

June 27, 2011

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2011**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman  
Mary Dowling  
Mary Blanchard  
Priscilla Gimas  
Angeline Ellison  
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

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

**The Winebuyer's Outlet – Change of Manager on Liquor License**

Peter Sagansky and Stephen Cole of the Winebuyer's Outlet appeared before the Board.

**MOTION: That the Board approve the Change of Manager to Stephen Cole on the liquor license for the Winebuyer's Outlet as per their application, by M. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas**

**Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent**

A. Ellison arrived at 6:37 p.m.

**MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph#3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; and Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate; to reconvene in open session, by M. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas**

**Roll call vote: M. Dowling in favor; T. Creamer in favor; A. Ellison in favor; P. Gimas in favor; M. Blanchard in favor.**

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:20 p.m.

**Commercial Tourist Revitalization Plan**

Jean Bubon, Town Planner, appeared before the Board. She reviewed the June 23, 2011 letter regarding the Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Plan, to document the meeting held with MassDOT on April 29, 2011. The document also served as a general outline of tasks that must be completed by the Department, and those that need input and guidance from either the Town Administrator and/or Board of Selectmen, prior to moving forward. She said that

the Town would need to develop a design plan for the district showing all of the proposed improvements and that the plan should break the work into manageable sections or phases. She noted that it is unlikely that this project would be funded by MassDOT; however, portions may be able to be funded through the new MassWorks program. She said that the MassWorks Infrastructure Program represents an administrative consolidation of the following six grant programs:

1. Public Works Economic Development (PWED) Grants
2. Community Development Action Grants (CDAG)
3. Growth District Initiative (GDI) Grants
4. Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE)
5. Small Town Rural Assistance Program (STRAP)
6. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program

J. Bubon said that there will be \$50.75 million allocated per year for all six programs. She noted that the Patrick/Murray administration wants the funding to be awarded to transportation and other infrastructure investment projects that are consistent with the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles and projects that are ready to proceed, so although the program guidelines are still being finalized, if the Town hopes to apply for these funds, it must invest in a plan for the District.

T. Creamer asked whether the goals on page 40 of the plan were consistent. J. Bubon said that they were. She noted that Mass DOT would honor the curb cuts.

J. Bubon addressed issues raised by the Board and the Town Administrator, such as parking and the need to purchase land for parking, and tax incentives for pocket parks.

### **Town Counsel**

Joel Bard of Kopelman and Paige appeared before the Board. There was a lengthy discussion about the AAB application for Town Hall. The Board and J. Bard engaged in brief discussion over the Shepard parcel and its status. J. Bard said that the Article 97 vote would ensure the process.

**MOTION: That the Board direct Town Counsel to pursue Article 97 protection, by M. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimás**

**Vote: All in favor.**

Regarding the Shepard parcel, J. Bard suggested that Carol Childress and Erin Jacque, Conservation Agent, meet with the Board of Selectmen.

### **South Shore Drive**

Greg Morse, DPW Director, discussed the drainage issue at South Shore Drive. He noted that there was \$5,000 available for private roads. Dr. Peter Levine said that the situation has become worse.

It was determined that all affected abutters on South Shore Drive would need to sign off; private road guidance should be provided to all; the Board of Health should be consulted regarding the definition of "clogged"; the material in the trench should be removed.

**MOTION:** To obtain a written report regarding the history of the situation; the Conservation Commission, DPW and Town Counsel should be consulted regarding what could legally be done by the Town on a private road, by M. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas

**Vote:** Four in favor; T. Creamer opposed.

**MOTION:** That the pipe be cleaned as a short-term solution, by A. Ellison.

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas

**Vote:** Four in favor; T. Creamer opposed.

### **Appointments**

S. Suhoski had provided the Board with the annotated language of the June 6, 2011 Annual Town Meeting amendment to the STA bylaw. Based upon his reading of the plain language in the amendment, the entire membership of the committee was intended to be vacated with new appointments for varying terms made under the new language.

**MOTION:** That the Board of Selectmen ratify the Town Administrator's appointments to the Sturbridge Tourist Association:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
Brian Amedy	Hotel/Motel B&B (2-yr)	2013
Kevin MacConnell	Hotel/Motel B&B (1-yr)	2012
Jessica Dymon	Resident at Large (3-yr)	2014
Jennifer Lundwall	Resident at Large (2-yr)	2013

By M. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas

**Vote:** All in favor.

**MOTION:** To reconvene in executive session, by M. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Creamer

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**Roll call vote: M. Dowling in favor; T. Creamer in favor; A. Ellison in favor; P. Gimás in favor; M. Blanchard in favor.**

The Board reconvened in executive session at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date