Town Board Minutes May 4, 2011

Present: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe, Councilmen Jay P. Boardway, Jeffrey A. Genzel, Eugene S. Wieckowski, Jr. and Councilwoman Cathy A. Maghran.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

Rev. Bonnie Bates, Faith United Church of Christ opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to amend the 3/16/11 minutes as follows:

Current motion:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Wieckowski on the recommendation of Recreation Director Clesse, to appoint the following to the Summer Recreation Program, terms to expire 8/23/11:

Name Position Hourly Rate

Jennifer Boswell Site Supervisor \$10.50

Larissa Dobson Counselor/Lifeguard \$ 8.50

Melissa Abbotoy Counselor \$8.50

Jillian Fitzner Counselor \$8.50

Megan Gill Counselor \$8.50

Bridget Greene Counselor \$8.50

Taylor Janak Counselor \$8.50

Michelle Noack Counselor \$8.50

Daniel Selby Counselor \$8.50

Julie Hagner Counselor \$8.50

Nicholas Janak Counselor \$8.50

David Kleis Counselor \$8.50

five (5) Ayes Carried

Corrected Motion:

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Motion Cont?d:

Megan Gill Counselor \$8.00

Bridget Greene Counselor \$8.00

Taylor Janak Counselor \$8.00

Michelle Noack Counselor \$8.00

Daniel Selby Counselor \$8.00

Julie Hagner Substitute Counselor \$ 8.00

Nicholas Janak Substitute Counselor \$ 8.00

David Kleis Substitute Counselor \$ 8.00

five (5) Ayes Carried

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A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to adopt the minutes of the April 20, 2011 regular meeting.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Wieckowski and seconded by Councilman Genzel, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated April 28, 2011 in the amount of \$199,040.29 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Herb Klein, President Maplewood Cemetery thanked the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Telaak for their assistance with clearing the snow from the cemetery this past winter. He also requested any other assistance that can be offered by the town. He noted that Lancaster Cemetery receives \$5,000 from their town and last fall the Town of Hamburg gave Prospect Lawn Cemetery \$1,000 a month for one year and Concord gave Maplewood the \$2,000 they need to get them past the hump. The Cemetery tries to run on interest and the sale of the graves. In 2006, we earned \$3,400 in interest; in 2010 we earned \$500. Our fund balance has declined \$4,500 in the last three years because we have had to dip into our savings. We are not broke, but we would like to keep as much as possible so that we can continue. If we end up broke, it is passed onto the town. If you can help us with this, we will appreciate it.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway on the recommendation of Recreation Director Clesse, to appoint the following to the Summer Recreation Program, terms to expire 8/23/11.

Grant Fiegl Counselor \$8.00

Amanda Patrone Counselor \$8.00

Motion Cont?d:

Katelin Selby Lifeguard \$8.50

Cathy Maghran Health Director \$ 600 per season

Cheryl Ehlers Substitute Health Director \$ 100 per season

Supervisor Ballowe Aye Councilman Genzel Aye

Councilman Wieckowski Aye Councilman Boardway Aye

Councilwoman Maghran Abstained

Four (4) Ayes One (1) Abstained Carried

Councilwoman Maghran abstained due to the fact that she was appointed as the Health Director for the Summer Recreation Program.

Supervisor Ballowe noted that the Town Board had met with the State Comptrollers, and have received the final report. The report has been referred to Town Attorney Kobiolka for review and recommendations.

Councilman Boardway noted that as part of the recommendation to the State Comptroller and the philosophy of this Town Board to have an open, honest government. There will be a link on the Town of Boston website, which will give everyone access to the entire State Comptroller?s report.

Supervisor Ballowe instructed Deputy Town Clerk Mule' to have the webmaster post a link to the Audit information on the Town of Boston website to the State Comptroller?s Website.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and seconded by Councilman Boardway to schedule a bid opening for a 2011 Mini Cargo Van for May 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that this mini cargo van will be used as the Dog Control vehicle and that it is no longer cost effective to keep the current vehicle on the road.

