

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 25, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Chm. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following persons were present: Chair Julie Woods, Vice Chair Kevin Kuros, Clerk Michael Potaski, Sel. Dan Stack, Sel. Jim Dwyer, Town Manager Jill Myers and BOS Assistant Tracy Leavitt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Firefighter accomplishments; job opening and committee vacancies; CMRPC dinner; moment of silence followed by the Firefighter Prayer in memory of the fallen South Carolina Firefighters.

CITIZEN'S FORUM: Mr. Howard Fortner asked to address the Board concerning over expenditures in the BOS/Town Manager's line item. Mr. Grant Fletcher asked the Board to continue discussions regarding the Peg Access Fund and the management of funds and activity.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

Council on Aging Appointment: Cathy Maney

MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer, to appoint Cathy Maney to the Council on Aging. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Send an appointment letter to Ms. Maney and notify the Town Clerk

Administrative License Hearing - Uxbridge Gas: Chief Ostroskey reviewed his memo.

MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Potaski, to approve a transfer of license to Charles K. Monks. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Reorganization Public Hearing – Director of Planning and Economic Development: Ms. Myers reviewed her memo. Sel. Dwyer stated that on 11/13/01, Town Meeting voted to create and fund the position of Director of Planning. Chm. Woods reminded him that the Charter was approved in May of 2002. Sel. Dwyer stated the Town Manager has no authority regarding this matter. Chm. Woods responded by suggesting that Sel. Dwyer fix the problem by creating a bylaw or changing the Charter. Sel. Kuros feels the Town Manager should have appointing authority although he does not believe one person can fill both roles. Sel. Dwyer quoted Article 5, Section 1.A of the Charter with respect to how to make a change. MS. Myers noted she complied with the Charter as she presented a written notice on June 8, 2007. Mr. Peter Baghdasarian asked to address the Board and stated that the town should promote economic development and provide efficient government. Ms. Myers clarified that this is not a new position and it is already in the approved budget, but that job duties will be expanded as noted in the proposed re-organization and job description.

MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. Dwyer, to continue the public hearing to the next BOS meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Alcohol License/Wine and Malt: North End Variety (new owners): Mr. Anil Patel informed the Board that he is the new owner of the North End Variety and is seeking a license to sell alcohol. Ms. Cecil Dion of 42 East Hartford Avenue spoke in opposition of the liquor license. Ms. Dion state the traffic in that area is very heavy and many accidents occur while people are trying to leave the store. Ms. Kathy Lewis of 36 East Hartford Avenue stated that there is a lot of activity in this vicinity already and feels there is no reason to add to it. Mr. Gerald Becker of 18 Harvard Street feels there are enough liquor places around and another license would serve no real purpose. Ms. Carol Becker noted that the traffic is already very congested. Sel. Dwyer referred to the memo presented to the Board from the Building Inspector stating that this is not an allowed use in that zone. The Board agreed to continue the public hearing so that they may review the memo more thoroughly.

MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Stack, to continue the public hearing until our next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Transfer of Stocks - Lil' Texas Bar & Grill: Per request of the applicant, whom was not present, Chm. Woods opened the public hearing asked if anyone wished to speak. With no response, she continued the public hearing.

MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Stack, to continue. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Counsel Interviews: Ms. Myers summarized the recruitment/RFP and appointment process.

Andrea Wilson McCarthy: The Town Manager introduced Ms. Wilson McCarthy. The Board then asked questions provided by the Finance Director, David Genereux. Chm. Woods thanked Ms. Wilson McCarthy for responding to the R.F.P.

Brackett & Lucas: Ms. Myers introduced Attorney Brackett. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate. Chm. Woods thanked Attorney Brackett.

Merrick, Louison & Costello: Ms. Myers introduced Attorney Costello. The Board then interviewed the candidate. Chm. Woods thanked Attorney Costello.

The Board deliberated shortly and came to a consensus that the Town Manager would reference check all three of the candidates and prepare a summary for the BOS to review at their next meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Ms. Myers discussed her report. Sel. Potaski suggested that the BOS investigate if there was a violation of MGL cited by Mr. Fortner and if the BOS/TM account was knowingly over expended.

ACTION ITEM: The Board agreed to continue this discussion at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sutton Street RFP – Discuss possible extension: Ms. Myers informed the BOS that Mr. Wright, the former lessee, requested to extend the current lease. He noted that he would be willing to pay \$2,000.00. Ms. Myers noted that the R.F.P. response date is 7/16/07. She informed the Board that if they agreed to the extension, Mr. Wright would like to extend through October and then the Board could have the new lease take effect in October. Sel. Kuros asked if we extend the contract, will it take the current R.F.P. off the books. Ms. Myers said we could issue an addendum to the R.F.P., fro a new effective date. Mr. Ernest Ebbling informed the Board that currently there is winter rye on the land. Mr. Ebbling also stated that the current lessee was supposed to clear the brush and he did not do so. Chm. Woods said the Boards' main purpose should be to now protect the property from erosion. Ms. Myers noted the Boards two options: Do nothing and wait for the new person to come in and negotiate or allow Mr. Wright to plant corn and have the new R.F.P. start after that date. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Temporary Travel and Parking Restrictions – Annual July Fireworks Celebration:

MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. Dwyer, to support the Police Chief's recommendations that were also endorsed by the Public Safety Committee on 6/7/07. The motion passed unanimously.

Pledge of Liquor License: Uxbridge Progressive Club:

MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. Potaski, to approve the pledge of liquor license on behalf of the Uxbridge Progressive Club. The motion passed unanimously.

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2007 Committee/Board Reappointments:

MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. Potaski, to re-appoint the individuals listed. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Partnership Act: Adopt Resolution:

MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Potaski, to support of the Municipal Partnership Act. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Due to the late hour, the Board agreed to postpone the acceptance of meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:20 p.m.;

MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Potaski to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Leavitt, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen*

Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:

Chairman Julie A. Woods

Sel. James F. Dwyer

V. Chairman Kevin J. Kuros

Sel. Dan Stack

Clerk Michael Potaski

MSDV: Moved, Seconded, Discussed & Voted

RCV: Roll Call Vote