and Means budget.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Governor Deval Patrick who wrote certifying the Town of Wilmington's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2015 is provisionally \$757,363.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to James Trombly, Republican Town Committee, regarding the appointment of a member to the Board of Registrars. Mr. Trombly was advised that Mr. Sousa's term will expire on April 30, 2014 and that Mr. Sousa has indicated that he is interested in being reappointed. Town Manager Hull stated that, by law, the Board is required to make an appointment based on a list submitted to them by the town committee of the political party of the position to be filled.

Town Manager Hull reviewed correspondence from Michael Scannell, HSE & S Supervisor, Lubrizol Advanced Materials, who wrote to invite the Board of Selectmen to an open house at their facility on Wednesday, April 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Representatives from the management team will be available to discuss issues or concerns. There will also be a brief presentation on the history and capabilities of the Wilmington plant followed by a virtual tour of the facility.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING A GIFT OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 5.29 ACRES FOR THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FROM DOUGLAS B. CLARK, SR., TRUSTEE, CHARLES D. CLARK, TRUSTEE, AND SHARON CLARK, TRUSTEE, SAID LAND LOCATED ON KIDDER PLACE MAP 51 PARCEL 10**

Town Manager Hull advised that Director of Planning and Conservation Carole Hamilton has confirmed that a significant portion is wetland. The parcel is landlocked on Mill Brook. Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Champoux, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept a gift of land of approximately 5.29 acres for the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission from Douglas B. Clark, Sr., Trustee, Charles D. Clark, Trustee, and Sharon Clark, Trustee, said land located on Kidder Place, Map 51 Parcel 10.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM ROBERT G. PETERSON, TRUSTEE, AND CHARLES E. GENDRON, TRUSTEE, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 471 SALEM STREET**

Town Manager Hull advised that Mr. Peterson has worked with the Engineering Division and that he has spoken with DPW Director who is in agreement regarding the drainage easement. Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Champoux and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept a drainage easement from Robert G. Peterson, Trustee, and Charles E. Gendron, Trustee, on property located at 471 Salem Street.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF MARK FREGEAU, SCOUTMASTER TROOP 136, TO USE THE FORMER SWAIN SCHOOL SITE AND ADJACENT MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A ONE-DAY FUNDRAISING YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014 FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Champoux, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Mark Fregeau, Scoutmaster, Troop 136, to use the former Swain School site and adjacent municipal parking lot for the purpose of a one-day fundraising yard sale on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM WILMINGTON BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO SELL COFFEE, DONUTS, POPCORN, COLD DRINKS AND BALLOONS DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Wilmington Band Parents and Friends to sell coffee, donuts, popcorn, cold drinks and balloons during the Memorial Day parade.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JENNIFER DEFEO TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY TO BE LOCATED FROM 19 LIBERTY STREET TO 25 LIBERTY STREET, SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014 FROM 12 P.M. TO 12 A.M.**

Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Champoux, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Jennifer DeFeo to conduct a neighborhood block party to be located from 19 Liberty Street to 25 Liberty Street on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF WILMINGTON MINUTEMEN TO USE THE TOWN COMMON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARCHING AND DRILLING EXERCISES ONE DAY/NIGHT DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST**

Michael Bodnar of the Wilmington Minutemen was present and stated that the Minutemen can be flexible with the date. Selectman Champoux asked Chief Begonis to confirm that there have been no problems in the past. Selectman Cimaglia asked how many individuals will be participating. Mr. Bodnar advised that there are approximately 8 to 12 new members.

Chairman McCoy asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Champoux and seconded by Selectman Cimaglia. Selectman Newhouse stated that the last time this request was before the Board he voted in opposition and noted that he expected he would be voting in opposition again. With a motion having been duly made and seconded and by the affirmative vote of three with Selectman Newhouse opposed, it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Wilmington Minutemen to use the Town Common for the purpose of marching and drilling exercises one day or night during June, July and August.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Newhouse expressed his appreciation that the Board recognized Autism Awareness Month by wearing blue. He also commented relative to the lights on the common and noted that current statistics indicate that 1 in 68 children are diagnosed and 1 in 48 are male.

Selectman Newhouse commented about a letter in one local newspaper relative to the Board's position concerning the Whitefield School. Selectman Newhouse stated that the author of the letter is the former chairperson of the Historical Commission and having worked with her on multiple projects he was taken aback by the attention given to a statement attributed to him. The letter stated that he said "the Wilmington Historical Commission has put the Town of Wilmington "in hawk" for \$650,000 for the Butters Farm." Selectman Newhouse stated that it is not true and he did not say that. Selectman Newhouse acknowledged that Mrs. Harris was not present at the Finance Committee public hearing and the information she received was inaccurate. He stated that at no time has he said that the Town has "gone in hawk" for \$650,000.

