Board of Selectmen Minutes Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:00PM Town Hall Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair, Marie Sobalvarro in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Stu Sklar, Ron Ricci, Lucy Wallace and Leo Blair were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan.

MINUTES

On a Wallace/Blair motion the Board voted to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013, with one minor change.

On a Wallace/Ricci motion the Board voted to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 as submitted.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

On a Ricci/Wallace motion the Board voted to set a public hearing for November 5, 2013 at 7:15 PM to entertain a license request for a public entertainment license for the Chapman/Ruze residence for 42 Willow Road.

APPOINTMENTS

On a Wallace/Ricci motion the Board voted unanimously to appoint Cantina Hayden to the Harvard Cultural Council for a 2 year term.

On a Wallace/Ricci motion the Board voted to appoint three Bromfield students: Katrina George, Kathryn Hodskins and Kevin Seery to the Ambulance Service. The Board also appointed Brian Lipomi, who has completed his EMT-B training and will begin driver training once appointed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator, Tim Bragan informed the Board that he had a request for the Board members personal e-mail addresses. Lucy Wallace's preference was for her telephone number to be given out; Ron Ricci preferred his town e-mail address be used, while the rest of Board provided their personal e-mail address.

Tim Bragan read a letter from a resident requesting that Halloween be moved to the nearest Saturday, making it easier for working families to participate in trick-or-treating. The Board members did not feel the necessity to change the day for Halloween at this time.

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Tim Bragan referred to an appointment request for a Special Officer and reported to the Board that the officer suggested for the position does not qualify.

The Town Administrator reported that there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss ongoing and potential litigation.

SURPLUS MATERIALS

Rich Nota, Public Works Department, presented a request to dispose of surplus earthen material, approximately 13 cubic yards of fill. He informed the Board that although he does not believe the material to have any value, he would first put the material up for bid, and after those interested had the opportunity to bid he would then randomly give the fill away.

On a Wallace/Sklar motion the Board voted to approve the disposal of the fill as outlined by Rich Nota.

HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGNAGE

The Board reviewed the request from Mr. and Mrs. Evans of 85 Old Littleton Road for permission to post a driveway entrance/exit sign. The Board members agreed that there was a need for such a sign and approved the installation of the sign and or mirror at the expense of the owners.

CHANGE OF SEWER USE

The Board members reviewed and discussed the request of Change of Sewer Use for the Town General Store.

On a Wallace/Sklar motion the Board voted unanimously to approve the change of sewer use as long as the total water use of the Premises does not exceed 750 gallons in any 24 hour period.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Chairperson, Marie Sobalvarro, explained that she would like to review each article one at a time with board members expressing their concerns/comments.

Article #1 – Town Hall Building Project

Board members were split (3 in favor, 2 against) in support of this article, Ricci and Blair opposed to recommending article as submitted.

Article #2, 4, 5

Articles inserted by petition, Board has no barring on articles.

Article #3- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Community Solar On a Wallace/Sklar motion Board voted to support article.

Lucy Wallace will speak at town meeting.

Article #6 – Grant Utility Easement to MA Electric Company for Town Hall On a Wallace/Sklar motion Board voted to support article. Leo Blair will speak at town meeting.

Article #7 – Authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease property Board members were split (3, 2 against) in support of article. Stu Sklar will speak at town meeting

Article #8 – Replenish Rantoul Trust Fund
On a Ricci/Sklar motion Board voted to support the article as submitted.
Ron Ricci will speak at town meeting

Article #9 – Amend Dog Bylaw to Increase Penalty Board members were split (3-2 against) in support of this article.

Article #10 – Amend Chpt. 13 of General Bylaws – Bare Hill Pond, Section 13-2 Access On a Sklar/Ricci motion the board voted to support the article. Leo Blair will speak at town meeting.

Article #11 – Harvard Cable Television Committee Request for Funds On a Sklar/Ricci motion the Board voted (Wallace abstained) to support the article. Stu Sklar will speak at town meeting

Article #12 = Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers Planning Board article.

MISCELLANIOUS ISSUES

Tim Bragan reported that he was working with the Historical Commission as well as the insurance company on the damages at the Powder House.

Tim Bragan informed the Board that the Regional Dispatch should be up and running October 22, 2013.

9:06 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Ricci made the motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with the MGL, Chapter 39, 23B, to Discuss Ongoing and Potential Litigation, for which 48 hours notice has been given, to return to open session only to adjourn.

Roll Call: Sobalvarro – aye, Wallace – aye, Ricci – aye, Sklar – aye, Blair – aye.

9:23 PM RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 PM at which time on a Wallace/Ricci motion the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED