AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Town Building

Public Input
Chairman's Comments
Town Administrator's Report
Meeting Minutes
Visitors
7:10 p.m. HL&P Dept Update – Stow rep Ed Brown and HL&P Board members
7:30 p.m. Appointment to Board of Assessors – Joint vote by Assessors and Selectmen
7:40 p.m. Eagle Scout Award to Daniel S. Paladini
7:50 p.m. Adoption of Housing Production Plan – Donna Jacobs, SMAHT Chair

Discussion
Harvard Acres Wells and Loan Program
Pompo Reuse Public Forum Update
Track Road Public Forum #2 Update

Liaison Reports, if any
Correspondence
Adjournment

Posted 12/22/10

Correspondence
Town
Stow Conservation Commission Order of Conditions for Lake Boon draw-down, rec'd 12/9
ZBA Decision and First Amendment to Pilot Grove Comprehensive Permit, rec'd 12/14
Minuteman School District Final Assessments for FY11, rec'd 12/16
Town Counsel letter per Board of Selectmen re Boxboro Road land foreclosure, rec'd 12/17
Two letters of recommendation for police chief candidates, rec'd 12/11 and 12/18
CC of MSBA school project reimbursement, rec'd 12/17
Resident letter and photos on National WR impact and Assabet River Rail Trail, rec'd 12/21
Invitation to 2/8/11 Stow Community Chest Focus Group, rec'd 12/21
Stow TV Annual Disbursement Report to Comcast, rec'd 12/22
CC of resident letter to Concerned Citizens about chronic trespassing and proposed solution, rec'd 12/22
CC of Bolton Selectmen's letter to NRSD requesting earlier budget review meeting, rec'd 12/22
General
Mass DPU public hearing notice on merger of NSTAR and Northeast Utilities, rec'd 12/22

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Stow Selectmen's Office [selectmen@stow-ma.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 5:23 PM
To: Charles Kern; Jim Salvie; Laura Spear; Steve Dungan; Tom Ryan
Cc: Ed Brown; Bill Wrigley
Subject: FW: Good news.

Dear selectmen,
Please see Ed Brown's message below on the good news from HL&P, in case you want to spread the word.

I've spoken with Ed today and confirmed he will be attending the 12/28 meeting and has invited an HL&P Board member and a manager to join him.

I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing any questions you might have, in order to be prepared (897-4922 and eabro52@aol.com).

Thank you.
Susan

Susan McLaughlin
Phoebe Haberkorn
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Town of Stow
978-897-4515

-----Original Message-----
From: eabro52@aol.com [mailto:eabro52@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 11:29 AM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Fwd: Good news.

Hi Susan, Last night at the Hudson Light board meeting (which I was unable to attend), the board voted to approve an offer to customers of a one-time 50% early payment discount, instead of the usual 10% discount on the rate portion of the bills that will be mailed out December 31. Eligibility requirements are described in the Hudson Light manager's e-mail below.

Could you send this information to the selectmen's list. Thanks.

Is there any information regarding the selectmen's meeting on the 28th?

What time should we plan on? How long should we plan on presentation? Thanks. Ed Brown

-----Original Message-----
From: Yakov Levin <ylevin@hudsonlight.com>
To: eabro52@aol.com
Sent: Thu, Dec 16, 2010 9:55 am
Subject: Good news.

Good morning, Ed.

The Board voted to offer our customers a one time 50%, instead of 10%, early payment discount on the rate portion of customers' bills mailed out Dec. 31.
To be eligible payment must be received in full, including any past due amounts and all charges, on or before January 10, 2011.

Please help to spread the word.

They also gave me a green light to work on the solar PPA.

Regards,
Yakov

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And from 11/23 email from Ed – excerpt from Dec 2010 newsletter:

Hudson Light and Power rate changes, the new renewable energy program and energy conservation incentive program.

Last Wednesday, the Hudson Light and Power Board approved new rate schedules that more accurately reflect the cost of supplying electricity to customers. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2011. The new rates will result in lower monthly electric bills for all rate types and the amount of the reduction will depend on the amount of kilowatt-hours (kWh) used. For example, the average monthly bill for a residential customer using 500 kWh per month will drop 2.8%. HL&P's rates remain lower than the rates of the neighboring private utilities.

The HL&P board also voted to put in place a program that parallels the Massachusetts "Green Communities Act". This program will consist of: (1) incentives for customers to install alternative energy generators (solar, for example) and (2) an energy conservation incentive program for customers.

The Massachusetts Green Communities Act established a fund to support their programs by having utilities charge their customers $0.0005 (one-half a mill) per kWh and the utilities send this money collected to the State. HL&P will collect the $0.0005 per kWh and set up a fund for local use within the HL&P service territory. This charge of $0.0005 per kWh is included in the rates described above. More details on the new HL&P program will be forthcoming.

Notice of Vote to Fill a Board of Assessors Vacancy

Joint Meeting of the Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen

December 28, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Town Building

Per Stow Town Charter Article III, Section 1 (a)(2), at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen shall vote jointly to appoint a member of the Board of Assessors, to fill an unexpired term, ending after the May 2011 annual town election.

Posted 12/10/10

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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DATE: December 6, 2010

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Dorothy Wilbur, Principal Assessor

CC: William Wrigley, Town Administrator

As you may know, there has been a vacancy on the Board of Assessors (BOA) since John Bolton moved to Colorado. Recently, a town resident whose name is Michael Dugas has expressed an interest in the open position and submitted a letter outlining his background. You will see in the attached letter that Mr. Dugas was formerly employed in two towns by the Assessors' office.

The Board of Assessors met with Mike Dugas on Tuesday November 30, 2010 to discuss his background and what a position on the Board would require. The Board ultimately voted to recommend that Mr. Dugas be appointed to the BOA until the next election. The Charter requires that the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Board of Assessors jointly act on this appointment.

Please let us know the earliest date available for our meeting that would also comply with the posting requirement. We are hoping to have a full board as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Stow, MA 01775
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Nov. 5, 2010

Stow Board of Assessors

To whom it may concern:

I am interested in joining the Stow Board of Assessors. In 1996 -2000 I was the Director of Assessing for the Town of Westford and performed a wide range of duties in the daily administration of the office. Prior to working in Westford I was the Principal Assessor for the Town of Athol from 1994 - 1996. I am experienced and certified in all aspects of real and personal property valuation. I have a solid working knowledge of the major types of appraisal and excise programs. In the years I worked for the Town of Westford, it had one of the highest growth rates in the Commonwealth, and I was able to efficiently manage the growth that was directed towards my office. I have completed and implemented several re-evaluation programs for various towns. I have a great deal of pre-trial and ATB experience. Please feel free to call the Westford or Athol Assessors office for references. Some of my other Assessment qualifications are as follows:

Massachusetts Accredited Assessor (MAA) Designation.
Worcester County Assessors Executive Board.
Worcester County Assessors Budget committee.
Town of Athol Retirement Board.
Town of Athol Personnel Board.
Massachusetts Real Estate Broker # 115392.
Appellate Tax Board Experience.
Town of Westford GIS committee.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,
Mike Dugas

OFFICIAL CITATION

Be it known that the Stow Board of Selectmen

hereby extends its warmest congratulations to

Daniel S. Paladini

in recognition of his induction into the

Eagle Court of Honor

and be it further known that the Stow

Selectmen extend best wishes for future success.

Stephen M. Dungan	Charles Kern
Thomas E. Ryan III	James K. Salvie, Clerk

Laura Y. Spear, Chair

December 28, 2010