

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc W. Richard; Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: See Attached

Mr. Nardi called to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nardi requested that if anyone in the audience is either video/audio recording this evening's meeting to please disclose to the Chair. Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledged their audio taping the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

In order to be in line with the new laws that take effect January 1, 2017, the employee will be taking part in a training session with KP-Law on Wednesday, November 30th. Also, Mr. Nardi advised all that the lightbulbs will be ordered soon and the bids will be due in on December 12th.

It was brought to the Selectmen's attention by various residents who were aware of the recent discussions and subsequent vote taken regarding the downtown parking and Police Department that police vehicles and personal vehicles continue to be parked there. Letters were sent out to both Chief Spiewakowski and NEBPA Local 195 President, Officer/Det. Jeffrey VonDauber advising them of the board's decision at a prior meeting. Despite them having notice, the police vehicles are still being parked against the board's decision. Mr. Nardi requested that the letter be sent Certified/Return Receipt Required to Chief Spiewakowski and a copy be put in his personnel file.

CORRESPONDENCE

The office received the monthly report of the Police Chief for months ending October and November 2016 – **NOTED**

The office received notice from MIIA that the Highway Department was the recipient of a grant totaling \$8,040.00 to go towards the purchase of items to minimize risk such as trench box and traffic cones. – **NOTED.**

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN/PROPERTIES

Mr. Lavash was in attendance this evening to discuss his role as Tax Title Custodian. Recently, the Warren Action Committee expressed displeasure at which the pace the town auctions have been done. Mr. Lavash informed all that the Custodian has nothing to do with setting the date for an auction. That timeline is up to the Treasurer. The town currently owns 5 properties and auctions are a timely and costly venture. Mr. Richard stated that he is not in favor at this time to make any changes. All agreed.

SENIOR TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Nardi had previously requested that the Board review an updated Senior Tax Abatement Application. New criteria were added which is in line with surrounding towns. With no further

discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the new Senior Tax Abatement Program Applications as presented made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

BORREGO SOLAR/LANDFILL SOLAR PROJECT

The office received a request from Borrego Solar advising them that an Amendment to the Lease Agreement is necessary. The change is to add wording that allows a 30-day notification period. In addition, signatures are required for National Grid Interconnection Application. Motion to ratify the Amended Lease Agreement and Interconnection Application made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

ABCC LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2017

Motion to approve the All Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2017 as presented (See Attachment) made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi -unanimous.

Motion to approve the Wine and Malt License Renewals for 2017 as presented (See Attachment) made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NATIONAL GRID – POLE HEARING

A Representative from National Grid is in attendance this evening. The subject of the hearing is Pole 5 to which is being requested to be moved 22' due to the recent work done on Spring Street in conjunction with the MassWorks Grant. Abutters were notified accordingly and with no further questions, the following motion was made: Motion to approve moving Pole #5, 22' as described in the application made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

7:15 PM – Public Hearing - Danger Zone Saloon/Glenda's Pub. Transfer of Liquor License pursuant to MGL c 138, Section 12a on the transfer of the All Alcoholic Restaurant Beverage License for the Danger Zone Saloon to Glenda's Pub, 948 Main Street, Warren from Douglas S. Senecal to Glenda L. Morin. Abutter notification and advertising was done in accordance with MGL.

Ms. Morin is in attendance this evening to discuss the transfer. She has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Mr. Senecal in order to continue running the business. The office received all necessary paperwork in order for the application to be complete. Ms. Morin stated that she has worked for Mr. Senecal for a number of years now. Mr. Richard stated that he wishes Ms. Morin nothing but success. Hours of operation would be the same and eventually, she would like to offer a small food menu. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to close the Public Hearing for Glenda Morin made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:23 PM.

Motion to approve the transfer of the all Alcoholic Restaurant Beverage License from Douglas S. Senecal to Glenda L. Morin made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. All paperwork will be sent to the ABCC for final approval.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 45 & 46 dated November 28, 2016 in the amounts of \$38,887.81 & \$738,112.26 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 10 for FY15 for PVPC in the amount of \$18,067.11 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 1 and 101 for FY16 to PVPC in the amounts of \$3,902.28 & \$117,171.25 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner wanted to thank all that attended and participated in the Annual Tree Lighting. Also, the new Disk-Golf Course is open at 501 Old West Brookfield Road.

Mr. Richard provided Mr. Corriveau with figures on the Town Hall that he had previously requested. After a brief discussion on the matter, Mr. Corriveau feels that the Board is not being honest with him and demanded more information. Both Mr. Richard and Mr. Nardi stated that all the figures are on the paper that was provided. He is requesting all funds allocated over the last 7 years to fix the Town Hall.

Mr. Nardi stated that employee evaluations will be performed soon. The last time they were done, he was chosen to perform them. We are also looking to re-key the building. Lastly, Mr. Nardi requested that the Police Chief be invited to the next meeting (12-6-16) to discuss the vehicle fleet.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Soltys questioned the money from the Green Communities Program and if money were available to purchase a vehicle for the Police Chief. The initial money (yet to be awarded) has been prioritized to do the much-needed repairs on the town buildings.

Mrs. Soltys questioned why the Police Cruisers are still parking in the hatched areas after the Board giving a direct order not to. The Board stated that there is no parking for anyone in hatched areas.

Kathy Rugani who resident at 560 Reed Street addressed the Board this evening to seek help and guidance with the water contamination issue on Reed Street. Contamination to privately owned wells is a direct result of a former junkyard that was privately owned. The residents were under the impression that DEP was working with the town on the matter, which is not the case. She advised the Selectmen that residents attended the Planning Board meeting last evening to which they approved the services of the Town Planner (up to \$2,500.00) to work on securing a grant for engineering costs to run water lines. A possible merger between the Water Departments is approximately 2 – 3 years out at this point. She further stated that the Board of Health has “washed their hands” of the matter and the residents don’t know where else to turn. There is a joint meeting between all parties on December 15th at 7 PM to discuss further.

Mr. Brian Corriveau asked to be on the agenda next Tuesday, December 6th. Mr. Nardi stated he would consider it and will be notified.

Mr. Arthur O’Brien questioned as to when the signs will be installed downtown. Signs are tentatively set to go in on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved

