

Special Meeting/Cambridge Town Board
February 11, 2010

At a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held on the 11th day of February 2010, at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Watkins
Councilwoman Fedler
Councilman Berndt
Councilman Davis
Councilman Ziehm

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Town Justice Janet DeCarlo, David DeCarlo, Amy Drake, Danny Thomas, Rani Bass, Henry Peabody, Dick Battistoni

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Supervisor Watkins brought to attention of everyone that the reason for the Special Meeting was to hire a lawyer for the pending litigations against the town regarding the Brownell Rd. property. The lawyer's application that the Town Board is reviewing for hiring purposes is Mr. Douglas J. Rose. His fees are as follows \$240 per hr. out of court fee, and \$295 in court fee. As far as the Retainer fee Mr. Rose told Supervisor Watkins not to worry about this until they entered further into the process, the answer to the petition must first be responded to on the 19th of February 2010.

Resolution #30

Councilman Berndt motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fedler to hire Douglas J. Rose for the litigations against the Town of Cambridge regarding the Brownell Rd. Property.

Vote: Aye – 5 Noes – 0

Town Justice Janet DeCarlo questioned Supervisor Watkins about the other possible Pro Buono lawyer Lonny Berney who was mentioned at the February 8th Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Watkins allowed Councilman Berndt to answer this question, his response was that Mr. Berney acted as special counsel to advise the Board, he was not looking to represent the Town of Cambridge in court. It was also questioned why the Town Board was asking advice from a personal injury lawyer. Councilwoman Fedler stated that they were only getting pro buono general advice about what to expect on the hearing date of February 19th 2010 .

It was determined that Supervisor Watkins and Councilman Berndt would be the two lead Town Board representatives on this matter concerning the litigation against the Town in reference to the Brownell Rd. property. The other Town Board Members will be kept fully informed by Supervisor Watkins and Councilman Berndt on the results of this matter. These conversations about the case will be kept quiet and the town will be updated monthly at the Town Board Meetings.

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The public questioned what approach the Town Board would be taking towards the Lawsuit? The Town Board chose not to answer at this time, they will consult with Mr. Douglas Rose first to see what he thinks is the best approach to take in regards to the Brownell Rd. Property. The Town Board wants to do what is in the best interest of the town, in doing so they will listen to their lawyer's recommendations.

Respectfully yours,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk