

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2009

On March 23, 2009, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Lakeville Library. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evirs at 6:00 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Evirs, Selectman Maksy and Selectman Yeatts. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary.

6:00 PM Pamela Mann-Go21 regarding rail transportation

Pamela Mann, State Director, was present for the discussion. Ms. Mann distributed a handout regarding Go21. Go21 is a national public interest non profit group dedicated to promoting alternatives to highways for hauling freight. As a 501-C4, the group can advocate on certain subjects that are within their charter. They do not represent any specific railroad; they are just for the expansion of the railroad in general. They meet with community leaders and discuss benefits for the expansions and the idea is to build from the Federal level to the State level and then to the Local level. Then, they would pass a letter of support for the expansion of the rail. It is a national, nonprofit, grassroots organization. Highway congestion, wasted fuel and time spent commuting are all on the rise, thus they are promoting freight transportation alternatives. They are in the process of building public support in 30 states. The group is supporting legislation to expand rail capacity and opposing bills that would shrink capacity. By the year 2035, there will be a 92% increase in freight tonnage that will need to move around the U.S. The rails have been over capacity since the year 2000. It is projected that in 2020 it will be even more congested. Freight trains haul just about everything that keeps America moving. Freight rail benefits businesses, consumers, and the public right now. Investing in the rail network boosts the nation's economy. Rail is the most energy-efficient way to move goods. More freight moving by rail means cleaner skies and healthier lives because of less pollution. Moving more freight by rail takes traffic off our congested highways. Public investment in Rail is a win-win for Americans. Ms. Mann said The Staggers Act created smart, balanced regulations that hold railroads accountable while freeing them to succeed. Since the Staggers Act passed (1980), returning control to the railroads, rail is more affordable, more productive and is growing. Overturning the Staggers Act and re-imposing government control of railroads would harm the businesses, consumers, and the public. The current bill in Congress would seek to overturn The Staggers Act and go back to Federal control of the industry.

Selectman Maksy said we do not have a lot of rails or double rails, but we have a lot of commuter rails. Ms. Mann said most of the trains in Massachusetts share tracks. Most run on CSX track. Selectman Maksy said one of the Executive Office of Transportation's issues is that there is not enough money to bring double rails into Braintree. Ms. Mann said there are 22 bridges throughout the State that are being considered to be raised to accommodate double stacking of the freight trains. The rail lines also have to be upgraded to accommodate that extra weight. The State's written plan is supposed to be out in about 30 days. Selectman Maksy suggested that she speak to Kristina Egan from SouthCoast Rail about this. He asked about stopping rural traffic for trains. Ms. Mann said you would certainly see some of that, but roads that are usually congested with truck traffic, you will see that eased. People will know when the

trains go through and will work around that. She asked the Board to support the rail and to send letters to your State representatives regarding this. The Board took the request under consideration.

6:15 PM Pole hearing – Middleborough G&E

William Taylor, Electric Division Manager, was present for the discussion. Mr. Taylor was requesting permission to install a new pole, pole #165S, on Bedford Street. Selectman Yeatts asked what about the orange sleeves on the top of the poles that she has noticed. Mr. Taylor said those will come off when the project is completed. The sleeves are used for shields of protection.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To approve the installment of a new pole, Pole #165S, on Bedford Street.
Unanimous in favor.

6:55 PM Old Colony School Committee member appointment

Local School Committee members Carolyn Gomes, David Goodfellow, Charlene Shea, and David McQueeney were present and called themselves to order. Gordon Goodfellow, Town Moderator, was also present. Mr. Goodfellow (Town Moderator) asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee. Selectman Yeatts nominated Donald Foster.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To re-appoint Donald Foster to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee with a term to expire April 30, 2012.
Unanimous in favor.

7:00 PM Meet with Finance Committee & School Committee regarding FY10 budget

Present for the discussion were: Gary Mansfield, Chairman, Michael Petruzzo, Melissa Hopkins, James Hanlon and Steve Olivier of the Finance Committee; Lou Rodrigues, Interim School Superintendent and Laurie Hunter, Assawompset School Principal.

