

July 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Odabashian with all members in attendance.

Attorney Ambler appeared before the Board to present various land takings associated with the Pulaski Blvd. roadway improvements. All takings were previously approved at the May 2007 Town Meeting. On a Goodnow/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to take by eminent domain for the purpose of permanent roadway, utility and drainage easements, slope easements and temporary construction easements, those areas shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Roadway and Drainage Easements, Pulaski Blvd. in the Town of Bellingham, MA, Norfolk County dated May 2007, Sheets 1 through 7", prepared by Beta Group, Inc., Norwood, MA. Those property owners and damages as described in the order of taking submitted by Attorney Ambler and attached to these minutes.

Public Hearing – application of Verizon New England, Inc. and National Grid Co. for new pole locations & relocations – Elm St./Corsi St.

A public hearing was held on the application of Verizon/National Grid for new pole locations on Elm and Corsi St.

Mary Hanley of Verizon appeared before the Board and reviewed the application with the Board. Mr. Picard noted the proposal was approved by the DPW. There was no one present to speak in favor or in opposition to the application. On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the hearing. On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application.

Public Hearing – application of James Colella d/b/a Colella Motorsports for a Class I License, 308 South Main St.

A public hearing was held on the application of James Colella d/b/a Colella Motorsports for a Class I License at 308 South Main St. Mr. Colella explained he has moved his business and needed to apply for a new license to continue selling new motorcycles. He explained all of the motorcycles will be kept inside his store. He generally keeps four to six bikes at his business as most are ordered on demand. He requested to operate Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

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There was no one in the audience to speak in favor or opposition to this application. On

a Martinelli/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. On a Goodnow/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to grant the license with the hours requested.

**Public Hearing – application of Blue Chip Auto Sales, Inc. for the transfer of the Class II License from Robert B. Wotton & Sons d/b/a Bennett Motors, 57 Mendon St.**

A public hearing was held on the application of Blue Chip Auto Sales, Inc. for the transfer of a Class II License from Robert E. Wotton & Sons d/b/a Bennett Motors, 57 Mendon St.

Mr. Richard Bell appeared before the Board to present the request on behalf of Blue Chip. He explained the cars will be serviced at Aston Auto in Mendon and that the operation will be geared toward the sale of late model vehicles. He requested hours of operation to be Monday through Saturday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Mr. Bill Delarousseau, an abutter, appeared before the Board and expressed concern relative to the lack of a buffer as previously required by the Planning Board. Mr. Mike White, an abutter on Rose Ave. expressed concern relative to the number of businesses located at the site. Mr. Bell explained his business will be located in the very front of the property and is not related to any of the activities at the rear of the property. Mr. Fraine suggested the Board hold the license, if approved, until the Building Inspector confirms all work required by the Planning Board is completed. On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. On a Martinelli/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to grant the license with the hours requested. The Board asked Mr. Fraine to ensure all Planning Board requirements are completed prior to the issuance of the license.

On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the water, sewer and trash abatements as presented and attached.

Under discussion, Mr. Martinelli asked why the Municipal and School bills are abated and if this affects the enterprise from a billing perspective. Mr. Picard suggested that the alternative would be for the Town to bill itself which would not be appropriate.

On a Goodnow/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to award the FY08 Rock Salt Contract to American Rock Salt as recommended by the DPW Director.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.

Mr. Fraine presented the solid waste rate billing proposal for FY08. It was explained these rates would fund the enterprise fund at a level adequate to cover

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the cost of collection and disposal. On a Goodnow/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the rate schedule as proposed.

On a Goodnow/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Michael Taddeo of Franklin to the part-time position of Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Mr. Fraine presented the Board with a proposed purchase and sale agreement for land located between Lake Shore Drive and Indian Run Road. The property is a vacant lot and necessary for drainage control. The property is assessed at \$29,000, however, a 2004 appraisal stated the value at \$12,500. The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$15,000. Mr. Fraine explained an article will be placed on the October Town Meeting Warrant requesting \$15,000 for the purchase.

Mr. Picard stated he had addressed a traffic concern with the Police Chief regarding speeding in the Deer Run, Muron Ave. and Elbow St. neighborhood. He stated the Police Chief has requested increased enforcement in this area.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session in order to update the Board on negotiations with the Police Association. The Board was polled with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a Martinelli/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis C. Fraine  
Town Administrator