

A special meeting of the Town Council held on Monday, May 28, 2007 for the Town at Town Council Chambers and was called to order at 9:35 AM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll:

Councilman Collins-present	Councilman Salisbury - present
Councilwomen Knowlton-absent	Councilman D'Agostino - absent
Councilman Winfield - present	Council Vice-President Farrar - present
Council President Budway – present	

First on the agenda was the discussion of the revised resolution requesting authorization from the Rhode Island General Assembly for the Town to issue bonds for the construction and renovation of the Scituate Middle School/High School Complex.

Council President Budway explained that the reason for this meeting is to change the resolution to allow the vote to be by a Special Election and not a Special Financial Town Meeting. He said that he feels that it is the best way is to allow a special election, which will allow more people to voice their opinions.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the revised resolution and to forward a copy to our representative at the State House so that the legislation can be changed (copy herewith).

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he feels that it is very important to have a public hearing explaining why the bond and renovations are needed.

Council President Budway said that he feels that it would be good to do that and to also have meetings with the various service organizations in Town and to explain it to them, and then they can go back to their group and explain it. He feels that a real grass roots campaign is needed to make sure that everyone is informed. He also said that this will ensure that as many people are on board as possible.

During Council remarks Council President Budway said that he met with Town Clerk Long, David Provonsil, Richard Iverson and Sandra Young in the basement of the Town Hall to discuss the storage situation. He said that the group agreed to identify all of their boxes and to determine if they can be destroyed or will have to be stored for a longer period of time. He said that once this is done, we can figure out what storage solution would be the best. He also said that at that time we might be able to hire a shredding company to come on site and shred all of the papers that do not need to be saved.

Councilman Salisbury told the Council that he had David Provonsil and Town Solicitor David D'Agostino researched the deeds to the Lawton Farm to make sure that the deeds will allow the Town to use the 15 acres of land not in the land trust for active recreation. He said that they discovered three separate deeds and that two of the deeds are for the land trust and the last deed is for the 15 acres and that it is stated that the land can be used for active recreation.

Councilman Salisbury informed the Council that he had spoken to our former Town Solicitor, John Gorham, who was instrumental in drawing up those deeds and he assured Councilman Salisbury that the 15 acres can be used for active recreation.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 9:50 AM and to allow Town Clerk Long 14 days to prepare the minutes.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long

Town Clerk