

November 18, 2002

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2002**

Present: Arnold Wilson, President
 Charles Blanchard
 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.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 4, 2002 as amended,
 by D. Sosik.
 2nd: H. White
 Vote: All in favor.

Rovezzi's Restaurant – Change of Location

Christopher Rovezzi appeared before the Board. Rovezzi's Restaurant will move to 2 School Street, which is the former location of the Fiskdale Village Tavern.

MOTION: To grant the change of location on the liquor license for
 Rovezzi's Restaurant as requested, by C. Blanchard.
 2nd: D. Sosik
 Vote: All in favor.

Sprint Spectrum

Attorney Dan Finnegan represented Sprint Spectrum. They submitted revised plans for the cell antennae on the St. Anne's water tower. Greg Morse, DPW Director, submitted his comments on the design proposal (copy on file), indicating that the new design provides better physical separation of utility lines. The design utilizes an underground power and telephone feed from the intersection of Church Street and Parish Center Drive. He suggested that the proponents discuss the use of the existing access drive to the tank site with the church. He expressed concern about pavement restoration, since some of that area is in very good shape and poor restoration would prove a hardship.

The Board had questions relative to structural integrity and whether there would be damage to the inside coating. It was the consensus of the Board that they provide a presentation giving more information about the attachment mechanism, the impact on the tank, and what success they have had in other locations. Greg Morse should also be involved. D. Finnegan said that he would gather materials and information from the engineer and come back before the Board on December 2nd.

Surplus Equipment Bids

MOTION: To award the bid for the 1988 Pickup w/Fisher Plow VIN #2GTFK24KXJ1580925 to Don Mapplebeck for \$396, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To award the bid for a calculator to J. Malloy for \$1, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik.

Vote: All in favor.

Senior Municipal Service Program

MOTION: To approve the Senior Municipal Service Program for Rita Choquet to work with the Board of Health issuing Recycling Center Permits, by D. Sosik.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Arnold Road Water Booster Station

Robert Moss appeared before the Board. He proposed to extend water to his two subdivisions on Arnold Road, and submitted plans that were reviewed by the Planning Board. As part of extending water service, he is required to install a water pressure booster pump station to ensure that the water pressure meets state requirements. He has designed the water booster station at the Senior Center. Greg Morse, DPW Director, reviewed the plans and expressed concern that the increased water pressure in Arnold Road could damage the old water main in Arnold Road. Mr. Moss agreed to a \$20,000 performance bond to cover any repair work that may be required.

R. Moss said that when tests were done by a pressure testing company, Greg Morse witnessed both sets of tests and determined that the flow was inadequate. A booster station would not work if there is not enough water to boost, so they proposed moving it to the bottom of the hill, which would increase the pressure. The increased water pressure will benefit the residents on Arnold Road who currently have insufficient water pressure.

R. Moss said that the emergency generator would only be heard during power outages. He will send the plans to Mass. Electric.

MOTION: To approve the location of the water booster station at the Senior Center as proposed by Robert Moss, with the requirements of the bond per the plans as revised on September 3, 2002, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

A.Wilson asked whether the Planning Board's decision regarding water service to the two subdivisions was contingent upon the developer owning the water booster station or the Town owning it. R. Moss said that the developer owns it until the Town accepts the roads in the subdivisions. The water booster station would be transferred to the Town at the same time that the roads are transferred at Town Meeting. The developer will pay for any maintenance for the first couple of years.

MOTION: To grant a water line extension to allow both subdivisions to be tied into Town water, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

A.Wilson said that it should be conveyed to the Planning Board that all E-1 grinder pumps would be the responsibility of the Town. C. Blanchard suggested that the Town stock pile replacement units in order to ensure that they remain operative. A.Wilson noted that the Town has an emergency generator. He said that Mr. Moss would have to apply to the Board and to Mass. Highway Dept. for the curb cuts. He recommended that the Board review the traffic study, get a opinion from CME relative to the section layout, and get input from the Senior Center. J. Malloy suggested reviewing the Planning Board minutes on the public hearing, and he will discuss the matter with Larry Adams. R. Moss agreed to give the traffic study to J. Malloy. D. Sosik offered to talk to the seniors and Barbara Search. R. Moss will return to discuss the issue in March 2003.

Arthur Mitchell Betterment Assessment

Arthur Mitchell had submitted a letter requesting an appeal of the betterment assessment for 77 Fairview Park Road, indicating that it has been deemed unbuildable due to wetlands and the Tennessee gas pipeline. The property is assessed by the Board of Assessors as a buildable lot. Mr. Mitchell offered to donate the land to the town for open space, at no cost to the town. Mr. Malloy considered it a good idea to ensure that the property is not developed, to keep some open space in the area. He forwarded Mr. Mitchell's offer on the property to the Conservation Commission and will update the Board when they have responded. Mark Lev will make a determination on whether it is a buildable lot. It was the consensus of the Board to hold action pending more information. J. Malloy will report back to the Board on December 2nd.

Old Business

A. Wilson announced that the state has a Casino Gaming Commission, and asked whether the Board wanted to communicate with the Commission. C. Blanchard suggested finding out when they are scheduled to hold their Western Massachusetts meeting, and he thought it would be a good idea to send some input. H. White suggested the Board convey that thought to Rep. Hillman and Senator Brewer.

A. Wilson asked about the status of the Hall Road pump station with DEP, as to whether they have rendered a decision. J. Malloy said that they were preparing a letter to send to the Board approving the modification of the Hobbs Brook pump station, then they realized that the force main was installed without a permit. Jay O'Reilly of Tighe and Bond received a call from DEP. They want to tie in the permit process for the additional force main to the approval to the Hobbs Brook pump station, which will set it back a few months. Mr. Malloy will find out the status of the situation.

New Business

C. Blanchard asked about the status of Jeff Nutting's summary. J. Malloy said that he had received a letter, but had not forwarded it to the Board yet.

A. Wilson announced that the Citizens Police Academy will hold their graduation ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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A.Wilson announced the MMA Regional Update Meeting on November 20th in Marlborough and November 21st in Holyoke.

MOTION: To adjourn, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date