



Town of Dartmouth
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 DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Select Board Members Present:

Shawn McDonald- Chair
 Michael Watson -Vice Chair
 William J. Trimble

John George Jr.
 Lara Stone

The Chair opened the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Chair polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec 21: Chair McDonald, yes; Vice-Chair Watson, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman George, yes; Selectman Trimble, absent;

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **March 10, 2014** in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

Date	Warrant	Description	Amount
02/22/14	PR34	Payroll Expense	\$1,001,895.85
02/27/14	PD1435	Payroll Deduction	\$440,343.85
03/03/14	D1436	DPW Expense	\$376,764.94
03/03/14	P1436	Police Expense	\$27,532.48
03/03/14	S1436	School Expense	\$70,519.32
03/03/14	T1436	Town Expense	\$94,787.77

I. Appointments:

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6:45 p.m. Hearing- Application of Fenway's Sports Bar LLC, d/b/a O'Malley's Sports Pub, 6 Sheridan Street, for a Year Round Restaurant/ All Alcohol License, Entertainment License and a Common Victualler License.- Manager Joseph Mello explained they were planning a small menu featuring Pizza and Appetizers. Neighbors did come to the meeting to voice their concerns, with the previous business that was there. Parking, loud music and altercations in the parking lot during late night hours were some of the complaints.
The Select Board assured the neighbors that if any complaints were to come to their attention they would be handled by restricting the Sports Bars License.

- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve the Year Round Restaurant / Alcohol License, Common Victualler License and the Entertainment License with the restrictions of Sunday through Thursday music will end at 10:00p.m.***

6:50 p.m. Hearing – Application of David W. Nelson d/b/a Coastal Vinyards, 61 Pardon Hill Road, For a Pouring Permit.

- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve the Alcohol License subject to the Police Chief's approval.***

6:55 p.m. Application of Paskamansett Beagle Club for a one day Beer and Wine License for April12, 2014

- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve the One Day Beer and Wine License.***

7:00 p.m. David Hickox, DPW Director re: Water Replacement Programs (Quarterly Billing –Greg Barnes) – Over the next 3-4 years the Board of Public works plans to have all the residential water meters replaced and implement a new system that would allow us to bill quarterly for water and sewer charges. The new system will be more cost efficient for the Town and will be easier for our residents to split the charges over a four bills yearly rather than two.

7:45 p.m. Greg Barnes, Director of Budget/Finance re: Tax Lien Auction- We will be entering into a "Tax Lien Action" for properties that are in tax title but are not in the foreclose process yet. This will allow the Town to sell the debt to a bidder that will pay all the currant taxes, fees, and interest owed to the Town. This will be a bundled action not actioned as single properties. The Board thinks this is a good idea and approves with Mr. Barnes proposal.

II. Old Business:

- A. Cecil Smith /Mary Robinson Landfill- The Board of Health has issued a letter dated Feb 26, 2014, to the owners of the property stating that the septic system for the trailer on the property, was installed without permits and has to be closed within 30 days. The Select Board will be holding a hearing next Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be for the sole purpose of informing the residents of what has happened up to this date and what will be happening in the near future.
- B. M.G.L. c. 61A- Lucardi Property- We have been giving updated plans for the property that include the preserving of 16-18 acres of land and building of 5-6 homes. The Board approves of this plan since we do not have the funds to purchase.
- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted not to exercise our first right of refusal.*
- C. Aquaculture Regulations-
- *After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone, and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to accept the regulations that were presented to the Board.*
- D. Efficiency Study- We are at the end of the study, additional information, possible findings and ongoing analysis. This Efficiency Report has shown us some good things that we already have in place, some things we are planning to put into place and some things that we will work on. Vice Chair Michael Watson would like to invite the Park Board Superintendent in to discuss this past year and the progress they have made with the consolidation of the Parks, Recs and Cemetery.

E. Charter Revisions- At the last meeting the Select Board decided to come up with a "Ten Point Plan" that would give the voters the top ten reasons why they feel that Charter Revisions should be put into place.

1. Accountability
2. Efficiency
3. Economic Development
4. Public Service Availability
5. Sustainable Budget
6. Effectiveness
7. Communication
8. Improved Customer Service
9. Improved Staff hiring
10. Improved Facilities Management

F. New Business:

A. Tax Payment Assistance Program for Low Income Elderly & Disabled- This program was started in 2000, but there was never a committee appointed. We will appoint the Treasurer and the Board of Assessors Chair to start this committee and are asking for three residents who are interested to serve. Deb Raymond from the Council on Aging is also supportive of this program and will help any way she can.

B. Dartmouth LED Streetlight Case Study- In 2013 we converted all of Dartmouth's Streetlights to energy-saving LED fixtures. These lights are 50% brighter and we are at an annual savings of \$79,600.00 in energy costs. We will start receiving payoff in 4.5 years.

C. Sundry License

Dartmouth Roast Beef & Pizza
Dream Sweet Froyo
Sweet Kiwi

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to approve the Sundry Licenses.*

D. Bridge Street Café- We received a letter from Goldman Environmental Consultants, who represent the owners of the Café. They determine in the letter that the site conditions meet regulations for the class C2 response outcome. The Board feels that this vacant building in the Village stands in the way of appropriate economic development and the restoration of a beautiful historic sea town. We will invite the GEC and the DEP to our meeting on April 28, 2014 to discuss further options.

E. Tucker Road Safety Issues- The State must be partitioned regarding the altering of the street lights to move the stop line down so that the busses will be able to make the right turn without driving over home owners property. David Hickox, DPW Director, will also see that the DPW trims along Gidley Farm area on Tucker Road so that the winding road has more visibility. Mr. Hickox will also look into installing more French Drains at the bottom of the driveways in that area to help the water drainage.

F. Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Employee Health Insurance-The Board does not approve the continuation of Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Employee Health Insurance participating in our program. We will invite them to a meeting next month to discuss further.

G. Signing of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant-

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to approve the Town Meeting Warrant.*

III. Minutes: February 10, 2014
February 24, 2014
February 26, 2014

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes.*

IV. Announcements:

The Board is invited to attend the Bliss Corner Celebration on April 6, 2014
held at Fay's Knotty Pine.
Tickets are limited please RSVP.

We still have three openings on our Three Tier Tax Committee
more information is on our website.

Election is in three weeks, mark your calendar and if you will be away,
please pick up a
absentee ballot.

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Christine Amaral