

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chair; Robert M. Condon, Clerk; Brian Connors; George G. Samia, Town Administrator; Catherine Johnson, Adm. Asst.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Chairman Crowley reported on an issue that came up after the agenda was published. The topic Chairman Crowley reported on was the Management Representation letter requested by the auditors, as the last piece of the audit that the Town has to provide. Chairman Crowley explained that the purpose of the letter is to confirm that the Town is responsible for preparation of the financial statements and the contents of the information therein.

Chairman Crowley explained that it came to the Board of Selectmen's office about a month ago for signature by the Chairman of the Board and explained that nobody on the Board actually works on it; that the people of the financial team do the financial reporting of the transactions during the year and work with auditors to complete the audit and the statement had been signed by each of those people; the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, the Town Administrator, the School Business Manager and the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Crowley further explained that the letter came to the Board for the chairman's signature about a month ago and that Mr. Condon asked that Chairman Crowley hold off signing the letter until the Board could confirm an appointment for an Exit Interview with the auditors; that appointment was confirmed and Chairman Crowley stated that he then signed the letter. Chairman Crowley explained the he signed the letter, being that it does not commit the Town in any way to anything financially or contractually or authorize any payment.

M/Crowley, s/Connors, in full disclosure, that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Management Representation letter.

Oppose: Condon

Mr. Condon requested discussion on the matter explaining that he was very concerned about the afore-mentioned letter; that he requested the signing be put off, not for the scheduling of the matter, but for a chance to sit down with the auditors and walk through the financial statements.

Mr. Condon stated that the signing of the letter without his consent was very concerning to him.

A brief discussion between the Board and the Town Administrator was held with regards to the signing of the Management Representation letter for the auditors.

Public Hearing

Class II license Application
George Haddad
96 North Bedford Street

Mr. George Haddad was present to request a Class II License from the Board of Selectmen

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the request of George Haddad of 96 North Bedford Street for a Class II License, pending the approval of the Police department.

Public Hearing

Transfer of a Restaurant All Alcoholic License as follows:

From: Patriot Pub LLC dba The Full House Grill
Claudio DiLetizia, Manager

To: Full House Grill, LLC
Laura Powers, Manager

Premises: 225 Bedford Street

Ms. Laura Powers was present to request a transfer of the Restaurant All Alcoholic License for Patriot Pub LLC dba The Full House Grill at 225 Bedford Street.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Laura Powers, Manager to transfer the Restaurant All Alcoholic License as described above, pending the approval of the Police department.

Action Items

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes from July 9, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the the reappointment of John Haines as the Supervisor of Pest Control Management for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Kevin Marchant as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of John B. Morawski as a member of the Council on Aging for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Denise L. Clifford as a member of the Council on Aging for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Charles Francis as a member of the Patriotic Activities Committee for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Dominic Marini as the Plymouth County Extension Service, Trustee for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Kathleen Signori of the East Bridgewater Support Our Troops for permission for use of the Town Hall parking lot for annual Support Our Troops road race on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, with discussion, to table the request from a resident at 202 Crescent Street for a streetlight on Crescent Street near their home, until clarification is made on the address of the request.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, with discussion, approve the request from the Town of West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen for permission to use the Town of East Bridgewater's Fuel Depot during the time that their facility will be undergoing major upgrades and repairs.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia informed the Board of a necessary meeting with Senior Center Building Committee and the Council on Aging regarding their proposed usages of the Center at Sachem Rock Farm.

Mr. Samia reported on the completion of the Bridge Street project.

Board Discussion

Chairman Crowley reported on an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by a citizen to the Attorney General's office referring to the last Board of Selectmen meeting where comments were made by a Board of Selectmen member on a subject that was not posted on the agenda and also referred to a personnel matter. Chairman Crowley explained that the procedure to follow, as advised by Town Counsel, is for each Board member to write a short summary, to submit to the Town Administrator to draft a response to the Attorney General along with Town Counsel.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, to instruct the Town Administrator to work with Town Counsel to prepare a package in response to the resident's complaint on the Open Meeting Law complaint.

Mr. Condon expressed his concerns with Board communications.

Mr. John Silva of 65 Stonegate Drive was present to inquire about Police Chief John Silva's employment contract.

M/Condon, s/Connors, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Crowley, Condon, Connors; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Board of Selectmen Clerk