

Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee (PH&S) was held on Monday, September 27, 2010, at Town Hall.

Members present: Carolyn Schoonmaker, Chair; James Patrick, Vice Chair; Dr. Robert C. George; Michael Burke; Susan LeHan; and Mary Guimond, Clerk

Members absent: Sue Maguire; Barry Baldwin; James Cameron; Jennifer Sommer

Guests: Adele Conniff and Gary Swenson, members of Park and Recreation Committee of the RTM; Jane Branigan, Chair of Park and Recreation Commission; Karen Armour, RTM Moderator; Wayne Fox, Town Counsel; Sarah Seelye and Lloyd Plehaty, chair and member of TGS&A Committee of the RTM

Chair Schoonmaker called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. She announced the departure of two committee members, Shelley Carder and Donna Melz. Minutes for the meetings of January 25, March 8, March 15 and August 30 were approved without change.

Chair Schoonmaker led the discussion over proposed language of the leash ordinance. Mr. Fox agreed to research whether the term 'service dog' is a defined term in State statute. Questions were asked of Ms. Branigan regarding regulations at Cherry Lawn Park and it was clarified that ordinances do not apply to parks or beaches due to language contained in the Town Charter.

A special meeting of PH&S will be held on October 4, 2010, at 7:30 pm in room B3 at Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the leash ordinance. This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted on September 29, 2010,

Mary Guimond, Clerk