

Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017

Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch

Others in Attendance: Finance Committee members: D. Murphy, F. Mozea, E. Crowe; B. Duby, J. Wissemann, Cub Scouts and Leaders

Absent: T. Fydenkevez

Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

Cub Scouts Pack 8 came before the Board expressing interest to perform Community Service in Town. They suggest planting flower bulbs in or near the current garden beds on Rt. 116 and Rt. 47 and also at the Town Park to commemorate the Town's 300th Anniversary next year. The Board expressed gratitude of the interest for the town and note permission would need to be granted by the MassDOT to plant on those state roads. Board members thanked the Troop for donating the bulbs and their time and encouraged them to keep volunteering and participating in community events.

David and Jess Wissemann requested a One-day Liquor License for a Beer Tasting Maze Event on 10/27/17 from 6-9PM. 5 breweries and 1 cider will be offering tastings throughout the Maze which will be a closed advanced ticket purchase and they expect approximately 300 guests. Mr. Bergeron Motion to grant One-day Liquor License request, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 2-0.

Reviewed Special Town Meeting warrant articles with the Finance Committee for meeting scheduled 10/30/17 at 7PM.

- Article 1 – G. Briere gave an overview on behalf of the Community Pathways Committee. The goal is more pathways connecting to the riverfront, boat launch project and ball fields with landscape architect. PARC grant will assist with funding – grant required a much larger master plan to include parking improvements. At this time, the committee is pursuing a smaller phase 1 proposal. A skeleton riverfront pathway access has elicited concerns and no final decisions have been made. The proposal is a concept and final designs would be put forward for a vote to the community. Further review would be required for emergency, bicycle, pedestrian, and parking components. First step of the process is authorization from the town and then determine further once it is learned what grant funds are awarded. CPA matching funds would be sought at the April 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Tours of the area will be offered this Saturday, October 28th from 10am-11am, starting at the Town Office Building. This project ties into the Complete Streets vision and goal. Mr. Bergeron Motion to recommend, Mr. Pierce, Second, Vote 2-0.
- Article 2 – LED Street Lights, Mr. Bergeron Motion to recommend, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 2-0. CPC recommended unanimously as a mechanism for turning additional lights back on in town. Current inventory is being reviewed by the Police and Fire Chiefs as well as the Highway Superintendent. The town would be responsible for purchasing the lights from Eversource and for the connection costs. Thirty light fixtures were removed in 2010 as a cost safety measure, with the recommendation of the Police Department.
- Article 3 – FCAT/PEG Access function of PEG Access. Laws changed as to the process of utilizing funds received through the Comcast PEG Access agreement. Funds are used to pay for the town's portion of FCAT service programs as well paying for website services for the Town. We must appropriate to budget from special revenue – these costs are not from the town's operating budget. Mr. Bergeron Motion to recommend, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 2-0.
- Article 4 – funds obligated for the lease of the Wacker Nusien which was originally appropriated from capital stabilization and wasn't included on the ATM. Mr. Bergeron Motion to recommend, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 2-0.

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 30, 2017
Sunderland Elementary School


Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch

The board met at 6:30 PM at the Sunderland Elementary School in preparation for the Special Town Meeting at 7:00 PM.

The board reviewed and approved payroll warrant #18.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM for the Special Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Patch
Town Administrator