At the public hearing he indicated that the Town, its legislative delegation, Historical Commission and voters at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting were in overwhelming agreement on how to address the Butters Farm. Selectman Newhouse advised that what he did say was that with all of the funds allocated to that project, which total \$650,000, the fact remains that the project is not finished. He makes the point to demonstrate how the prospect of securing 3-5 million dollars to renovate or preserve the current building is not realistic. Selectman Newhouse stated that he obtained a disk of the meeting to review and noted that Chairman Kathleen Reynolds indicated that, with some time, the Historical Commission may be able to find buyers for portions of the structure, pieces of the building to be able to preserve. It was also indicated that someone may be willing to relocate the building to another site. Selectman Newhouse stated that if Town Meeting deems it appropriate to allocate \$150,000 for the demolition of the building it will not happen until the next fiscal year. If two viable options are to have private interests purchase pieces of the building or private interests relocate the building why spend the next four weeks debating it. He believes the money ought to be appropriated and if there are no other alternatives identified by

this fall, the money ought to be used for that purpose. Selectman Newhouse would like to ask the Town Manager to prepare a request for proposal to see if there is private interest who may want to relocate the building or purchase pieces of it.

Chairman McCoy stated that he believed it to be a great idea. Selectman Champoux stated that he has no objection to what was just put forth.

A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen request the Town Manager to prepare a request for proposal for the purchase and relocation of the Whitefield School and, to the extent possible, include the Historical Commission in the process.

Selectman Cimaglia advised that any nonprofit organization that wishes to participate in the Memorial Day parade should contact him at the Department of Veterans' Services.

Selectman Champoux asked about the status of construction at the intersection of Route 62/Wildwood Street/Glen Road. Town Manager Hull advised that the last correspondence indicated that the Department of Transportation was on track to begin advertising. Due to the Transportation Bond Bill being hung up by the legislature, the project is delayed as well.

Selectman Champoux recognized the one year anniversary of the tragedy at the 2013 Boston Marathon.

Selectman Champoux stated that opening day for the Wilmington Little League will take place at the end of the week and wished them a successful season.

Town Manager Hull advised the Board that he received a memorandum from Christina Stewart, Library Director, who wrote to provide an update with regard to the Library Strategic Planning Process. Ms. Stewart advised that the Wilmington Memorial Library has embarked on an important strategic planning process with two ambitious goals: to envision what role the library could and should play in the lives of residents and to set a course for growth, change and excellence for the future. Ms. Stewart provided the names of community members serving on the committee. The strategic plan is expected to be completed by the end of the summer and after approval by the Board of Library Trustees the plan will be submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Ms. Stewart advised what process has taken place to gain feedback from residents and library patrons.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- April 15 – Yentile Farm Development Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- April 16 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 16 – Tiny Tots/Kids Club Registration – Town Hall Auditorium – 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- April 19 – Little League Opening Day
- April 19 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt – Town Common – 2:00 p.m.
- April 21 – Town Offices Closed – Patriots' Day

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April 25 – Curbside Collection of Yardwaste

April 23 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

April 26 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 26 – Annual Town Election – Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

April 27 – We're One Wilmington 5K Run for Wilmington/Kim Forte Walk

April 28 – Board of Selectmen Meeting – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

May 3 – Annual Town Meeting – Middle School Auditorium – 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary



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Dear Fellow Resident:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen it is with great honor that I submit our annual report highlighting the Board's work during the course of 2013.

The Board remains committed to the principle that, to the greatest extent possible, local government services including police, fire, public facilities maintenance, roadway and parks infrastructure maintenance, library, elder affairs and education to name a few services should be provided through existing revenue streams. There continues to be a conscious and deliberate effort to avoid fees for student participation in athletics or music, for student transportation, for trash collection or for other services.

The expectations for the new Town Manager, Jeffrey Hull, and his administration was to craft a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 that continued the practice of estimating revenues conservatively, holding the line on expenditures while at the same time providing reasonable compensation to employees, making long term investments in our facilities and maintaining a reliable vehicle fleet. Through our initiative working with the Town administration and with the support of Town Meeting, an investment of over \$1.6 million is being made in replacing all North Intermediate School windows and two boilers original to the school. Replacement of nearly 10,000 square feet of roof at the West Intermediate has been authorized in the amount of \$185,000. An appropriation of \$249,500 was authorized to address upgrades to technology in the School Department including interactive smart boards at the Middle School and personal computers at the North and West Intermediate Schools. The Board remains mindful of the need to spend taxpayer dollars wisely while at the same time addressing long-term maintenance to ensure that facilities currently relied upon remain capable of providing services for many years to come.

