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**ACTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL PRE-MEETING TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2010
ROOM, 123N AT THE ACTON BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Present: Lauren Rosenzweig Morton, Michael J. Gowing, Terra Friedrichs, Janet K. Adachi, Pamela Harting-Barrat, Town Manager, Recording Secretary; Christine Joyce.
The Meeting was not televised

This Special Pre-meeting was opened by the Chair

The Board discussed Motions. Mary Michelman's non-binding resolution proposed by ACES was read. Mary noted it is consistent with what the Selectmen have been discussing at public meetings.

Ms. Adachi – Moved to approve the non-binding Resolution. Ms Harting-Barrat – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

ACCEPT GIFTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CAQUETTE SIMEONE FARM PROPERTY

Ms. Adachi – Moved to accept \$100,000 from the Steinberg-Lalli Foundation as a gift to be paid in two installments for the sole purpose of replenishing the Town's Free Cash. This gift is contingent upon favorable action by the Town Meeting on Article 1 of Special Town Meeting. UNANIMOUS VOTE

Ms. Harting-Barrat -Moved to accept a gift \$10,000 Acton Conservation Trust and to authorize the Town Manager to accept and allocate the funds to the town's General Fund pending favorable action by the Town Meeting on Article I of the Special Town Meeting. Ms. Friedrichs – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

W. R. GRACE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton – Moved to authorize the use of the W.R. Grace environmental fund for acquisition of the property as complemented under the purchase and sales agreement. Add rest of the motion (withdrawn)

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton – Moved to authorize the town's use of funds from the WR Grace Environmental Fund in the amount of \$18,179 toward environmental remediation of the Caouette/Simeone property etc (attach full motion from Anderson and Krieger)
Ms. Rosenzweig Morton asked for a sense of the Board in case the Moderator asked if the Board of Selectmen recommended that Mary Michelman be allowed to hold a non-binding resolution vote prior to taking up the actual article.

Mr. Gowing felt it would be premature to ask for a resolution on an article prior to it being presented. Ms. Adachi moved that if the Moderator asks if the Board to insert the non-binding article prior to the presentation of Article 1, the Board will agree. 4 Ayes, Mr. Gowing abstained.

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Town Counsel returned from a phone call and asked about the recent vote. He felt that it established an undesirable precedent for the Board to approve such a decision. He said that it could be left up to Town Meeting to make that decision, but that the Board of Selectmen should not encourage citizens to present resolutions, prior to articles already placed on the Warrant.

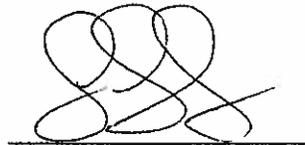
Ms. Friedrichs - Moved to rescind the motion after legal counsel recommendation. Ms. Harting-Barrat. – UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Gowing recommended as a friendly amendment that Ms. Michelman present the resolution after Article 1 and before the environmental clean-up Article.

Ms. Rosenzweig -Moved to continue to the Auditorium for Special Town Meeting - Mr. Gowing – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE



Christine Joyce, Recording Secty



Clerk

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING AGENDA**

**Pre-Special Town Meeting
October 25, 2010
6:00 P.M. at the**

**ACTON BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ROOM 123 N (Faculty Dining Room)**

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

None

II. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

1. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

III. CONSENT AGENDA

2. ACCEPT GIFT TO FREE CASH ACCOUNT

Enclosed please find a donation of \$100,000 from the Steinberg Lalli Charitable Foundation to be used to help purchase the Caouette/Simeone Farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None