

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Meeting October 22, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ness at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall at 8 Conway Street. She announced that the Board of Health would hold a brief meeting to present its findings and decision regarding the pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were approved in a motion made by Mr. Wolfram, and seconded by Ms. Ness. Mr. Gilmore abstained, as he had not been present at that meeting.

**Public Comments:** A gentleman requested that the Town reconsider selling the pickle property and that it be kept for future town use.

**Selectmen's Comments/Announcements:**

**Board of Health Comments/Announcements: Kinder Morgan Response**

Board of Health meeting was convened at 6:45 pm. (See attached Board of Health minutes and decision.)

**Hearings/Appearances before the Board:** (none)

**Discussion/Decision Items:**

**ABCC – Change of hours:** Ms. Warren explained that effective October 23, 2014; establishments that sell alcoholic beverages may do so beginning at 10 am. License holders must submit form 43, plus a copy of a corporate vote for the local licensing authority (the Board of Selectmen) to approve. She presented the appropriate material from Deerfield River Liquors for the board's approval. **Mr. Wolfram made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ness, that the notice of change of hours of Purple Meadows, d/b/a Deerfield River Liquors be approved.** Mr. Gilmore added that there has been validation from the Police Department that there is no reason not to approve this. **The vote was unanimous.**

**HCOG Electricity Program Contract:** After discussion of the announced increases in the cost of electricity (37% in MA and 45% in NH) a motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted, to sign a two (2) year contract with HCOG for electricity. Mr. Gilmore said that concentration should be on: 1: locking in a rate, and 2) getting off the grid.

**Special Liquor Licenses:** A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted to approve the request of Deerfield Academy for a special liquor permit for the Deerfield Club of New England event on October 27 – 29.

A motion was made Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to approve a request from the Deerfield Arts Bank for a special license to serve liquor on November 8, 2014. Mr. Gilmore commented that the Arts Bank was an asset to the Town.

**FY' 2015 Sewer Rate:** Some information needed was not available, so setting of rates was postponed. Mr. Gilmore suggested: 1) the Treasurer be consulted about what worked last time; and 2) it would be prudent to talk with the Chief Operator about adding to the Reserve Fund so that, when needed, funds would be available to address safety and other issues. Ms. Warren will take this back to the Chief Operator and Highway Director for additional discussion.

**MMA Conference:** Forms to be completed by members planning to attend the MMA conference in January were available for completion.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

- **New Bridge at McClelland Farm Rd** - MassDOT is planning to replace a bridge over rail road tracks at McClelland Farm Road. Jim Dalton, a bridge engineer from the Boston office, will hold a public meeting on November 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall to discuss plans and obtain public input.
- **Comcast Contract** - The contract with Comcast for cable services will end on April 7, 2015. The Tri-town Cable Committee will meet on October 24<sup>th</sup> to review the terms as presented in a proposed renewal contract. Representation from the BOS is requested. As neither Ms. Ness nor Mr. Wolfram will be available, Mr. Gilmore will review available material and consult with Doug Finn (FCAT). Mr. Gilmore discussed some issues he has with Comcast from an emergency manager's point of view.
- **FCAT updates** - Doug Finn has requested a meeting with the BOS to report on activities/ concerns/ plans at FCAT. Mr. Gilmore suggested arranging a meeting to be held at FCAT rather than try to shoehorn something into a BOS meeting. Ms. Warren will arrange something with Mr. Finn.

Mr. Finn would like to increase use of the production space in Town Hall. This will be pursued further.

- Ms. Ness is in favor of inviting department heads and committees to visit BOS meetings to keep everyone up to date on the activities/ concerns.
- Historical Commission - The Commission would like to install secure display cabinets in Town Hall to hold exhibits. They would be located between posts facing the entry to the building. The Board was receptive to the idea. Ms. Warren will follow-up on this.
- The financial committee will meet tomorrow.
- Executive Assistant interviews will be held tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 4: pm.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn the meeting. Signing of warrants # W15-09 will be signed as soon as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Phelps

Document list: BOH minutes 10-22-2014  
BOH decision re: pipeline