After a delay of one year in the construction of the new high school due to needless appeals by project opponents and an abutter to the property, the final appeal was dismissed by Superior Court Judge Peter Krupp in September. In January, Selectmen endorsed the Town Manager's desire to authorize the construction manager at-risk, Gilbane Construction Company, to award contracts for work to avoid further delay. That decision proved to be the right one as the court appeal of the Department of Environmental Protection's Final Order of Conditions was denied.

Since that time significant progress has been made on the high school project. Demolition of the gymnasium has been completed. The artificial turf athletic field was ready in time for Wilmington's first football game in September. While the Wildcats sustained a disappointing loss in the last seconds of play the hometown crowd turned out in force to witness a beautiful turf field and new solar powered scoreboard. Construction of the high school has continued throughout the year with cement floors poured and the exterior shell of the building complete.

As anticipated the construction of the new high school will require a change in the annual July 4th celebration in 2014. Selectmen are in agreement with the Town Manager's decision not to allow launching of fireworks from the high school campus due to the nature of ongoing construction and the risks of damage to the new facilities. While it is unclear whether the Fourth of July Committee will conduct the annual event next year, the Board believes that the event is an essential part of what makes Wilmington special and hopes that this longstanding tradition will continue.



The Town suffered a tremendous loss during the events surrounding the Boston Marathon bombing. Many lives were changed and in the most senseless act of violence Wilmington lost one of our own. Sean Collier was a son of Wilmington and on his way towards a promising career in public service as a police officer. He lost his life in the line of duty performing the work that was his passion. Through the horrific events of the week of April 22nd, Wilmington stood as one, rallying around each other and the family of Sean Collier. The ceremonies held at the Town Common to pay tribute were solemn and moving but demonstrated the strength of Wilmington as a community. Officer Collier will be forever remembered as a hero.

The manufacturing sector has been struggling for many years nationally and Wilmington has not been immune to those struggles. However, the Town's tradition of hosting strong manufacturing companies that remain on the cutting edge continues and was on display with the unveiling of Textron's patented heat shield technology in July. Town officials including Board members were invited along with representatives from NASA and state and federal officials to learn about the deployment of the heat shield to be used as part of NASA's Orion Mission to Mars. The heat shield, which is designed to protect the capsule and astronauts from the harsh environment of deep space, is just one example of the innovation that continues to occur at companies here in Wilmington.

The Board was presented with a tremendous opportunity to acquire nearly eight acres of undeveloped prime land next to St. Dorothy's Church. As Wilmington continues to grow and develop, the amount of land suitable for construction of public facilities, athletic fields or parks continues to shrink. Considering the Town's future needs Board members unanimously agreed that acquisition of this property would be in the long term best interests of the Town. Working with Town Manager Jeff Hull and Town Counsel, and with the support of residents who attended a Special Town Meeting in November, the property was purchased for \$1,725,000 from the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. Due to the Town's deliberate steps to build and maintain free cash reserves, Town Meeting was able to draw upon the \$14,190,933 to purchase the property. No borrowing was required.

Collective bargaining agreements were executed with the police superiors, fire fighters and public safety dispatchers. The ability to work constructively with representatives from each of the employee groups and reach agreement on the terms and conditions of employment is critical to the continued smooth operation of the various departments.

As individuals elected by you, the residents of Wilmington, our mission is to provide broad policy direction to the Town Manager and his department chiefs to create a safe and friendly place to live and work where residents of all ages can exercise and develop their minds and bodies. The implementation and execution of these policies could not occur without the dedication and commitment of the Town employees and many volunteers who serve on boards and committees. We sincerely thank them for their dedication. On behalf of the Board I wish to give specific acknowledgement to the great work day in and day out of Town Manager Jeff Hull, Assistant Town Manager Kendra Amaral, the Board's Administrative Assistant Beverly Dalton and the staff in the Town Manager's office.

I speak for each Board member in extending our heartfelt appreciation to the residents who place your trust in us to guide the affairs of the Town. Thank you for extending to us the opportunity to serve this great community.



Respectfully submitted,

Michael V. McCoy, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

*Board of Selectmen from left, Michael J. Newhouse, Michael L. Champoux,  
Michael V. McCoy, Chairman, Judith L. O'Connell and Louis Cimaglia, IV*