

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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May 19, 2008

6:50p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman James Healy at 6:50 p.m. at the Newman Elementary School. Present were Mr. Daniel Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Jerry Wasserman, Ms. Denise Garlick, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

6:50 p.m. Town Hall Project

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board for guidance to provide to the PPBC relative to the Town Hall project. She suggested that the PPBC release the architect to begin design work that does not interfere with the choices still to be made about the second floor. It was the consensus of the Board that this message be relayed to the PPBC. The Board discussed the \$20,000 pledged by Mr. Healy for a review of the options. The Board will hold a summit, listen to the recommendations of the Town Hall Study Committee, and make its decision in September. Mr. Healy said that in his view, if the Board's recommendation is consistent with previous votes of the Finance Committee and CPC, the design process should move forward. If the recommendation is different, the Board should consult with the Finance Committee and CPC. If both of those committees support the new proposal, the design process should move forward. If no consensus is reached, the Board may need to seek clarification from Town Meeting.

Memorial Park Renovation

Mr. Healy informed the Board that the walkways proposed for the Highland Avenue approach to Memorial Field may compromise several trees. He said that the Tree Warden and Memorial Park Trustees will consult with the Board at its next meeting.

Appointment Process

Mr. Matthews asked the Board for feedback on the upcoming appointments. He said that all reappointments should be carefully considered. The Board discussed the difference between performance issues and the philosophical beliefs of committee appointees. Mr. Healy said that the Appointment Protocol will be followed.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen adjourned with the conclusion of Town Meeting at 11:40 p.m.