Chairman Evirs asked the Local School Committee (LSC) to discuss the proposal that was put on the table by Ms. Hunter regarding moving the fourth grade back to Assawompset. David Goodfellow, Chairman of the LSC, said during the meeting a few weeks ago, the LSC had stated they were able to give back to the Town \$47,000. We went back to look for more, and we believe that we will be able to give back \$60,000. The LSC provided Ms. Garbitt with a budget that was voted on at the last regular LSC meeting. It was a level funded budget in the amount of \$5,228,013. A 10% and 20% reduction in the level funded budget was previously provided. Chairman Evirs said we have not voted on budgets yet. Chairman Evirs asked that they review the 20% reductions and speak to how moving the 4th grade back might soften the blow.

Ms. Hunter said she would explain the 20% reduction of the level funded budget first, which is \$1,045,602. This is not the ideal option, but if there was another option to not have class sizes go to 38 students per class, then this is it. There will still be class sizes of 30 students. The enrollment for K-4 is 701 children; this is down from previous years. The school will still be losing eight (8) teachers. That is better than the 10-12 teachers lost in the other alternatives. Kindergarten and 1st grade will maintain at 23 students per class. There would though be one classroom more than there is now, so that would have to get creative. Transportation should not be a factor. 11 buses are going to Assawompset, and it will probably remain the same, but the time that a student is on the bus may increase. There is quite a middle layer of support persons that are completely gone. The administration tasks will have to be re-divided up. Maintenance of building and supplies has been trimmed. The school is designed for 550 children. That is why the 4th grade was moved. By moving the 4th grade back to Assawompset and incorporating the GRAIS budget, the budget cuts at Assawompset basically amount to a 10% reduction in the budget.

Mr. Goodfellow said before he became active with the LSC, there was a lot of discussion regarding where the Local schools were going and if the Town was going to build another elementary school or redo GRAIS. At that time, we were able to put \$14 million into GRAIS to renovate it instead of building a new elementary school. Yet, now we are in a situation of having spent that money and not using the school and having 150 more students in a school that is not designed for that amount of students. Chairman Evirs said he did not think any of the decisions are going to be easy. The revenues that Lakeville was counting on did not materialize. A committee has been formed to discuss total regionalization. He thinks we need a third town to join with us. GRAIS being fully renovated is an attraction. In the meantime, we only have so much revenue to work with, and we do not see \$2 million being found anytime soon. We are asking the Region to dip into the E&D (Excess & Deficiency) Fund and also for help from Freetown. Maybe we moved too quickly when we moved the 4th grade, but at the time, the revenue projections were there. Selectman Maksy said in any other year you may not have been able to look at this reasonably, but with the enrollment factors down, perhaps it makes sense to do this now. Chairman Evirs said perhaps this will only be for a few years, and then we can move on. David McQueeney said 30 students per class is unacceptable and unreasonable in an elementary school.

Chairman Evirs said we need to come up with the revenue that fits the budget that we have. We still have to operate the Town. No one wants to operate backwards or provide less services than we have, but we have to. If people want to think about an override to get the \$2 million, then there are two (2) budgets at Town Meeting. Everyone will be cut somehow, somewhere; it is not just the schools. It could mean that the Town Office Building is only open four (4) days rather than five (5). That is a 20% labor cut. No one wants to let anyone go, especially today. So we have to come up with a budget that works with the revenue that we have.

Ms. Hunter said she just wanted a moment to speak for the kids. The kids will be the ones who will pay. To be one of 30 students means you do not talk to your teacher. You operate more in a group way; it is more difficult to accommodate the individual. If you are a struggling learner then you probably will wind up in Special Education. If you come in having a bad day, then you may act up more, and so there will be more behavioral problems. Then MCAS scores

will not be where you want them to be and it will trickle down as the years go on. Eventually, the pain is on the kids. Susan Espouriteille of 26 Heritage Hill said we talk about running the Town as a business. One option of a business is to raise prices. So maybe we raise the prices and the business thrives or maybe it does not. You need to put this out there and let the taxpayers decide. If you do not allow us to vote, you are not doing your duty to the children of this Town. Mr. McQueeney said another thing that businesses and towns are doing is putting in place pay freezes and pay cuts. Selectman Yeatts noted that a wage freeze would only affect the non union personnel, and there is really no way to require the Unions to do that unless it was voluntary.

Mr. Mansfield said we have listened to the LSC and they have put together a presentation of what these cuts would be. There are a variety of Departments in the Town that still need to operate to allow the Town to function. There is no wiggle room right now. We have looked at ways to raise different sources of revenues. We are taking the steps that have to be taken right now, but we cannot function on a level funded budget with a \$1.6 million deficit so somewhere along the line we need to make reductions. Kim Borges of 32 Baker Lane said at the last meeting we had there was a thought about the Regional School Committee having extra money and we were going to ask them to give to the Local School. Chairman Evirs said they cannot directly give it to the Local School, but they can lower the Town's assessment and use their E&D account. Selectman Yeatts said a letter was sent to Mr. Rodrigues after that meeting regarding that. The problem is that we have one (1) less student than we did last year and the assessment went up \$390,000. The State is part of the problem. Chairman Evirs said that he and Ms. Garbitt had gotten an audience with the Department of Education to determine why the formula works so much against Lakeville.

Selectman Yeatts said we have asked the Region for \$700,000 back from the E&D and \$385,000 would be Lakeville's share. The question was asked from a business standpoint, when you have business decisions to make, you prioritize your needs. Is there any flexibility in the Town on where the money is spent? Mr. Mansfield said the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen are trying to put together the least onerous budget that we can. We will present that at Town Meeting and then it is up to the townspeople to vote it. Chairman Evirs said we do prioritize, but there are quite a few numbers that we cannot control. The Town has upwards of \$2.5 million in insurance costs that it cannot change. There is a lot of prioritizing going on. It sounds like we are picking on the school, but the Local School is half of the budget. We are \$1.4 million over Net School Spending to Assawompset. Selectman Yeatts said New Growth has a lot to do with new tax money coming into the Town, but as everyone knows we had a lot of large projects that have not taken off.

Ms. Borges said that education is priceless for our children. Is there anyway that parents can contribute to their children's education? Chairman Evirs suggested she ask the LSC. Mr. Rodrigues said you could do a number of things. A few schools have formulated a trust fund with the assistance of the Town. It is a 501C and you need a solid group to form a committee that is permanent. We could charge for buses at the Local level, but it does not work for the Regional level since it would take away funding for the Town. Chairman Evirs asked what the line item budget for 11 school buses was. Ms. Hunter said approximately \$329,000. Mr. Goodfellow said the Town is required to transport students up through the 6th grade. Mr. Rodrigues agreed, but it does not mean that you cannot charge.

Chairman Evirs said he wanted to send a memo to the LSC that their budget will be reduced 20% and to work with that number, but put together a contingency budget in case an override passes. Mr. Goodfellow said they have a number that was voted, but are wondering what direction the Board wants them to go – for a contingency budget or a 20% reduction. Chairman Evirs said your budget will be the one that moves the 4th grade back to Assawompset. Mr. McQueeney said so a 20% reduction from last years budget. Chairman Evirs said that is the number that you need to vote given the amount of revenue you have. Then you would put together a budget that would keep everything that you have going. An override would be \$.61 cents per \$1,000 valuation. A \$1 million override is \$208 dollars annually on the average home. It would be \$416 annually on a \$2 million override. This would be in addition to their regular taxes, over and above the 2 ½% the taxes can go up by law. Mr. Goodfellow said that a 20% cut for the Schools is extreme. He would be a lot more comfortable finding where the middle ground is than voting on a 20% cut on a level funded budget. Chairman Evirs said we are not voting it yet. Your committee needs to develop a budget of just over \$4 million. Mr. Goodfellow said they have. We needed to provide a number for the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Mansfield said he put some numbers together based on the projections from the various departments. If we went with a maintenance budget, we would have a \$2.5 million shortfall. A level funded budget is still approximately \$2 million short. He felt that the Finance Committee would support an override for all the Town departments, not necessarily for just one. Mr. Olivier said he felt like Mr. Goodfellow did. There is a happy medium somewhere. We need to find the medium where everyone will share in the pain. Mr. Hanlon said the Town of Lakeville is not immune from what is happening with other communities. We have to think realistically. If this goes to the ballot box, will it pass? The voter may ask has the Town done enough. A lot of people may not be as vested with the schools like we are. Selectman Yeatts said she agreed trying to find a happy medium. If we go for an override, we should try to have it as small as possible. She looks at \$357,000 as the average price of a home in Lakeville. Many homes are valued at more than that. Mr. McQueeney said there has to be some shared pain and schools have to take some of that shared pain also, but a \$2.5 million override would be a lot. When we get to class sizes over 30 students, then we are beyond pain. Selectman Yeatts said the education of the children is very important, but the ambulance service has to do with life and death. Ms. Borges said that is a great point that you make. This is not just an override for the schools; it is for the Police, Fire and the whole Town.

