

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Minutes

Date: September 3, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: O'Connor, Kupcinkas, O'Connell, Bartosiewicz, Girard, Hebert

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to accept the minutes of June 18, 2013 as written. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Girard to pay \$204.00 to the Association of Town Finance Committees for annual dues from account number 01-131-5780-0000. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: The reason for this meeting is that Jen and Dan wanted to discuss the financial impact of a Slots Parlor in Millbury if it approved by the ballot. The State still has to approve this. The timing of the Slots Parlor is December. The State will issue 1 Slots Parlor in Massachusetts and 3 Casinos. They also need a special permit from the Planning Board. Rush Gaming would still have to apply to the Gaming Commission.

Michael O'Connor handed out the Host Agreement to the Committee and the Committee discussed it.

Michael O'Connor: The total impact report won't be ready until September 16 at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. A decision from the Townspeople would have to be made between September 16 and September 24. I made up my own report to discuss tonight. I did meet with Chief Howell and Sgt Desourcy last week to get their input on the impact this would have on their department. They are down 7 officers right now. The Town agreed to get his department up to 26 people over time. If this facility goes in, the need for the 26 officers starts the day the parlor opens. The Chief would need \$800,000 to meet this number. I spoke to Dave Rudge, Fire Chief, and he said the he would need traffic control hardware so that the public safety people can change the lights in an emergency. This would cost \$40,000-\$50,000. He doesn't need anything else. He may need to increase the EMT's and ambulances. Those are the key parts of public safety.

Steve Hebert: Does Brian have an opinion on the finances involved with this?

Michael O'Connor: There are 5 pieces of property. I asked what the property tax loss would be and did not get an answer. I figure about \$40,000-\$50,000. The Planning Board has a lot of responsibility on this.

Daniel Girard: If the Planning Board does not pass this, is it done?

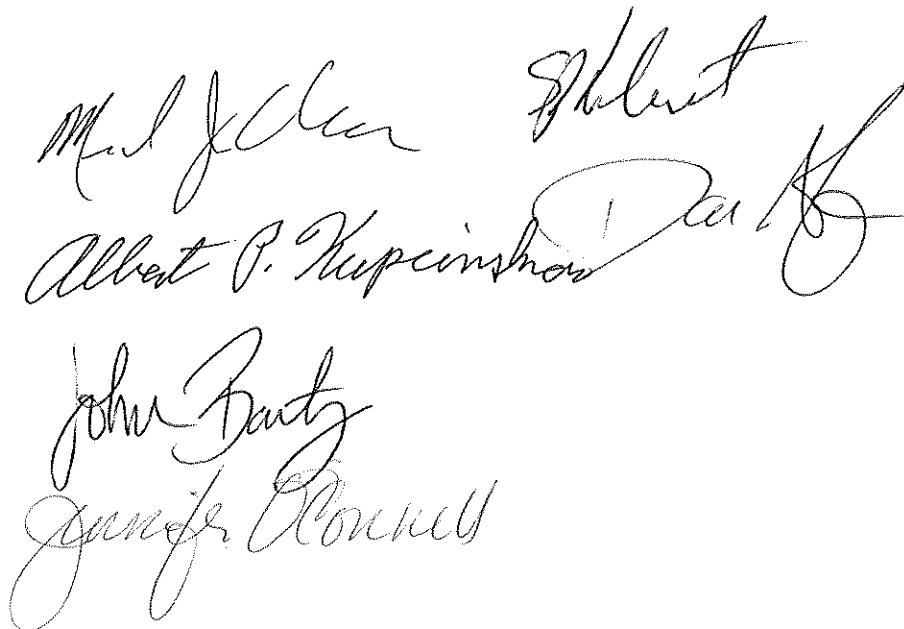
Michael O'Connor: If the Planning Board says no, then Rush Gaming would be beyond the window of mitigation. I would expect a decision from the Planning Board before the September 24<sup>th</sup> vote. I assume they would make a decision at their next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday.

Jennifer O'Connell: Does the \$1.25 Million go into the General Fund?

Michael O'Connor: It has not been finalized yet. How it gets filtered into the General Fund has not been figured out yet.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is September 16, 2013. The Planning Board will meet next Monday.

Motioned by Kupcinskis, seconded by Bartosiewicz to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Unanimous.


  
 Michael O'Connor      Daniel Girard
   
 Albert P. Kupcinskis      Jennifer O'Connell
   
 John Bartz