

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008  
7:30 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

Present: First Selectman J. Shingleton, Deputy First Selectman F. Monnes, R. Newton,  
A. Waters, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Absent:

Also Present: Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Public Works E. Hood,  
Public Health Director W. Bell, Town Attorney J. Bradley, Public and  
Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectmen Shingleton called the Special Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as posted.

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road –Spoke in favor of the Blight Ordinance.

**D. FINANCIAL**

1. Authorize First Selectman to sign CPAC Grant.

**Motion** made by R. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign the CPAC Grant.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action on Siemens Energy Contract draft.-Tabled

a. Authorize First Selectman to sign Siemens Energy Contact.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

A short discussion followed.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Siemen's Contract.

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract for Downtown Project.-Tabled  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

Town Attorney Bradley spoke about obtaining easements along Main Street for the project.

Discussion followed. Selectman Johnson stated for the record that they could do better than the lowest bid for the pricing.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract for the Downtown Project.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, R. Waters

Nay: M. Johnson

3. Approve fee reduction request from Salvatore F. Branciforte for Shadow Hill Farm LLC Inland Wetland Application.-Tabled

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters for purpose of discussion.

Discussion followed. Representative from Inland Wetlands A. Halibozek provided background regarding the request and advised that Inland Wetlands needs the matter to come before Wetlands. Ms. Halibozek recommended that the Board of Selectmen deny the request with prejudice.

*A. Waters withdrew his original motion.*

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried to deny without prejudice.*

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion possible acceptance of the Blight Ordinance.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and to approve the Blight Ordinance.

Discussion followed. Town Attorney Bradley was available to answer questions and concerns.

Lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to close discussion.

Aye: R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters

Nay: D. Murphy, M. Johnson

A. Waters was out of the room and did not vote.

*Motion to close discussion carried.*

*Main Motion to approve the Blight Ordinance carried as amended this evening.*

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Abstained: D. Murphy

## **G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Personnel Matter

a. Worker's Compensation Matter Update

General discussion followed in open session regarding the possibility of future liability to the town regarding Heart and Hypotension cases.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Jeremy Shingleton  
First Selectman