

**Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2013**

6:00 p.m. – 7:23 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson, Vice Chairman Barrette, Selectmen Dodd, Drewry and Emery

Also Present: Jim Malloy, Town Manager; Kristi Williams, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director; Greg Franks, Town Counsel
Planning Board Members: Lester Hensley, Mark Silverberg, Brian Bush, Joanne Mallozzi

Request to Approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectman Barrette's motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013 was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Vote: 4-0

Open Forum

None

Planning Board Vacancy Interviews

The members of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board interviewed the first candidate, Edward Newton, Jr., with a twenty minute question and answer session.

Due to a miscommunication, the other two applicants were not in attendance and it was agreed to reschedule their interviews for the next meeting.

**Request to Approve a One-Day Liquor License for the Pancreatic Cancer Alliance
"Arturo's Fusion Sunday" Fundraiser / Audrey Kurlan-Marcy / Dominic Fabiano**

Mr. Malloy explained that the Pancreatic Cancer Alliance has held this fundraiser for the past few years at Arturo's. Arturo's will be managing the liquor and they have the required certifications. The fundraiser will be held on June 23, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Dodd's motion to approve the one day liquor license for the Pancreatic Cancer Alliance for an event to be held at 54 East Main Street on June 23, 2013 from 3 PM to 7 PM was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Discussion: Chief Gordon confirmed his approval of the event. Vote: 5-0

Request to Approve a Seasonal Liquor License for Vandervalk Farm for the Westborough Farmers' Market / Casey & Susan Vandervalk

Mr. Vandervalk informed the Board that they own a Christmas tree farm in Mendon and sell blueberries as well. They have extended their business to selling blueberry wine, are requesting to sell it at the Farmers Market and will provide small tastings. Ms. Vandervalk confirmed that she obtained the Hawker's Peddler license. Chief Gordon approves of their participation and has no issues with two vendors selling wine at the market.

Selectman Barrette's motion to approve the Farmers' Market Special Liquor License for Vandervalk Farm to participate in the Westborough Farmers Market at the Congregational Church property from June 13, 2013 through September 26, 2013, subject to the \$50 fee was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Vote: 5-0

Request to Appoint Joseph Rizolli as a Police Officer and Michael Prizio as a Reserve Intermittent Police Officer / Chief Gordon

Chief Gordon informed the Board that Officer Paul Pinto left and there is a full-time position available. He introduced Joseph Rizolli and reviewed his background.

Selectman Barrette's motion to appoint Joseph Rizolli as a full-time Police Officer effective immediately was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Discussion: Board members thanked and commended Mr. Rizolli and Chief Gordon explained the interview process. Vote: 5-0

Chief Gordon introduced Michael Prizio, who is a candidate for a Reserve Intermittent Police Officer, and reviewed his background.

Selectman Dodd's motion to appoint Michael Prizio as a Reserve Intermittent Police Officer effective immediately was seconded by Selectman Barrette. Discussion: The Board thanked and commended Mr. Prizio. Vote: 5-0

Request to Approve the Acceptance of a Gift for the Police Department from Dan's Motors / Chief Gordon

Chief Gordon explained that Dan's Motors is gifting the Town a 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee with a three year lease at no cost with the option of purchasing the vehicle at the end of the lease. It is the same offer that was made with the Dodge Challenger, which would be returned, and this would not increase the size of the fleet.

Selectman Dodd's motion to accept the gift of a 2014 Jeep from Dan Tortora of Dan's Jeep to be used in the Westborough Police Department and that a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Tortora on behalf of the Town was seconded by Selectman Barrette. Discussion: There was \$17,000 appropriated at Town Meeting for the purchase of the Dodge Challenger at the end of the lease, and Chief Gordon informed the Board that a small amount of that will be used to install lights on the new vehicle and the rest will be returned to the General Fund. Vote: 5-0

Request to Approve 2013 Reappointments / Town Manager

Mr. Malloy explained that the list of reappointments in the Board's packet is for terms that are expiring on June 30, 2013, they all have conveyed their interest in continuing to serve and he recommended that the Board approve the list as presented.

