

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator; Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.

Myles Heger of the Republican Town Committee was present to announce the date of Candidates night as April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room at Town Hall and the Town Election being held on April 11, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as well as the opportunity for the candidates to film a Public Service Announcement about their candidacy by calling Russ or Anne at EBCTV to set up an appointment

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

APPOINTMENT

Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell, was present for the signing of a three year employment contract between herself and the Town.

Chairman Crowley reported on a brief but productive negotiation with Ms. Tirrell; explaining the Board was happy to have Ms. Tirrell stay and Ms. Tirrell was happy to stay and explained to the public that the Board always signs employment contracts in Open Session. Chairman Crowley stated that the employment contract between Ms. Tirrell and the Town was a three year contract beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Clerk Sheedy expressed his appreciation to Ms. Tirrell. Mr. Dowling stated that Ms. Tirrell has always been available to him whenever he had a question or concern about accounts or funds.

Ms. Tirrell explained she always tries to accommodate and make sure everything runs smoothly.

Town Administrator George Samia stated that Ms. Tirrell was part of a great financial team in Town.

PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor Law Violation Hearing

Chufila Inc. dba Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
Joel Ramirez, Manager
Premises: 34 Bedford Street

The Board of Selectmen will hear reports and testimony on the following violation: Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 138, s.34 – Sales of Alcoholic Beverages; 1 count to a minor

Police Chief Cowan was present to give the Board an overview of the events which occurred on November 21, 2014, where two establishments in town failed their liquor compliance checks. Chief Cowan explained that the two licensees had been in to his office to discuss the violations and have since completed their 2-day suspensions as directed.

Detective Grillo was present to give testimony on the events of November 21, 2014, when the above-listed establishment failed their liquor compliance check, for a second time, by serving alcohol to a minor sent in by the Police Department.

Joel Ramirez, Manager of the Fiesta Mexican Restaurant was present to ensure the Board of his understanding of the seriousness of a second offense and stated that he has taken steps to eradicate the problem in his establishment of serving alcohol to minors.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to suspend the alcohol license for Fiesta Mexican Restaurant for two days, with a warning that the third violation will result in a permanent suspension.

PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor Law Violation Hearing

Frank's Café & Coffee House dba The Mockingbird Restaurant
Kelly J. Cannizzaro, Manager
Premises: 838 North Bedford Street

The Board of Selectmen will hear reports and testimony on the following violation: Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 138, s.34 – Sales of Alcoholic Beverages; 1 count to a minor

Detective Grillo was present to give testimony on the events of November 21, 2014, when the above-listed establishment failed their liquor compliance check, for a second time, by serving alcohol to a minor sent in by the Police Department.

Frank Cannizzaro, owner of the Mockingbird Restaurant was present to ensure the Board of his understanding of the seriousness of a second offense and stated that he has taken steps to eradicate the problem in his establishment of serving alcohol to minors.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to suspend the alcohol license for The Mockingbird Restaurant for two days, with a warning that the third violation will result in a permanent suspension.

APPOINTMENT

Michelle Newcomb and Chuck Patterson from Batholomew & Co, Inc., were present to give a presentation on Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Action Items

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting.

M/Sheedy, S/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the recommendation of the Council on Aging to appoint Rosemary Saccocia to the Council on Aging effective immediately through June 30, 2016 and Michael Power effective immediately through June 30, 2017.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm



Clerk
Board of Selectmen