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**Minutes of the April 9, 2007 Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Location; Faculty Dining Room of the Acton Boxborough Regional High School**

The Meeting Convened at 7:00 PM

Chairman Foster, Vice-Chairman Magee, Clerk Rosenzweig, Member Ashton, Member Hunter and Town Manager Don Johnson were in attendance. Numerous citizens were also in attendance.

The first item of business was consideration of the School Committee's plan to address the Legislature's joint resolution to reduce the Governor's proposal concerning the local distribution of Chapter 70 aid.

Chairman Foster briefed the Board on the School's proposal to reduce its intended spending by moving the purchase of modular classrooms from a cash basis to a five year borrowing. Selectman Ashton then reviewed the latest spreadsheet concerning the implication of the School Committee plan as it relates to the ALG Plan, agreements reached at ALG and other representations made to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the School Committee. Selectman Hunter commented that he believed the FY '09 allocation of revenues to the Town needed to be in excess of the 31.25% amount currently allocated to the Town. Chairman Foster and Mr. Ashton stated that the members of ALG were aware of Mr. Hunter's position.

Bob Evans and Patricia Clifford, members of the Finance Committee, recalled the School Committee's pledge made to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen as reducing spending rather than to buy the modular classrooms via borrowing. Jonathan Chinitz, member of the School Committee explained it was the School Committee's intent to borrow before it implemented spending reductions. Mr. Evans and Ms. Clifford stated that was not the representation to either the Board of Selectmen or the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ashton moves and the second was made by Mr. Hunter that the Board of Selectmen support the School Committee's plan to borrow for the modular classrooms given the following conditions and reservations:

- The allocation with regard to State Aid provided to the Town of Acton and the A-B Regional Schools in excess of the ALG Plan published in the 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and the ALG Plan published in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant represent monies received in the appropriate fiscal year and not monies to be generated in fiscal year 2009. Therefore, these amounts are not to be considered when determining the allocation of FY'09 monies between the Town and School entities.
- The Board is concerned with the process used by the School Committee with regard to determining and communicating its plan of action with regard to the FY '08 additional aid amounts.

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- Mr. Ashton is to communicate the Board's position on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, when the Board is asked its position of the School Committee's FY '08 spending plan.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

The next item of business was discussion of discussion of Article 39 the Citizen Petition concerning cell towers. Selectmen Hunter provided members of the Board of Selectmen and citizens in attendance a proposal for the Board's consideration (the document is attached to these minutes), which would call for a cell tower moratorium until further study. of the matter could be completed. Mr. Tuffin, spokesperson for the citizen's petition, objected (1) to the map prepared by the Planning Department noting the areas that could be utilized for the location of cell towers under the provisions of citizen petition and (2) the need for the Selectmen's proposal to be in lieu of the citizen's petition rather than in addition to Article 39. Selectmen Hunter moved the written proposal as is. Selectwoman Rosenzweig seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposal

The Board unanimously voted to approve he acceptance of the gift of two baseball dugouts for Veterans Field from the Acton Boxborough Youth Baseball and the Melanoma Foundation as listed on the Consent Agenda.

At 6:56 PM the Board moved its meeting location to the Auditorium of the Acton Boxborough High School and remained in session throughout Annual Town Meeting Session of this date.

During Town Meeting, there was an amendment to Article 21. The amendment called for the elimination of the appropriation request of \$180,000 to create a "Master Plan". The Board of Selectmen caucused and by consensus decided to oppose the amendment.

The Board adjourned its session at 11 PM.

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John Murray

*Lauren A. Rosenzweig*  
Clerk

*April 17, 2007*  
Date

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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA

April 9, 2007

6:00 P.M. – Faculty Dining Room ABRHS

## I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

## II. SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

## III. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

None

## IV. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

1. GENERAL PRE-TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION AND MATERIALS
2. DRAFT DECISION, SPECIAL PERMIT #04/07/03-391, 2 CRAIG ROAD, PEAK PERFORMANCE PARTNERS

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.

## V CONSENT AGENDA

3. ACCEPT MINUTES, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETINGS LISTED BELOW

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.

### Regular

June 12, 06,  
Sept. 11, 06  
Sept. 25, 06  
Oct. 3, 06  
Oct. 16, 06  
Oct. 30, 06  
Nov. 13, 06  
Nov 27, 06  
Dec 11, 06  
Dec. 11, 06 (Morning Meeting at Exchange Hall)  
Dec 18, 06  
Jan 8, 07  
Jan 22, 07  
Jan 26, 07  
Feb 12, 07  
Feb 26, 07  
March 12, 07  
March 26, 07

### Executive Session (Confidential)

June 12, 06  
Sept. 11, 06

Sept 25, 06  
Oct. 16, 06  
Oct. 30, 06  
Nov. 13, 06  
Nov. 27, 06  
Dec. 11, 06  
Jan 8, 07  
Jan 22, 07  
Feb 12, 07  
Feb 26 07 (two Sets)  
March 12, 07  
March 26, 07

**4. ACCEPT GIFT, MASSACHUSETTS MELANOMA FOUNDATION**

Enclosed please find a request for the Board to accept a gift of two dugouts for Veteran's Field from the Massachusetts Melanoma Foundation, for Board consideration.

**VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not Required

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

**FUTURE AGENDAS**

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This IS NOT a complete Agenda.

**NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2007 and May 7, 2007. Dates for the upcoming year, May 07-April 08 will be determined during the month of April when the Board re-organizes.**