Mr. Mansfield said another aspect to take into consideration is that when you are laying off one (1) person, you almost have to lay two (2) off to get the amount that you will pay with the unemployment. Chairman Evirs noted there is also something new regarding COBRA. If you lay someone off, the employer has to chip in 65% of that health insurance premium so you are not saving as much as you thought you were saving. We do not know how that will work with us since we are not a private industry. This is brand new since there are so many people being laid off right now.

Review Earth Removal Permit renewals

Glenn Chistolini is present for the discussion. Ms. Craig stated there are only four (4) applicants that filed for renewal: Alan Butler; T.L. Edwards; Glenn Chistolini and Oxford Development. She noted that the Board received a letter from Glenn Chistolini and Oxford Development requesting that administrative fees be waived for their renewals. Mr. Chistolini had not officially been issued his permit since we are waiting to receive the required bonds. Chairman Evirs said the fee that Mr. Chistolini is requesting to be waived would be \$600 and Oxford Development's fee would be \$2,690. Mr. Chistolini said the contractor will hand deliver the liability insurance certificate and the bond this week. Selectman Maksy asked how the removal fee will be paid. Mr. Chistolini said every two (2) weeks. If any processing occurs on site, the Town will get a removal fee for that in addition. He said that some stone will need to be crushed as part of the removal process. Chairman Evirs noted that number 16, the conditions on the permit is; "no blasting, crushing or sorting of materials shall take place on site without the written approval of the Board and receipt of all other Local, State and Federal regulatory permits. Therefore, when Mr. Chistolini gets to that point, he needs to come before the Board again.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To waive the administrative fee of \$600.00 for one year for Glenn Chistolini of 1 Elliot Way with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To renew Glenn Chistolini's Earth Removal Permit for one year with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To waive the administrative fees of \$2,690.00 for one year for Oxford Development – Kensington Court with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To renew Oxford Development's Earth Removal Permit for one year with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To renew the Stockpile Permit for Alan Butler for 1 Susan Lane with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To renew the Earth Removal Permit of T. L. Edwards, off Bedford Street for one year with an expiration date of March 31, 2010.
Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Craig noted that renewal applications had not been received from the following: Bruce Taylor; Marcus Baptiste; A.A. Will; Easecat, Inc.; Lakeville Country Homes; and Roberto Rubini. Ms. Craig summarized the status of the permits that had not requested renewal. Chairman Evirs said he thought that the permit holders should be called to remind them that their permits expire March 31st and if they want to renew, they need to file a renewal application prior to then. If their projects are complete, any fees owed to the Town need to be paid by March 31st. Also, that the Board will be coming out to do a site visit. We will determine at our inspection whether they are done, and they need to provide an as-built also.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To have Ms. Craig contact Bruce Taylor; Marcus Baptiste; A. A. Will; Easecat, Inc.; and Roberto Rubini regarding their Earth Removal Permits which expire March 31, 2009.
Unanimous in favor

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To authorize Ms. Craig to contact Lakeville Country Homes regarding their Earth Removal Permit which expires March 31, 2009.
Unanimous in favor with Selectman Maksy abstaining

Discuss warrant article – Accessory Apartment By-law

Chairman Evirs explained that the Accessory Apartment By-law is coming before the Board again from the Building Commissioner. There are some suggested changes from Chairman Evirs. Selectman Maksy stated that the Master Plan Implementation Committee met last week regarding the bylaw. The By-law has been reviewed by Town Counsel, and it has been in front of the Planning Board a few times, and they feel due diligence has been done. Chairman Evirs stated that his suggested changes were just some typos. Ms. Garbitt said the Planning Board had previously held a hearing, but the time has lapsed. This needs to be sent to the Planning Board again for them to schedule a hearing.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To approve the Accessory Apartment By-law as drafted and to pass it along to the Planning Board for them to hold a public hearing so the article may be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant.
Unanimous in favor.

Vote to sign Compliance Certificate for 9 Woods Edge Road

Chairman Evirs said the Compliance Certificate had been received for 9 Wood's Edge Road, and the Board needed to vote to sign it. He noted that the \$11,000 will be deposited into an Affordable Housing Trust Fund by the Town to support other affordable housing within the Town.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To sign the Compliance Certificate acknowledging receipt of the funds in excess of the Maximum Resale Price from the sale of 9 Wood's Edge in the amount of \$11,000.00.
Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Garbitt noted that the Board of Selectmen still needs to vote to establish an Affordable Housing Committee to administer the funds.

