

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

March 22, 2010

Board of Selectmen present:

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Chairman (absent)
Clayton E. Rice, Vice Chairman
Eliot G. Starbard, Clerk

Also present:

John Barringer
Lucy Tessnau
Colleen Hilferty, Co-Executive Director of Dismas House
Christopher Tully, Chairman

Recording: Catherine Amidio

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Dismas House

Mr. Hilferty & Mr. Tully attended the meeting to answer some concerns the board had addressed in a letter. The board expressed their concerns regarding a new resident with a violent record that will be moving into Lincoln Road. Mr. Rice said they were told at the meeting on October 27, 2009 that there would be no violent offenders allowed in the program on Lincoln Road. Mr. Tully said he attended the meeting with the Director, Mr. David McMahan and he never stated there wouldn't be any violent offenders; he only stated there would be no "serial" violent offenders would be allowed in the program.

Mr. McMahan said there no sex offenders or arsonists would be allowed in the program, but all others would be considered.

Mrs. Hilferty said they interview clients in detail and have strict guidelines which residents must follow in order to remain in the program.

The selectmen made it known that they accept the concept of the Dismas House and also thanked them both for coming in.

Motions

- Mr. Rice made a motion to sign a **line item transfer** for the Fire Department. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Miscellaneous

- ◆ Lucy Tessnau asked the board if the council on aging could hang a Welcome flag outside the senior center.
- ◆ Susan Carpenter asked if she could purchase an open flag to be hung on the outside of the building. Mrs. Carpenter felt this would make it easier for residents to know when the town hall is open.
- ◆ Lucy Tessnau a member of the Conservation Commission discussed possible resolutions to ensure that the Farm Pond spillway doesn't flood the road again.

- ◆ The Central Mass Planning Commission sent a notification that they will begin a 2010 Traffic Count Program on the following five roads in the town.

- Old Turnpike
- Route 122
- Coldbrook
- North Brookfield/148
- New Braintree

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Rice made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.