Selectman Barrette's motion to approve the reappointments as listed in the May 28, 2013 agenda item in the Board's packets was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Discussion: Selectman Barrette pointed out that Bob Knight had announced his resignation from the Council on Aging and he is listed for reappointment. Ms. Covino will check her records, the Board will approve the list as printed and any changes can be made at a future meeting. The Board agreed with

Selectman Barrette's suggestion that they revisit the composition of the Economic Development Committee and the original Town Meeting vote in the fall as it is heavily populated with Town employees. Vote: 5-0

Request to Disband Bay State Green Committee and Discussion of a Proposal to Build Tot Lot / Selectman Emery

Selectman Emery explained that the Bay State Green Committee has completed its mission and is requesting to be disbanded. The Committee has recommended that if there are enough residents interested in volunteering, the Committee could be reconvened with a new purpose which would be to build a tot lot.

Selectman Emery's motion to disband the Bay State Green Committee was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Vote: 5-0

The Board discussed advertising for volunteers and if there is enough interest a committee could be appointed to raise money and work with Town departments to design and build a tot lot. According to the Charter, the management of the park falls under the Town Manager's purview and if there is sufficient interest he could appoint the members.

Request to Accept the Conclusions of the Pay as You Throw Committee and Disband the Committee / Town Manager

The Board was provided Mr. Malloy's final report at the last meeting which recommended not pursuing the program and keeping it as an option for future consideration.

Selectman Drewry's motion to accept the recommendations of the PAYT Committee and not pursue a PAYT program for Westborough and to disband the PAYT Committee was seconded by Selectman Barrette. Discussion: The Board briefly discussed options for recycling and E.L. Harvey's will be opening a single stream recycling center in the summer and they will be invited to attend a meeting at that time. Vote: 5-0

Town Counsel Report

Attorney Franks sent a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission requesting that they re-hear the Town's request to release the preservation restriction on the Nathan Fisher House as only one non-responsive bid was received from the two RFP's. The legislators are working the special legislation for the Bay State Common's liquor license and the general liquor license statute that will allow the Town to determine the amount of licenses to be distributed. There is a restaurant business that is interested in locating at Bay State Common and utilizing this liquor license. The Charter change to abolish the Industrial Development Commission is through the House and in the Senate.

Town Manager Report

FY14 Water/Sewer Rates: The DPW Manager, who is the Water & Sewer Commissioner, sets the rates and as previously agreed brings the justification to the Board. There will be no increase in water rate and a 7% increase in the sewer rate.

Upcoming Meeting Location: Mr. Malloy informed the Board that to facilitate Westborough TV's equipment relocation, the Board will begin meeting in the Forbes Municipal Building for the first meeting in September. Mr. Malloy reviewed the locations of the Town Hall offices as outlined in his Manager's Report. Town office and meeting location information will be posted electronically and in front of the Town Hall. The Board briefly discussed space options that are being investigated for the Scouts.

Westborough State Hospital: The Town has been negotiating with the State for the past two years regarding the potential acquisition of the State Hospital property and is close to an agreement that would be presented at the October Town Meeting. Public meetings were discussed by the subcommittee to be potentially held in June, July or August and September. The Board agreed with Mr. Malloy's recommendation to hold the first public meeting on June 18, 2013 at the High School Auditorium. Mr. Malloy informed the Board that E.L. Harvey's donated a flat bed to assist elderly veterans participating in the Memorial Day Parade and he will send them a thank you note on behalf of the Board.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Selectman Dodd thanked the Veteran's Committee for the efforts they put into the parade and all the veterans that have or are protecting our freedom. Selectman Emery thanked Evan Cadavieco for producing the meeting. Selectman Drewry expressed his concerns regarding unlimited liquor licenses and the economic impact to existing restaurants. He commended Selectman Johnson's speech at the parade and sends his thoughts and prayers to the troops overseas. Selectman Johnson informed the Board that they are invited to the High School Graduation and Baccalaureate. The Town's 300th anniversary will be in 2017 and he suggested that the Board consider appointing a committee to plan a celebration.

Adjournment

Selectman Barrette's motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. was seconded by Selectman Drewry.

Vote: 5-0

Submitted by Paula M. Covino

Chairman Johnson

Vice Chairman Barrette

Selectman Dodd

Selectman Emery

Selectman Drewry