

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

November 14, 2013

Nipmuc High School Media Room, 90 Pleasant Street

Chairman James Brochu; Selectman Robert J. Fleming; Selectman
Kenneth Picard; Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson.

1 The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm. Chairman Brochu opened the meeting and discussed
2 the fact that the Board was present at the Board of Health's meeting to discuss two issues at the
3 request of that Board.

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5 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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7 **Discuss Common Victualler Licensure**

8 Mr. Holman of the Board of Health explained to all present that he believes that a Common
9 Victualler license is in fact double taxation and that the reasoning behind having such a license is
10 no longer as important as it once was. He noted that the Board of Health charges \$125 to issue a
11 food permit, and that he didn't think it was reasonable to charge businesses a further \$50 for a
12 Common Victualler license. He suggested that a better approach might be to add into the food
13 permit process some of the elements of a Common Victualler license and charge only the amount
14 of the food permit. Selectman Brochu responded that he believes that a Common Victualler
15 license is focused on the business aspects of an establishment. Such requirements include a
16 safety/code inspection, confirming taxes are paid, and that a business has proper insurance. A
17 discussion ensued on these points between the members of both boards. Chairman Desjardins of
18 the Board of Health suggested that a motion be made on the topic, to which Selectman Fleming
19 suggested that it was not in order to do so, since a decision as to whether to have a Common
20 Victualler license rested with the Board of Selectmen. Both Boards then decided to take no
21 action on the matter.

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23 **Discuss Animal Control Officer/Dog Officer**

24 The second reason for the meeting was to discuss the sharing of the cost of this position.
25 Historically it has been funded through the Board of Health in the budget. The Board of Health
26 indicated that they are doing research as to the hours/week required of the job to perform Animal
27 Control and Animal Inspector duties, but that did not include Dog Officer. The Board of
28 Selectmen responded that there hasn't been a need for Dog Officer services in recent years, but
29 that if there were, they could approach the Finance Committee for a transfer. The Board of
30 Health agreed to keep the Selectmen apprised of the process to fill this position working with the
31 Town Manager.

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33 **ADJOURN MEETING**

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35 **Motion #1:** At 7:42pm motion was made by Selectman Picard to adjourn the regular meeting.

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37 Second: Selectman Fleming, Unanimous: Chairman Brochu.

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39 Respectfully submitted,

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41 Blythe Robinson, Town Manager