Request for Road Cut Permit – Barstow Street

Chairman Evirs read the request into the record for a Road Cut Permit for drainage installation on Barstow Street. The drainage project is to be completed by W.R. Logan under the supervision of the Highway Department. The goal of this project is to eliminate the flooding of the house lots along Barstow Street.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To approve the Road Cut Permit for Barstow Street during the week of March 23, 2009 to install drainage and to waive the permit fee of \$50.00.
Unanimous in favor.

Request to use Town House – Carole LeBlanc

Chairman Evirs read the request from Carole LeBlanc to use the Town House. She has requested to use the Town House on May 23, 2009 from 10 AM through 2 PM to hold signs at the corner and give out literature on protecting baby seals in Canada. They are planning on holding two (2) large signs and there will be three (3) or four (4) people on the corner. Ms. Craig said she thought that they also want to set up a table to hand out brochures. Selectman Yeatts stated that she knew Ms. LeBlanc. Chairman Evirs said in the past we have let people use the property for fundraising, but not for political advocating of a cause. Selectman Yeatts said they can still stand there and hand out literature. Chairman Evirs said people have a right to assemble, the Board might be setting a precedent by allowing this type of use.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Maksy with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To deny the request of Carole LeBlanc to use the Town House on May 23, 2009.
Unanimous in favor with Selectman Yeatts recusing herself from this vote.

Discussion then took place on the wording of the letter regarding where signage can be held without using the Town House. Selectman Yeatts said they can hold their sign on the sidewalk on Bedford Street on the old Library side, or they can stand on the grass between the fence and Route 18.

Request to use Town Office Building – Mullein Hill Christian Academy

Chairman Evirs read the request from Mullein Hill Christian Academy to use the Town Office Building for a car wash fundraiser. Selectman Yeatts said we need to let them know that they cannot use the restrooms. Ms. Craig said the Firemen do unlock the back door to let people use the restrooms. Selectman Yeatts said then they need to make sure the second door is locked since last time it was all opened up. Ms. Garbitt will speak to the Firemen on this.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To allow the use of the Town Office Building on May 24, 2009 by the Mullein Hill Christian Academy for a car wash fundraiser to help fund a class trip for the 8th grade students as long as they use biodegradable soaps.
Unanimous in favor.

Vote on the health insurance contribution rates for all retirees and non-union employees effective July 1, 2009

Chairman Evirs recused himself from the discussion since his wife works as a Clerk for the Fire Department. Selectman Yeatts said the Board had been working on this for about a year and have an agreement with the Fire and the Police Unions to change the contribution rates from 90-10 to 75-25. The Town was able to offer wonderful benefits to the Town's employees in years past, but we can no longer do this. Now it is time to move forward with the non-union employees and the retirees. Mr. Mansfield asked if there was any compensation being considered for the retirees and non-union employees. Selectman Yeatts said not for the retirees at this point. Sherry Barron of 6 Sassamon Circle asked since retirees on a fixed income, can you give a rough estimate on how much this will cost a year. Selectman Yeatts said with Medex for people over 65, their current contribution rate is 20%. The new contribution rate will be 25%. This is \$240 a year or \$20 a month. With Pilgrim Enhanced for people over 65, it is going from 20% to 25%, which is \$297 a year or \$25 a month. For Network Blue for people over 65, it is increasing from 10% to 25%, which is \$2,383 a year or \$199 a month. There are only three (3) people on that. Network Blue for people under age 65 is increasing from 10% to 25% and they will pay \$74 a month or \$891 a year. Harvard Pilgrim for people under age 65 family plans is increasing \$2,670 a year or \$222 a month. Blue Care Elect for people under 65 is increasing from 20% to 35% or \$2,900 a year or \$242 a month.

