

February 4, 2008

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

Mr. Khoury came before the Board requesting to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to petition the Legislature for a Package Store All Alcohol License. Mr. Khoury stated he has plans to renovate the small plaza he owns across the street and feels it would be an asset to have a package store at that location.

On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to support Mr. Khoury's request to place an article on the ATM Warrant.

Mr. Khoury was advised that the Package Store All Alcohol License, if granted, cannot be transferred to another location.

### Audit Report

Mr. Brown of R.E. Brown & Company noted the Town continues to manage its finances in a responsible manner.

Mr. Brown commended the Selectmen and the Town's financial team for maintaining fiscal constraints during these difficult economic times. Mr. Brown further suggested the Town continue to budget conservatively for the foreseeable future.

### Chief Daigle – liquor license compliance update

Chief Daigle stated a liquor store compliance check was performed by the Police Dept. on December 11<sup>th</sup> with one establishment, Bellingham Grocery, failing. He noted it was brought to his attention that this establishment failed a compliance check five years ago.

Chief Daigle stated the sale of alcohol to a minor is serious and although their last infraction was five years ago, he feels some action should be taken.

It was the Board's decision that a letter be sent to the owners of Bellingham Grocery asking them to appear at their February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**Public Hearing – application of Lance Warren d/b/a Family “Ty’s” Café for the transfer of the Common Victualler & Weekday Entertainment License (jukebox) from Brian Caterino d/b/a Great Buns, 93 Mechanic St.**

Mr. Warren stated he would like to take over this establishment and expand on the meals making it into a family restaurant. He stated his hours will remain as they are 6 AM – 9 PM seven days a week, including the extra hours of 11 PM – 3 AM, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Chief Daigle stated he received complaints from a resident regarding noise during the extended hours of 11 PM – 3 AM and asked Mr. Warren to meet with him to discuss this matter. Mr. Warren stated he would meet with Chief Daigle.

Mrs. Odabashian asked if there was anyone in favor or in opposition to this application.

Mr. Mayhew stated he is in favor of this application. No one spoke in opposition.

On a Goodnow/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application of Lance Warren d/b/a Family “Ty’s” Café for the transfer of the Common Victualler & Weekday Entertainment License (jukebox) from Brian Caterino d/b/a Great Buns, 93 Mechanic St.

**Public Hearing – application of Coady Corporation d/b/a Doc’s Classic Auto for a Class II License, 174 Mendon St.**

Mr. Coady stated this property held a Class II License until approximately four years ago. He is requesting a 14 vehicle license. Mr. Coady stated he hours of operation will be Monday – Saturday, 9 AM – 7 PM. He noted that he did receive all proper approvals from Town Departments.

Mrs. Odabashian asked if there was anyone present in favor or in opposition to this application. No one responded.

On a Martinelli/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application of Coady Corporation d/b/a Doc’s Classic Auto for a Class II License, 174 Mendon Street.

On a Goodnow/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mary Ambler to the vacant Library Trustees position (per recommendation of Trustees). Mrs. Ambler will serve until the May 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Election.

Representatives of Verizon attended the meeting to present their interest in initiating negotiations with the Town to install their FIOS network throughout Town. One of the Board’s main questions was if Verizon would be able to service the entire Town and was answered in the affirmative.

After hearing the presentation, the Board took the following vote:

On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to initiate and implement the cable licensing process pursuant to 207 CMC 3.00 and to request a waiver of the requirement (207 CMR 3.03(2)) that cable license applications be

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filed a full sixty days after publication of the first local advertisement soliciting cable license applications and that the Town of Bellingham be allowed instead to use a thirty day license application filing deadline and to request a waiver of the requirement to advertise in a national trade journal (207 CMR 3.03(2)) and to send letters to Mass. Department of Telecommunications Cable stating the Town's actions on the above, subject to review of letters by cable counsel.

#### Mr. Peter Sanborn – Housing Rehab. Update

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Chairwoman Odabashian to sign the FY08 CDBG Application and to accept the Community Development Strategy Form.

Mr. DiMartino reviewed the DPW budget with the Board of Selectmen. He requested that the Water Rate Hearing be placed on the Selectmen's Agenda for the second meeting in March.

On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to allow the buildings located at 146 Maple Street to connect to the town sewer and that connection be completed within six months of this vote.

On Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve water abatements in the amount of \$881.04, sewer abatements in the amount of \$1668.38 and trash abatements in the amount of \$88.00.

On a Picard/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to add the Town Clerk's position to the Annual Town Election Warrant due to Mrs. Harvey's retirement.

On a Martinelli/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License for the Bellingham Business Association's monthly meeting to be held at the Public Library, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Field's Wine & Spirits will be the pourer for the

evening, fees waived.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a “Slow Children” sign at the beginning of Brisson Street per recommendation of Safety Officer Lee Rolls.

On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Common Victualler license renewals for Joff’s Backyard Grill, Mechanic St. and Subway, Pulaski Blvd.

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On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Common Victualler License for the Bellingham Youth Baseball concession stand, Harpin Street, April – October, 2008, fees waived.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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