

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting – April 9, 2014

Present: Selectmen – Mark Gilmore, David Wolfram Absent – Carolyn Shores Ness
Interim Town Administrator – Kayce Warren

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chair Mark Gilmore in the main room of Town Hall, 8 Conway Street.

Minutes: Mr. Wolfram made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and unanimously voted, to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014.

Public Comments: none

Selectmen's Comments/Announcements: none

Board of Health Comments/Announcements: none

Hearings/Apearances before the Board:

- **Welcome to Deerfield sign** - Cadette Girl Scout Troop led by Dana Lavine presented a plan to place a 7'x5' sign at the entry to Deerfield at River Rd and Rt. 116. The troop members are currently raising the \$14,000 needed for the sign which MassDOT has agreed to install. Each girl will devote 50 hours to the project which is expected to be completed and installed by the end of summer.

- **Home Business Permit** – Present: John Santaniello, owner
Mr. Santaniello, owner of Celebrity Cab Car Service presented his desire to operate his taxi service out of his home at 123 North Main Street. He explained that he saw an increasing need for his services in this area with the advent of a Greenfield based taxi service going out of business. The coming of commuter rail through the area is expected to increase a need for his services. **A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and voted, to grant a home business permit to run a business from 123 N. Main Street.**

A suggestion made by Mr. Calisewski that a parking space in the center of town be designated for a taxi stand was taken under advisement.

- **Fuel Storage Hearing** 9 Merrigan Way – Present: Shawn Patterson (Hwy Superintendent), Kevin Scarborough (Clerk of Works)
The purpose of this hearing is to allow the Board of Selectmen to issue a permit for the siting of fuel tanks at the new Public Works building. There are in-ground tanks for years; the new ones will be above ground. Mr. Scarborough began the hearing by describing the fuel tanks to be installed: self-contained, double-walled steel and concrete vaults that will contain 2,000 gallons of gas and 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel. He said the South Deerfield Fire Chief under the guidance of the State Fire Marshall will inspect the installation.

A group of residents who had received certified notices of the hearing were present to ask questions and voice complaints about many issues related to the siting and construction of the new building. After

a lengthy session the suggestion was made interested persons provide contact information so a meeting can be scheduled to address their concerns. Later in the meeting information was received that a meeting date of Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm had been established for residents to meet with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Scarborough at the site for this purpose.

The Board then voted in a motion made by Mr. Wolfram and seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to continue the hearing to tomorrow night's meeting (April 10, 2014).

- **Town Administrator Search Committee Report** – Present: Joanne Carney, Chairperson

Ms. Carney explained the three step process employed by the committee in its search for a Town Administrator. She presented a memo containing information about the three finalists: Michael Bissonette, Andrew Golas, and George Zimmerman.

Discussion/Decision Items:

- **Street lights** – Present: MA Swedlund

At a previous meeting requests were made to have two street lights turned back on. One in front of Wrisley's on Sugarloaf St.; the other at 117 River Rd. Note was made that a distinction between use of lights for safety vs security needs to be made. MA made a recommendation that a policy be adopted for an annual evaluation of the operation of street lights. **A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and voted, that with assistance of the Energy Committee an annual evaluation of operation of street lights may be conducted.**

Mr. Wolfram asked about energy use at the elementary school. Energy use is declining, but the costs do not seem to be. Ms. Swedlund said she planned to check with HCOG about electricity costs.

- **Assessors vacancy** - Mr. Coderre and Mr. St. Peters have submitted letters regarding the resignation of David Rohrs effective 5/5/14 from the Board of Assessors. This action leaves the Assessors with only one certified Assessor. Mr. St. Peters is willing to accept a temporary appointment so that there will be two certified Assessors, as required for certain actions, such as setting the tax rate. The Board of Selectmen need to appointment someone to fill the remaining one year term left vacant by the unexpected resignation. Mr. Coderre requests that he participate in the appointing process.

- **ZBA request**- At tomorrow night's meeting the Board will consider a response to a ZBA request for comments about a special permit to New England Auctions to hold auctions on 220-222 Greenfield Road in Deerfield.

- **One day liquor license** – **A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and voted, to grant a one day liquor license to serve wine and malt beverages during the Art Salon April 16 – 18 at the Deerfield Arts Bank.**

- **Annual Town Meeting** – Ms. Warren reported she has reached out to the Moderator and Town Counsel regarding managing Annual Town Meeting and elections. The bylaws preclude moving elections to another date. Annual Town Meeting will be held on the usual last Saturday in April. The question is whether a Special Town Meeting should be held at a later date to vote on fiduciary items as the budget is not settled.

- Filming – Ms. Warren reported that a celebrity has discovered an ancestor with ties to Deerfield. A request has been received for permission to film at the Bloody Brook Monument on April 17th. Mr. Wolfram reminded that filming at 2:00 pm could be problematic as it is dismissal time for the high school. The Police Chief and Highway Superintendent should be contacted about this request.

- **Upcoming meetings** – BOS meetings: April 10, 23, 28; collaboratively with Finance Committee April 15 and 22.

A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to adjourn the meeting with the signing of the warrants. (W# 14 – 21, payroll _____, vendor _____)

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Document list: Report of Town Administrator Search Committee