

Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Emery, Selectmen Goldblatt, Dodd and Jane´

Also, Present: Henry Danis, Town Coordinator; Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Coordinator

Absent: Town Counsel Gregory B. Franks (Attending Planning Board Hearing)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thompson. Town and School payroll and expense warrants were approved and signed.

Pledge of Allegiance/Open Forum

The following committee vacancies were announced to the public by Chairman Thompson. Anyone interested in serving may submit a letter of interest to Nidia Ruberti, Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, 34 West Main Street:

Open Space Preservation Committee (2) 1-Non Voting Associate
County Club Operating Committee 1-Non Voting Associate

Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

- October 28, 2008

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2008. Selectman Dodd seconded. 5-0

- November 4, 2008

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2008. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Request for an Aboveground Storage Tank License/4400 Computer Drive/James Bernardino

Mr. David Albrecht from Tetra Tech Rizzo requested that the Board approve to amending the Aboveground Storage Tank License for 4400 Computer Drive. He said that the license is to accommodate EMC's (tenant) new generator which has a 1,000 gallon diesel fuel aboveground belly tank. Mr. Albrecht said that because of this change they are updating the license and removing thirty (30) gallons of excess fuel; therefore, the total amount of fuel storage at the site will be 27, 050 gallons instead of the previous amount of 24,520 gallons.

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Selectman Emery moved to grant the amendment of the Aboveground Storage Tank License for 4400 Computer Drive from 24,520 gallons of fuel to 27, 050 gallons of fuel.
Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Request to Approve Completed 2009 Liquor License Renewals/Assistant Town Coordinator

Ms. Bilodeau requested that the Board approve the 2009 Liquor License Renewals as submitted (list attached).

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the 2009 Liquor License Renewals per the list attached.
Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Tax Classification Hearing/Board of Assessors

Present: Linda Swadel, Town Assessor, Don Gillis, Member

Selectman Goldblatt moved to continue with a single tax rate of \$15.50. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0 Ms. Swadel said that for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 the tax rate will be \$15.50 per thousand which is an increase over last year's tax rate of \$14.70 (\$.80). For FY2009 the total valuation of the Town of Westborough decreased by approximately \$41 million. The Town had \$85 million in total new growth valuation, with the bulk of the growth coming from the personal property class at \$63.7 million. Ms. Swadel said that by using last year's tax rate of \$14.70/thousand, this gives an additional \$1,254,866 in tax dollars which may be added to the tax levy. (Chief Assessor's letter attached).

Request for a Change of Manager/Canyon Café/John O'Sullivan

Mr. O'Sullivan requested that the Board approve a Change of Manager for Canyon Café located at 153 Turnpike Road to himself.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Change of Manager for Canyon Café to John O'Sullivan. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Request to Appoint Custodian for Auction Sale/Town Coordinator

Mr. Danis requested that the Board appoint Joanne Savignac, Town Treasurer/Collector as the Tax Title Custodian for the Auction Sale of the following properties: 169 East Main Street, 82 Hopkinton Road and Granger Road parcel.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to appoint Joanne Savignac, Town Treasurer/Collector as the tax title Custodian for the Auction Sale pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60 Section 77B. Vice Chairman Emery seconded.

Ms. Savignac said that her duties as the custodian will be the go-to-person in addition to the auctioneer. Ms. Savignac said that they are looking for a mid December 2008 auction for the following properties:

- 169 East Main Street
- Granger Road Parcel
- 82 Hopkinton Road

Request for a Site Plan Review/31 & 33 East Main St/Randy Waterman

Mr. Waterman requested that the Board approve an amendment to the Special Permit Site Plan #8/2008 /#DPOD#06-1 for 31 & 33 East Main Street (Waterman Design) that was previously approved on May 2007. He said that during the process of the design construction of the walk way connector between the two buildings the design needed to be reconfigured from what it was before. Because of the change in design new paperwork was required for approval of that change.

Vice Chairman Emery moved to approve the amendment to the Special Permit Site Plan#8/2008/DPOD#06-1 for Waterman Design, Inc., located at 31 & 33 East Main Street. Selectman Jane´ seconded.

Motion Amended:

Vice Chairman Emery moved to approve the amendment to the Special Permit Site Plan#8/2008/DPOD#06-1 for Waterman Design, Inc., located at 31 & 33 East Main Street, subject to all the requirements of the special permits issued by the Westborough Planning Board and to all the written requirements of the various boards and departments. Selectman Jane´ seconded. 5-0

Economic Development Committee (EDC) Business Member Discussion/Selectman Jane´

Selectman Jane´ informed the Board that the business members´ criteria and process has been approved by the committee and is included in the Board´s packet. Selectman Jane´ requested that the vacancies (4) be advertised by our local access cable and also be placed on the Town´s Web site with a due date of December 3, 2008. Selectman Jane´ also suggested appointing the individuals at the Board´s December 16th meeting.

Vice Chairman Emery requested that “Professional Services” be included in the Criteria section under the Diversity of Industry Experience bullet. Selectman Jane´ agreed with Vice Chairman Emery´s request.

Barbara Clifford, Director from the Corridor 9 Chamber of Commerce, voiced her agreement with the creation of the EDC and offered the Chamber´s help in any way possible.

The Board agreed with Selectman Jane´s EDC business members´ criteria, the advertisement process and the time frame for appointing the individuals.

Town Counsel Report

Town Coordinator Report

Mr. Danis announced that the Westborough TV will have a director´s vacancy at the end of December and asked for their direction. The Board requested that the vacancy be advertised on the Town´s Web site and the local access cable.

Mr. Danis reminded the Board of their upcoming meetings in December; 2nd and 16th.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Vice Chairman Emery asked Mr. Reiter, former Cable Committee member, for his comments of the new cable equipment. Mr. Reiter said that the new equipment is very up-to-date and is pleased with its performance.

Selectman Goldblatt requested that the Board of Selectmen invite the new Senator and Representative to say hello and thanked the Veterans for inviting the Board to the Veteran's Day Parade. Selectman Goldblatt also thanked the local access cable for their continuous coverage on that day. Selectman Goldblatt requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our prayers and wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Thompson requested that Mr. Danis set-up the Senator and the Representative's meeting. Selectman Goldblatt noted that she will contact them and have them call Mr. Danis directly.

Chairman Thompson reiterated his request of having a Board of Selectmen Legislative Liaison Sub Committee to better build relationships in the legislative section and focus on and make very clear what our Town's specific needs are. Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Danis to place this proposal at the next Board's meeting agenda. Mr. Danis acknowledged Chairman Thompson's request.

Chairman Thompson noted that he met with Mr. Carlo, Superintendent of the Assabet Valley Regional High School, Pat Collins, Business Director and Mary Jo Nawrocki, Principal, to discuss the district's five (5) year plan along with updated information of the ongoing and future planned program improvements. He said that they also discussed and reviewed the district's capital improvement plans recently submitted in the Statement of Interest form to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Chairman Thompson requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Eugene Carlo for his services.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board of Selectmen voted to reconvene to Executive Session and would not be returning with any announcements in open session.

Adjourn Open Session

Selectman Dodd moved to adjourn Open Session at 7:55 pm Selectman Goldblatt seconded.

Submitted by Nidia L. Ruberti

Chairman George Thompson

Vice Chairman Leigh Emery Selectman Lydia Goldblatt

Selectman Timothy A. Dodd

Selectman Rod Jané