Mr. Mansfield asked if the Board had decided what the compensation is going to be for the non-union employees. Selectman Yeatts said no, we have to talk about it. Mr. Mansfield said

his position is that the Town employees that are not represented should have a reasonable compensation package as the unions. Selectman Yeatts said we have been talking about this for a long time. The reason the Town was paying 90%-10% was that salaries were low. However, the salaries for both union and non union employees have come a long way. Selectman Maksy said he feels that the Board will treat everyone the same and treat them fairly. Selectman Yeatts said it is not always about money. There might be some other things to be done to offset the financial package.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To increase the health insurance contribution rate for non-union employees to 25% for HMO's and 35% for PPO's, effective July 1, 2009, and to meet with the non-union employees to discuss the mitigation package.
Unanimous in favor with Chairman Evirs recusing himself.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To increase the health insurance contribution rates for retirees to 25% for HMO's, Pilgrim, Enhanced and Medex and 35% for PPO's, effective July 1, 2009 and to meet with the retirees to discuss options with them.
Unanimous in favor with Chairman Evirs recusing himself from the vote

Review and vote to approve Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 9, 2009

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy it was:

VOTED: To waive the reading of and approve the Executive Session Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2009 as presented.
Unanimous in favor.

Any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Selectman Yeatts stated that she had received a call today and was asked to be on the Executive Board for the Plymouth County Commissioners.

Other Items

1. Copy of Old Colony Regional Vocational High School FY10 budget
Chairman Evirs said there is a savings of a little better than 1% from last year.
2. Copy of letter from Board of Health regarding 4 Fuller Shores Road
3. Copy of letter from Linda Grubb to Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding Peirce & Haskins Cemetery
4. Copy of letter to Planning Board from National Development regarding Lakeville Hospital property
5. Copy of letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding Route 79 relocation project

6. Audit for FY09 – Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District
Selectman Maksy said he will be using this report when he goes to the regionalization meeting.
7. Memo from Town Counsel regarding Economic Stimulus Plan – COBRA Premiums
Chairman Evirs said he mentioned this previously tonight. The Federal Government might subsidize private business, but they are not sure what they are going to do with municipalities.
8. Letter from H&H Associates regarding Economic Stimulus Plan
9. Update from Lt. Governor Tim Murray regarding American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
10. Notice of Regional Sustainability Exchange meeting – March 25, 2009
11. Letter from SRPEDD regarding annual assessment
Chairman Evirs said this is probably the best money the Town could ever spend with the amount of assistance and input that is received from SRPEDD.
12. Meeting notice – SRPEDD Commission – March 25, 2009
Ms. Garbitt said she has two (2) meetings on that night. She will attend whatever one the Board wants her to attend. She was going to call Steve Smith to tell him we are not in favor of the gas tax. Selectman Yeatts said that she and Selectman Maksy will be at the School meeting on Thursday, so Ms. Garbitt can go to the SRPEDD meeting.
13. Cranberry Country Chamber of Commerce Perspective
14. Plymouth County Commissioners meeting – March 17, 2009
15. Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Calendar – March and April, 2009
16. Information from SED regarding wind energy
17. Letter from EBI Consulting regarding renewable energy
18. Invitation to Legislative Breakfast – April 14, 2009 – Suburban Coalition
19. MEGA Financial Information
20. Letter from Comcast regarding rate decreases and service changes
21. Letter from Verizon regarding various forms (forms in read file)
22. Letter from Comcast regarding various forms (forms in read file)
23. Notice of new Trench Regulations – Department of Public Safety
Chairman Evirs said people are talking about the new Trench Bylaw and the added responsibilities to individuals. The permitting authorities are not required to conduct an inspection of trenches for which they have issued permits. Ms. Garbitt said inspections are only conducted if there is an issue.
24. Correspondence from MMA regarding legislation
Selectman Yeatts said she was happy that they are speaking out on plan design.
25. MBTA Advisory Board Advisory Board meeting – March 24, 2009
26. Letter from MassHighway regarding Spring Street Sweeping
27. Letter from CEA regarding 79 Main Street
28. Old Colony Regional Vocational Newsletter
Chairman Evirs said there were some Lakeville students that have received awards. Congratulations were extended to Brian Poland, who was a Silver medalist recipient and Ryan Tucker, who was a Gold medalist recipient for their participation in the South District Skills Competition; Kelsey Beecher who was notified of successfully passing the Serv Safe Food Protection Manager Certification Examination, and Raymond Dubois, Tyler Steek and Timothy Turner for Excellence in Effort awards.

At 9:05 PM, upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts; seconded by Selectman Maksy, the Board unanimously:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session and not to return to Open Session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teachers. Polled vote of Selectman Yeatts – aye, Selectman Maksy – aye, and Selectman Evirs – aye.
Unanimous in favor.