

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Slade Building
July 24, 2008**

Meeting commenced 6:02 PM

Members present: Paul Hale, Chair
Kristie Casey, Vice Chair
Matt Castriotta, Clerk

Staff present: Elaine Peterson, Town Secretary/Notary Public; Deb Roussel, Town Administrator

Others present: First Unitarian Parish of Hubbardston members President: Carol Whitney
Treasurer: Barbara Hubbard, Robert Hubbard, Lori Prentiss, Mary Taylor, Matt Hopkinson,
Nancy Hubbard, Diane Watkins, and Jeanne Donahue; CPC Members Catherine Galbraith and
Dennis O'Donnell; Press members Carla Charter Worcester Telegram and Dan Kittredge
Gardner News.

Chairman Hale opened the meeting, reviewing the agenda for process. Mary Taylor requested discussion on filing of ANR, believed to be next step, authorizing division of the parcel. Board requested they move forward as outlined on agenda and discuss other details after the agreements had been signed. Ms. Roussel provided brief historical perspective, signifying that Attorneys for both sides had approved the documents presented and after verification from both Church members and the Board that they had reviewed the documents and believed the documents presented to be the same as those approved, the parties moved forward with endorsement.

The Agreement By and between the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston and the Town of Hubbardston was presented first, signifying agreement on the process acting on Town Meeting approval of the taking and transfer of the Town Common including the sharing of legal fees, friendly eminent domain to clear the title, the filing of an ANR to divide the parcel, transfer of ownership of Lot 2 to the Church, a Historical Preservation Agreement between the Church and the Town and a Right of First Refusal for the Town, should the Church ever move forward to sell the lot. Elaine Peterson, acting in her capacity as a Notary Public requested the individuals verify that those individuals who were signing the documents on behalf of the Church and the Town were signing it voluntarily for its stated purpose, producing satisfactory evidence of identification. Carol Whitney, President and Barbara Hubbard Treasurer acting on behalf of the Church and the Hubbardston Board of Selectmen authorized the document. Church members reported on progress of construction, while the documents were being signed.

The Grant Agreement regarding the award of CPA funds was presented and authorized by Carol Whitney, President and Barbara Hubbard Treasurer on behalf of the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston and the Hubbardston Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Whitney presented two checks to the Town, as indicated in the Agreement By and Between the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston and the Town in payment of legal fees as outlined.

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Motion: M. Castriotta **2nd: K. Casey**
To approve Warrant#2 A in the amount of \$56,250.00 in payment of CPA grants
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: M. Castriotta **2nd: K. Casey**
To approve Warrant #3 in the amount of \$1,960.40 in payment of veteran s' benefits
Vote: All in Favor

Ms. Casey produced a bottle of non-alcoholic champagne and plastic cups for all in attendance, providing a toast to the future success of the Church and the Town; all exchanged best wishes, the aura of new beginnings in the air.

Church members and CPC Committee Members exited the meeting.

Motion: K. Casey **2nd: M. Castriotta**
To approve statement of ownership and authorize Chairman Hale to sign the NHESP MESA permit application by MA Highway for Route 62 Reconstruction project as owner, on behalf of the full Board.
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: K. Casey **2nd: M. Castriotta**
To Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request to MA Highway in the amount of \$74,591.72 for Elm St., Burnshirt and Williamsville Roads.
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: M. Castriotta **2nd: K. Casey**
To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm
Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Roussel,
Town Administrator

Approved: September 15, 2008.