

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
July 7, 2009
Slade Building**

Members present: Kristie Casey, Chair
Matt Castriotta, Vice Chair
Ernest Newcomb, Clerk

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

Cemetery Commission members present: Ernest Newcomb, Chair; Ryan LeBlanc

Others present: Marcia Howlett, Cemetery Commission Clerk

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

Cemetery Commission Vacancy:

The Cemetery Commission and Board of Selectmen received a letter of interest from Bruce Newcomb indicating interest in serving on the vacant seat of Cemetery Commissioner as no one had run in the recent May 2009 election. Bruce Newcomb was not present at the meeting as he was in Oregon visiting a relative.

Motion: Matt Castriotta **2nd: K. Casey**
To appoint Bruce Newcomb to the vacant Cemetery Commission seat until the next election in May 2010

Vote: Mr. Castriotta- yes, Ms. Casey- yes, Mr. Newcomb-abstained

The Cemetery Commissioners voted to appoint Bruce Newcomb; see Cemetery Commission minutes dated July 7, 2009.

Letter of Support for Housing Preservation Grant

Ms. Roussel presented a letter of support of the Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC) application to the USDA Rural Housing Services for a housing preservation grant. The grant will benefit low-income residents in Hubbardston, particularly seniors, who in many instances cannot afford the costs of home maintenance.

Motion: M. Castriotta **2nd: K. Casey**
To sign the letter of support for the Housing Preservation Grant application
Vote: All in Favor

Fire Department Personnel 2010 Wage Authorization

Ms. Roussel presented a list of wage authorizations for the Hubbardston Fire Department that had been submitted by Acting Fire Chief Hayes.

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Motion: M. Castriotta

2nd: K. Casey

**To authorize the blanket wage authorization for Fire Department personnel
contingent on approval from Town Accountant**

Vote: All in Favor

Other Business:

Ms. Roussel updated the Board on her recent discussion with First Parish Unitarian Church member Mary Taylor regarding the agreement with the church.

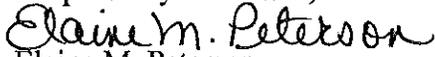
Motion: M. Castriotta

2nd: K. Casey

To adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm

Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine M. Peterson

Town Secretary

Approved: September 28, 2009.