Councilman Boardway: Those of you who attend our meetings regularly may recall the proposed Boston Mobile Home Community Park. Previously the Planning Board had recommended this to the Town Board to determine what process it had to take. Before we declare ourselves lead agent, we had to send out the appropriate paperwork for SEQR review to the surrounding towns, communities, and agencies that are involved in that process. A 30-day response time has now passed and no other agency has asked to be Lead Agent.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel having no objections by our surrounding towns or agencies that the Town of Boston is declared Lead Agency for SEQR review purposes of this project and additionally this matter be referred to the Planning Board for continuation of the SEQR review process.

five (5) Ayes Carried

The following bids were received for the Selective Clearing 18 Mile Creek Streambed project:

Modern Tree Service Inc. \$34,320

Eastwood Industries, Inc. \$ 9,700

Tony?s Construction \$11,500

Lardon Construction Corp. \$19,450

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to award the bid for the Selective Clearing 18 Mile Creek Streambed project to Eastwood Industries Inc., for a total amount of nine thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$9,700)

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Genzel noted that this is a project of clearing and cutting of dead trees that are leaning over the creek between the Zimmerman Road Bridge and the 219 Expressway. There is a large logjam behind the apartments. The Contractor will be cutting all the material up in four-foot lengths. They will be using equipment outside of the streambed to cable in to unlock the logjams. This does not need a DEC permit. We are not doing any work in the Streambed Channel; it is all manual labor with chain saws. If this is successful, we will continue south of the Zimmerman Road Bridge in the future.

Received and filed monthly reports from the Assessor.

Supervisor Ballowe noted that they have been working on updating the parks with new picnic benches that are plastic coated which will cut down on having to paint and repair. Those benches will be located near the football fields and various other spots and will be installed within the next month. We are going to be replacing old cement because people were complaining of heavy cracks and the possibility of tripping and injury. Work on the Recreation Center is moving right along and we are looking forward to the grand opening.

Highway Superintendent Telaak noted that wood chips and fill are available. He noted that if any resident that lives on a town road needs their ditch cleaned out, to call the Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Telaak requested permission to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY from June 6-8, 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Wieckowski to allow Highway Superintendent Telaak to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY on June 6, 7, 8, all appropriate expenses to be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway upon the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Telaak to hire Ken Selby as a Laborer in the Parks Department at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour.

five (5) Aves Carried

Highway Superintendent Telaak noted that he would not be at the May 18, 2011 Town Board meeting due to an Installation of Officers for Highway Superintendents Association.

Councilman Wieckowski noted that he and Deputy Town Clerk Mule' had a meeting with Mike DeClerck from Waste Management on the Think Green Rewards Program. This recycling program will begin in July. Every resident will have the opportunity to earn points which will in turn allow him or her to purchase reward coupons from various merchants.

Councilman Genzel as Planning Board Liaison noted that volunteers are still needed.

Councilman Genzel as Engineer Liaison noted that the proposed Dollar General and the new Boston Fire Hall projects are under review by Town Engineer Hannon. Town Engineer Hannon is working on the new Cole Road Water District Extension and some drainage issues on Boston Cross Road.

Councilman Genzel as Drainage Liaison has been working with Highway Superintendent Telaak on drainage issues on Boston Cross Road and developing some innovative ways to cross the water to the other side and relieve some flooding at the bottom of the hill. He noted that he walked the Creek with all the contractors for the 18-Mile Creek Selective Clearing.

Councilman Genzel noted that St. Martins Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 7th.

Councilman Boardway noted that he, Councilman Wieckowski, and Supervisor Ballowe met with Peter Archbold, Loss Prevention contact from PERMA. A Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled in lieu of the information obtained from Peter.

Councilman Boardway noted that the Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 9 am to 1 pm. Also, Patchin Fire Company is having a Meat Raffle on Saturday, May 14th at 8 pm.

Councilman Boardway congratulated North Boston Fire Fighter Mike Billi for being awarded the Erie County Fire Chief?s Mutual Aid Organization EMS Provider of the Year Award for 2010. Mike had actually saved someone?s life at the Erie County Fair this past summer.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that the Town Board met with Legislator Dixon who donated two laptops for the Recreation Center. The remodeling of the building is moving along. The Summer Recreation Application forms are now online.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that she, Recreation Director Clesse, and Mary Lou Zeis met with the Hamburg School District to discuss incorporating a Math and Reading program into the Summer Recreation Program to supplement the fact that Hamburg School District will not be having summer school. There will be a Buffalo School teacher teaching Spanish, and a couple of people interested in instructing Soccer and Lacrosse.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that Dave Dix will be checking out the electrical issues with the scoreboard in the town park.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success and she thanked all the local business for their donations.

Councilwoman Maghran thanked Dave Rogers from Bella Pizza for donating a small pizza to everyone who donated blood.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that Town Engineer Hannon contacted her regarding the plans for the shelter for the Park and Ride in North Boston.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that she received a phone call from Ms. Clark and Mrs. Nordblum on Back Creek Road thanking Councilman Genzel for his help in obtaining the repairs on their properties.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Wieckowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried	
JENNIFER A. MULE', I	DEPUTY TOWN CLERK