

*Report of the Interim Administrative Officer
July 2008*

The Board of Selectmen voted on Monday July 7th to hold a Special Election on Tuesday, October 7th. The purpose of the election is to ask the voters to consider a debt exclusion question that would address a court mandated judgment against the Groton Dunstable Regional School District and the Town's responsibility to provide additional compensation to the former land owner, regarding an eminent domain land taking at the site of the new Regional High School.

Also, the Board voted to call for a Town Meeting to be held on Monday, October 20th starting at 7:00p.m. The Warrant for the Town Meeting will be open from Tuesday September 2nd until Thursday, September 11 at noon.

As part of the Board of Selectmen's new Agreement with Town Counsel Attorney David Doneski, he held office hours for the first time on Monday, July 7th. Attorney Doneski met with several Town staff, citizen volunteers and the Selectmen to discuss the status of current and outstanding litigation against the Town and other legal matters.

In the month of July, the Board approved a \$22,975 landfill monitoring contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. a company with consulting engineers and scientists who specialize and have expertise in environmental protection. Also, on July 7th the Board approved a \$10,797 Sargisson Beach management contract with the Greater Lowell Family YMCA.

The Selectmen made the following appointments: John Giger, Bylaw Review Study Committee; Susan Slade to the Board of Registrars; Chase Duffy, Harris McWade Gerber Megan Mahoney-Wickman and Cynthia Maxwell, Zoning Board of Appeals; a newly created seven (7) member Water Resource Protection staff committee; Susan Wilcox, Agricultural Commission; William Gavazzi, Greenway Committee; and Edward Perkins, to the Earth Removal/Stormwater Management Advisory Committee.

The Board reviewed a new draft policy that would require new appointees and or re-appointees to the Finance Committee, Personnel Board, Community Preservation Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals to be interviewed by the Selectmen in advance of appointment to these important regulatory boards, committees and commissions. The Board is seeking public input before formal reconsideration and possible adoption on Monday, August 18th.

Finally, the Board congratulated twenty-one (21) firefighters for recently graduating from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Sincerely,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Interim Administrative Officer