

November 4, 2002

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

Present:     Arnold Wilson, Chairman  
              Charles Blanchard  
              George Dib  
              Hal White  
              Doris Sosik  
              James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Wilson presented a proclamation to Lorraine Murawski, Town Clerk, to congratulate her for having been accepted into the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Master Municipal Clerk Academy and for having received the Certified Municipal Clerk Award.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:   To approve the minutes of October 21, 2002 as corrected,  
              by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:   H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Police Chief Thomas Button -- Monthly Report**

Chief Button read his report to the Board (copy on file). The Sturbridge Police Department received a Request For Proposal for FY03 Community Policing money. The award amount is \$10,000 and requires no matching funds. Sgt. Curboy attended a Request For Proposal workshop for a traffic enforcement project grant on two types of funding through the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau: Overtime enforcement up to \$4,800 and equipment up to \$3,000. The Sturbridge Police Dept. received this grant, which will allow for enforcement of speed, safety belts and drunk driving laws during six separate enforcement times chosen by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

Sgt. Curboy and Sgt. Ford attended the Cops More Technology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, for which they paid their own expenses. The purpose of the conference was to share technology information. Sgt. Curboy attended the Dept. of Justice Information Technology Seminar in

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Washington, DC, of which only 30 police departments were invited to attend. Sgt. Curboy obtained technology software which is being used in Broward County for critical emergency response relative to incidents at schools, known as Operation Safe Schools. This software will be adapted to meet agency and school needs, and was paid for by federal funds. Every patrol car will have a copy of the logistics CD, with aerial digital photos, interior and exterior digital photos and floor plans of the schools, which will be a valuable tool in responding to an incident quickly and efficiently. It will include a list of hospitals within the agency jurisdiction. The information will be shared with all of the area towns within the Tantasqua region and the state police and federal law enforcement. There will also be information about rally points, contacts, a map of the area showing critical intersections to be shut down, and an alternate command post. Chief Button said that Rosemary Joseph will prepare a plan for this program.

The Citizens Police Academy will hold a graduation ceremony on November 21<sup>st</sup> at Old Sturbridge Village Meetinghouse at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Fire Chief Leonard Senecal – Monthly Report**

Chief Senecal read his report to the Board (copy on file). Two of the firefighters, Matthew Roderick and David Peterkin are taking an 11-week mandatory course at the State Fire Academy, at the end of which they will take a federal test for certification. This month the Sturbridge Fire Dept. will host an automatic sprinkler system course by the State Fire Marshall on November 13<sup>th</sup>. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the firefighters will take a large diameter hose class. The Fire Dept. took part in disaster training at Hyde Manufacturing Co. in Southbridge on October 20<sup>th</sup>, working with Harrington Hospital staff.

The Horribles Parade on Halloween was a successful event, with about 400 people in attendance.

#### **George's Pizza – New Wine and Malt License**

**MOTION:** To continue the hearing until later, by G. Dib.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** H. White  
**Vote:** All in favor.

#### **Mary MacInness, Worcester Regional Transit Authority**

Mary MacInness, Administrator of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, appeared before the Board. She said that last year there were 3,800 trips in Sturbridge provided by SCM Elderbus. The WRTA has an Advisory Board made up of members of each community, and the Board approves service changes, budget, fare increases, and the appointment of the administrator. She noted that recently there has not been a representative from Sturbridge on the Advisory Board.

**George's Pizza – New Wine and Malt License**

**MOTION: To continue the public hearing, by G. Dib.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

Attorney Nickolas Moudios, Chrysanthi Pirperis and Dimitrios Voyiatzis appeared before the Board. Atty. Moudios explained that they rented a vacant store next to the restaurant in order to increase the size of the restaurant.

**MOTION: To grant a restaurant, wine and malt liquor license to George's Pizza, with hours of operation 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, by D. Sosik.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**Special Town Meeting**

**MOTION: To set a Special Town Meeting for December 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.; the warrant will close on December 2, 2002, by G. Dib.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**Charter Communications Bond**

**MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to execute the Rider to the Franchise Performance Bond dated 10/17/02, by D. Sosik.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Dib**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**Sewer Issues**

Regarding Amendment #1, the issue at 4 Leslie Lane was that the resident had initially wanted the grinder pump to be located in his leach field, then agreed to allow it to be installed next to his house, and after the piping and housing for the pump were installed, he insisted that it be moved back into the leach field. Jeff Bouyea, the resident engineer on the project, had Ludlow Construction re-install the grinder pump in the original location. J. Malloy told Jay O'Reilly that the resident engineer should have contacted either Mr. Malloy or Greg Morse for direction. Ludlow Construction performed the work as directed, and should be paid for this item. J. Malloy said that Tighe & Bond agreed to pay \$16,800 for the phase converters.

**MOTION: To approve to pay the additional \$1,054.85 to Ludlow Construction, by H. White.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Dib**

**Vote: Four in favor; C. Blanchard opposed.**

J. Malloy will report back to the Board in two weeks regarding this matter.

### **Resignation**

**MOTION: To accept the resignation of Rob Wheaton from the Planning Board, with regret, by D. Sosik.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Dib**

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Vacation**

J. Malloy informed the Board that he plans to take vacation time during Thanksgiving week. Greg Morse will be Acting Town Administrator.

### **Saturday Work Session**

J. Malloy said that a summary of the work session with Jeff Nutting will be completed within the next few days.

### **Old Business**

G. Dib asked about the status of line painting on Holland Road. J. Malloy said that he would look into it.

G. Dib said that Mr. DeStefano will arrange to have a current report from the Burgess Negotiating Committee forwarded to him.

G. Dib announced that the School Regionalization Committee will be re-forming and will meet again before Christmas.

C. Blanchard said that according to the Design Review Committee, Thomas Petrofsky has sketches of possible improvements to the Fiskdale Route 20 area for consideration. He suggested that the Board ask Mr. Petrofsky to come in to review his ideas.

### **New Business**

C. Blanchard suggested that information on the winter parking ban be posted on the public notice board on the Town's Website and on the cable channel.

C. Blanchard announced that the polls will be open on election day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Burgess Elementary School.

A. Wilson noted that the Town Planner had said that Mass. Highway Dept. granted a curb cut to the Boardwalk shopping area. The Board of Selectmen had asked Mass. Highway to notify them whenever they receive an application for a curb cut. He suggested that a letter be sent to Mass. Highway about that issue, and the Board should review the plans of the Boardwalk curb cut.

A. Wilson said that there are plans for installation of a pump for water at the Senior Center which are tied to the two plans to widen the intersection at Arnold Road, requiring the granting of an easement from the Senior Center, brought up by Robert Moss and the Planning Board.

J. Malloy said that he had spoken with the Town's insurance company, and they indicated that they are in the process of reviewing the claim to determine whether the Town has any liability. Mr. Malloy will update the Board when more information is available.

### **Ask the Selectmen**

There were no calls.

**MOTION: To adjourn, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date