

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MARCH 26, 2012

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, March 26, 2012 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Clark, and Clerk McNeil. Chairman Pratt and Administrator Scruton were absent.

Selectman Clark welcomed everyone, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the Board.

Selectman Clark opened the public hearing on the transfer of land owned by the Town of Barrington to Virtuous Realty to be developed for industrial/commercial uses at 6:32 p.m. There were approximately 31 people present. The site is located off of Route 9 and is listed as Map 234 Lot 0001. Selectman Clark read a brief history of what has occurred on that lot since it was acquired by the town. Selectman Clark opened the meeting up to public comment. Betty Walters who lives across the street has had drainage problems since the town harvested the property and a house was built across the street that added to her water problems. Charles Spinale had concerns about the entrance and improvements to Route 9 as his property sits across the street from this parcel. Fred Bussiere asked how long the Board had been talking about this transfer in non-public session. George Bailey asked if the entrance would be where the original entrance was proposed. He also stated that he had heard that municipal buildings were going to build there. Brian Lenzi felt that Turbocam was one of the "greatest" things to happen to Barrington but questioned whether the town retained property could be developed as indicated on the draft plans due to wetlands and ledge. Steve Conklin asked if the Town, through the Planning Board, would require a traffic study. He also encouraged the Board to plan a road into the parcel that would include potential municipal traffic. Stephanie Dimke asked how many people would work there and compared the access problems to the elementary school entrance on Route 125 – she wanted to insure a safe entrance. Bob Ditursi asked how many other Selectmen meetings are planned and would a representative from Turbocam be invited. Charles Spinale asked who makes the final decision – the Board of Selectmen or the voters. The Board has been given that authority through town meeting. Selectman Clark closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. and noted that if people have questions they can contact the Board or Administrator Scruton for more answers. The next hearing will be on April 9th.

APPOINTMENTS – There were no appointments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 12, 2012 – the minutes were tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Shaw presented a letter to the Board regarding his dissatisfaction with Metrocast. He compared several other cable companies that he is familiar with to

Metrocast and they both had lower rates and better service. He understands that the contract with Metrocast has not been signed yet and this would be the time to get another service. He would like to see the town explore something that is better for less money.

Jill Hilfiker congratulated Selectman Malloy and Selectman Gaudiello for their win on Election Day and thanked the additional 600 people more than last year who came out to vote.

George Bailey also congratulated all who won. He had a concern with one of the Selectmen also being a Library Trustee. Mr. Bailey is waiting to hear from the Attorney General's office regarding the town purchasing the Stonehouse Pond property. He presented a letter requesting further information on the Stonehouse transfer.

George Schmaltz thanked the Fire Department for the pancake breakfast they sponsored last Saturday.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following:

1. One denial of a veteran's exemption.
2. Report of Appropriations to be mailed to the Dept. of Revenue
3. One Junkyard Permit.
4. Abatement #8.
5. Paperwork for a police grant.
6. Payroll Manifests dated 3/11 & 3/18.
7. Vendor Manifests dated 3/15 & 3/22.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, ZBA, Library & ABC – Clerk McNeil presented the following names: Conservation Comm. – Glenn Gould – Alternate 3 years, Recreation Comm. – Jim Noble – 2 years, Jill Hilfiker – 3 years, Judy Dowe – 3 years, ZBA – Ray Desmarais – 3 years, Library Trustee Alternates – Pat Keravich – 1 year, Iris Estabrook – 1 year, ABC – Ellen Conklin – 2 years, Doug Langdon – 2 years. Selectman Hatch moved to approve the names as submitted by Clerk McNeil, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Salary Adjustments – Selectman Gaudiello moved to support the proposed salary adjustments as set forth and included in the budget, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

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Selectman Gaudiello – Selectman Gaudiello had nothing to report.

Selectman Hatch – Selectman Hatch reported that the School Board swore in their new members. They reviewed several high school reports and signed several contracts.

Selectman Clark – The Planning Board minutes are available on line.

Selectman Malloy – He will be attending the Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday. Selectman Gaudiello and Selectman Malloy will be attending a new Selectmen workshop over the next several months.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.