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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES October 12, 2010

Minutes of an Executive Session

The executive session convened at 6:37pm in Ray's office.

Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Ray provided the Board with an update on an appeal of a Zoning Board of Appeals decision that has been filed in Land Court. Various abutters and neighbors of the Franklin County Boat Club are appealing the ZBA decision to allow the Club to construct a pavilion next to the existing clubhouse. The ZBA is named as one of the defendants in the lawsuit.

Donna MacNicol, Town Counsel, has filed a basic response to the complaint, and now want input from the Town on the level of defense the Town wishes her to conduct. The ZBA, of which Ray is a member, met in executive session earlier today, and recommends the Town conduct a minimal defense, doing only what is necessary to protect the interests of the Town, and to not take a lead role in the case.

The Board briefly discussed the matter, with a consensus that this is not the Town's fight to fight. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to instruct Town Counsel to conduct a minimal defense as necessary to protect the Town. A roll call vote was taken: Ann – aye; Randy – aye; John – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to adjourn the executive session. A roll call vote was taken: Ann – aye; Randy – aye; John – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The executive session was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk