

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chairman; Martin Crowley, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Gloria Mitchell, Senior Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Robert Charles, Veteran's Agent, gave thanks to all that supported and participated in the Field of Flags and the Veteran's Day Parade.

Joe Dutcher, Southeastern Regional School Committee Representative for East Bridgewater, spoke about the 33 Million Dollar renovation that has been completed at Southeastern Regional School. The open house is scheduled for November 23, 2013 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Phillip Woolf, East Bridgewater Fire Department, spoke about the Toys for Tots Program. Items that are collected will be given to families in the East Bridgewater Community.

Leon Litchfield of 788 Bridge Street spoke of the danger of the intersection of Bridge Street and Plymouth Street in East Bridgewater and asked the Selectmen to do something about it.

Glenn Tattrie, Finance Committee Chairman, asked the Selectmen what is the process of appointing members to the Finance Committee. Brian Connors described the process.

Public Hearing

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote to open Public Hearing.

TRANSFER OF THE RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE AS FOLLOWS:

From: Heather's Place, Inc.
Heather Burnham, Manager

To: Vallarelli Group, Inc. dba Johnny Macaroni's Two
John Vallarelli, Manager

Premises: 1300 Plymouth Street
Premises comprising of a one story building with storage in cellar, dining room, tap room and kitchen.

There was not anyone present for the Hearing and there was not any public comment.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote to continue the Hearing until the next meeting which is December 2, 2013.

Appointment

Daniel Pallotta, Chairman Plymouth County Commissioners and Sandra Wright, Plymouth County Commissioner: gave an introduction and explanation of Plymouth County Commissioners. The Commissioners also asked for support from the Town for Bill 2516 which is a grant that would benefit the Town. The Commissioners want the Town to know that they are there to help the Town if needed.

Public Hearing

M/Connors, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote to open Public Hearing.

Follow up hearing regarding dog incident that occurred on July 21, 2013 and August 23, 2013 at 142 Chestnut Street, East Bridgewater.

Annie Brown, Animal Control Officer, gave account of phone call that was received on October 31, 2013 informing her that the dog was still at the Preble residence. The Animal Control Officer made attempts to contact the Prebles without any success regarding the incidents and the vaccination of the dogs.

Florence Davidson gave testimony of the incidents that occurred on July 21, 2013 and August 23, 2013.

Eva Santilli of 45 Harmony Crossing gave testimony of the incidents that occurred on July 21, 2013 and August 23, 2013.

George LaPine of 142 Chestnut Street gave testimony of the incident that occurred on October 31, 2013 where the dog was let out of the back yard. Mr. LaPine also gave testimony on the incident that occurred on August 23, 2013.

Alyssa Davidson of 71 N. Central Street gave testimony of the incident that occurred on August 23, 2013.

Attorney John Clifford, Town Counsel, informed the Selectmen of the statutory requirements. Attorney Clifford informed the Selectmen that they cannot banish the dogs from the Town. The Selectmen's actions are to: determine if the dog(s) are dangerous; then determine if they want to require the owner to have additional insurance, build a better more expensive structure or have the dogs destroyed.

The Animal Control Office deems the dog that went after Mr. LaPine dangerous. Ms. Brown recommends that the dogs be given to the custody of the Animal Control Officer for evaluation.

June McLellan of 32 Flint Road, Brockton, gave testimony of the incident that occurred on August 23, 2013.

Attorney Clifford suggested that the Selectmen deem all of the dogs on the property as dangerous and to continue the Hearing where in that the Preble's have to give custody of the dogs to the Animal Control Officer.

Ms. Brown would also like to ask if the Preble's do not have the dogs in their possession she needs to know where these dogs are.

M/Sheedy, s/Crowley, unanimous vote to deem all dogs at the Preble property as dangerous. M/Sheedy, s/Crowley, unanimous vote to continue the Hearing in seven days and to order the property owners to give custody of the dogs to the Animal Control Officer for evaluation.

Action Items

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Kathleen Ferranti as member of the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of John Ward as member of the Finance Committee effective immediately through June 30, 2015.

M/Crowley, to approve the request for Change of Manager of Restaurant All Alcoholic License of The Montana Group dba Johnny Macaroni's located at 582 West Street from John E. Vallarelli, Mgr. to Christopher J. Vallarelli, Mgr. Mr. Sheedy recommended to table this item until the next meeting due to the fact that the Transfer of the All Alcohol License has been continued until December 2, 2013.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the policy to prohibit smoking on any Town owned grounds.

Town Administrator Report

George Samia, Town Administrator, spoke about the tax rate hearing that is coming up which will determine some budget items.

Board Discussion

Martin Crowley recommended that the Selectmen continue the meeting schedule as every other Monday and change the time to 6:30 p.m. starting January 1, 2014.

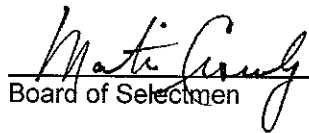
Mr. Crowley mentioned that the Town Hall roof repair is almost complete and thanked Brian Kiely, Facilities Maintenance Manager, for all his hard work.

Mr. Crowley also mentioned that the Lady Vikings Soccer team had a great season and wanted to congratulate them.

M/Sheedy, s/Crowley, motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen