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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014 – 6:00PM

Present: Chair Jennifer Modica, Vice Chair/Clerk Jeff Shaw, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman Tim Rice and Selectman Lance Anderson. Also present Administrative Assistant, Tracey Ante.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcements - The Uxbridge First Holiday Night will be hosting an event with a band concert at the Uxbridge Town Common on Wednesday, 9/3/14 from 5:30-7:30pm. They are also hosting another band concert on Sunday, 9/14/14 from 3:00-6:00pm at the Town Park. Uniquely Uxbridge will be hosting an event in town on Saturday, 9/6. Among many activities, there will be the reenactment of the Worcester Revolution of 1774. Additional information is available on the town's website and facebook. All are welcome to attend.

The Special Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, 9/16 at 7:00pm. The Finance Committee will commence public hearings within the next week. All are encouraged to attend Town Meeting.

2. Citizen's Forum – David White, 5 Brookside Drive, inquired about a building permit and the fee associated with that permit. The office will follow-up with the Building Department and advise the Board accordingly.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Alcohol License Revocation – formerly Gia's Restaurant, Manager Michael DeFalco, 785 Quaker Highway - The establishment has been closed for approximately two months. The office received a statement that states Mr. Robert D. Passaretta and Mr. Michael DeFalco, jointly as Tenants pursuant to a Lease Agreement dated November 1, 2010 with El-Massih, LLC (Landlord) concerning property at 785 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge relinquished possession of the property to the Landlord for now and the remainder of the lease term. Tenants agreed that Landlord shall be able to re-let the property in an effort to mitigate damages pursuant to the parties Lease Agreement. All personal property remaining at the premise shall become the personal property of the Landlord. **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board revoke the License for Gia Restaurante Italiano dba, Gia's Restaurant Inc., 785 Quaker Highway, License #130400053. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**
2. One Day Beer & Wine Application – Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, West Street, Sat. 8/23 2pm – 10pm – annual fundraiser dinner - **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the One Day Beer & Wine License for the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, West Street, for Saturday 8/23 from 2pm – 10pm for their annual fundraiser dinner. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**
3. BOS Appointments – CMRPC, Delegate and Alternate - **MOTION: I, Ms. Modica, move that the Board appoint Ms. Modica as the CMRPC Delegate. Seconded by Mr.**

Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0. No one was interested in participating as the CMRPC Alternate.

4. BOS Appointment – Worcester County Selectmen’s Group

MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board appoint Mr. Shaw as a voting member of the Worcester County Selectmen’s Organization. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0. MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board appoint Ms. Modica as an Alternate Voting Member to the Worcester County Selectmen’s Organization. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.

III. PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00PM

New Alcohol License - Gia’s Ristorante Italino, Manager Orlando Passaretta, 785 Quaker Highway – The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. Robert Passarette spoke on behalf of the applicant Mr. Orlando Passarette. There was no public input. The Chair closed the public hearing. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board approve the All Alcohol License for BoOrlando, Inc. d/b/a Gia Ristorante Italiano, 785 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. MEMBER ISSUES

There was discussion on the following topics:

- BOS goals/agenda
- Town Owned Land – discussion on disposition of properties/uses
- Zoning By-Laws

VI. TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes and made part of the record.

VII. MEETING MINUTES

7/28/14 Meeting Minutes - **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the 7/28/14 Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR SESSION BOS MEETING, MONDAY 9/8/14 - 6PM

At 7:06PM, Ms. Modica adjourned the meeting.

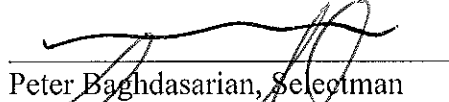
Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante

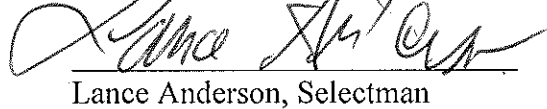
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Jennifer Modica, Chair

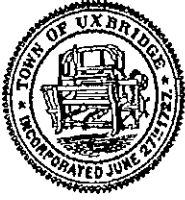

Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair/Clerk


Tim Rice, Selectman


Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman


Lance Anderson, Selectman

8/25/14
Date Approved



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David Genreux
Town Manager

August 7, 2014

To: Board of Selectmen
From: David Genreux, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager Report

I am pleased to provide the Board of Selectmen with a report of current activities of the Town Manager's Office.

- **FY 2015 Budget** – After reviewing the year end receipts, and discussing the budget situation with the School Budget Sub-Committee, I met with the full School Committee at their August 5th meeting. The result of that discussion is that the FY 2015 budget will be balanced without the use of Stabilization funds. That was per a vote of the School Committee on August 5th. Any funds needed to balance the budget will be taken from School Choice In. I am writing the warrant now. It will be ready for the Board on the 28th. I expect that the Finance Committee will be voting recommendations first, as they have strict time requirements for posting their recommendations. I will email copies of the warrant simultaneously to both the BOS and Finance Committee when it is available.
- **Telephone Service Interruption** - The telephones were down yesterday for most Town Offices, as well as Police, Fire and DPW. They were back online as of 3:00 pm. We are working on determining the cause of the outage. The 911 line was not compromised.
- **Water/Sewer System Development** - We have finished identifying the property in South Uxbridge that would be affected by the installation of water and sewer lines on Quaker Highway. Letters are being mailed to all property owners, asking them to take a survey, which will allow us to determine whether this potential project is feasible. I spoke with Senator Moore, and he will seek grant funding assistance if the response to the survey is positive.
- **New Business Outreach** - Our new business outreach letters have been generated responses, in the form of letters, emails and phone calls. We are hoping to use our ranking as the fourth fastest growing community in the Commonwealth (as reported by Boston.com) to interest business in locating in Town.

- **Senior Work off** - The Town Hall has enjoyed the assistance of two senior work off participants, who have been supporting short handed departments and working on various projects.
- **Employee coverage for Conservation:** Kristen Black, our Conservation Administrator is on maternity leave. I have, through the job posting and application process given extra hours temporarily to one of our part time staff members to cover the office while Kristen is out.
- **Solar** - Work is continuing on the potential solar fields for Sutton and Hazel Streets. We are waiting for confirmation from National Grid as to the load capacity of wires in those areas. As soon as we have that information we will be able to determine the size of the facilities that can be installed there and will start assembling a bid packet.
- **Treasurer/Collector** - I have spoken with the Treasurer/Collector about numerous undertakings that we want to accomplish in that office, such as online payment capability for additional receivables, accepting credit cards, taking land of low value, and operating a Town Collector function. We also managed to get a \$4,300 late payment penalty from IRS waived. We are also planning our next tax lien sale of FY 2014 receivables in late October.
- **Sewer pipe on Route 16** - We are also exploring options for installing larger diameter sewer pipe on Route 16 in order to accommodate new growth in that section of Town. Currently, we don't have the capacity for new users because of the diameter of the pipe on a section of the road. This will become problematic if there is the need for additional development, such as the 16/146 expedited permitting site, additional senior condominium units, or the Route 16 rest areas.
- **Town Hall** – The new floor is in. It will be waxed in the current weeks. We are working on getting the Sherriff's Office to paint the main hallway and entrance area in the next few months.
- **Meeting with Blackstone Valley Administrators** – Yesterday, I met with the managers and administrators from Douglas, Northbridge and Sutton. Douglas remains interested in purchasing the Uxbridge owned Douglas land. All three have no problem supporting opposition to unfunded mandates. We are also going to support Spencer's position regarding Chapter 70 reform.
- **Schedule** – I will likely be away on Monday in upstate New York, so I will not be attending the BOS meeting. Tracey will provide coverage. I will be in on Tuesday, but not Wednesday, as I have a daylong seminar. I am always available via Cell (978) 833-0306.
- **Peter Baghdasarian letter** – Selectman Baghdasarian emailed a letter questioning my support of providing efficient, effective and economical operation of all government

agencies and personnel under my control. He goes on to list certain practices and positions that he would change.

I eliminated the Finance Director and Assistant Accountant positions immediately after taking office, replacing them with a single Treasurer/Collector, which offered a savings of \$45,500, not including any benefits that would be incurred by hiring a another Assistant Town Accountant.

I did not create the position of public information officer, but find value in the services that it performs, for a \$1,500 per year stipend. I disagree with reducing any portion of the Senior Center budget, as it serves our most vulnerable population, and is 0.003% of the entire town budget. It is the role of the library trustees to determine goods and services are to be provided by the library.

The current budget provides the resources to perform vital town functions including maintenance. The level of ability is in doubt as we are behind on our capital plan, but we are funding anywhere from \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year on maintenance and capital purchases, while providing basic town services with effectively level funded departmental budgets. Many departments are stretched to perform their missions, but they are making do.

I do not need strong pressure to avoid being someone's captive. Support is appreciated.

Please contact me with any questions.