

**Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013**

6:00 p.m. – 7:13 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Barrette, Selectmen Dodd and Drewry

Also Present: Jim Malloy, Town Manager; Kristi Williams, Assistant Town Manager/HR
Director; Greg Franks, Town Counsel

Request to Approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectman Dodd's motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 was seconded by
Selectman Drewry. Vote: 3-0

Open Forum

Mr. Malloy informed the Board that Westborough was designated Google's first eCity in
Massachusetts and there is a Google reseller located in Town that has offered to have signs made
up that will be posted on the sides of the road at the entrances into Town. The Board's approval
is required to post signs to this effect. They would most likely be removed next year when
another town is nominated. The Board discussed whether they were in support or not of posting
the signs. According to the Building Commissioner there are no restrictions to post the signs as
they are in a public way.

Selectman Dodd's motion to recommend the placement of the Google eCity Westborough
Digital Capital signs at each entrance to the municipality of Westborough was seconded by
Selectman Barrette. Vote: 2-1 (Drewry)

School Committee Vacancy Interviews

School Committee members present: Ilyse Levine-Kanji, Steve Doret, Jodi Hensley, and Nicole
Sullivan.

Ms. Henderson reviewed her background and reasons for her interest in the position. School
Committee members and the Board conducted a fifteen minute question and answer session with
Ms. Henderson.

Selectman Barrette noted that after the second candidate's interview on October 1, 2013 the
Boards will vote to appoint one of the candidates.

**Request to Approve the Common Victualer License for the North Star Café at 15 Bridle
Lane / Vladimir Hucko**

Selectman Drewry's motion to approve the Common Victualer License for the North Star Café at
15 Bridle Lane was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

**Request to Approve the Common Victualer License for iYogurt at 30 Lyman Street /
Dat Do**

Selectman Drewry's motion to approve the Common Victualer License for iYogurt Frozen
Yogurt Shop at 30 Lyman Street was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

Request to Approve the Common Victualer License for Taste of Andhra, LLC d/b/a Mirchi at 291 Turnpike Road / Bhaskar Rednam

Selectman Drewry's motion to approve the Common Victualer License for Taste of Andhra, LLC d/b/a Mirchi at 291 Turnpike Road was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

Request to Approve the Common Victualer License for the Grille at Westborough Country Club, 121 West Main Street / Mike Hightower

Selectman Drewry's motion to approve the Common Victualer License for The Grille at the Westborough Country Club was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Discussion: Mr. Hightower introduced his new chef, Tracy Simone, who is classically trained and reviewed some of the menu items.

Vote: 3-0

Request to Appoint Nancy Siegal to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee for a Term Ending June 30, 2014 / Bruce Tretter / Nancy Siegel

Mr. Tretter reviewed Mrs. Siegal's background and that she has been attending meetings and participating on a regular basis.

Selectman Drewry's motion to appoint Nancy Siegal to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee for a term ending June 30, 2014 was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

Request to Reappoint Thomas Burke to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Board / Town Manager

Selectman Dodd's motion to reappoint Thomas Burke as one of the representatives on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Board for a term ending September 30, 2016 was seconded by Selectman Drewry. Vote: 3-0

Introduction of Newly Appointed Fire Officers / Chief Perron

Chief Perron informed the Board of the recent retirements which resulted in promotions and the hiring of new firefighters. He introduced those receiving promotions, who were Bob Rand, Steve Doucet, Pat Purcell, Ed Manion, Keith Lermond, and Kenneth Wood. The newly hired firefighters, Bill O'Connor, Rob Barton and Logan Trainor were also introduced. The Board thanked and congratulated them.

Board of Selectmen Liaison Program

Selectmen Dodd, Barrette and Drewry had submitted their requests for the Liaison Program and Ms. Covino will update the list and send it to the Board. Selectman Dodd will prepare a written summary of possible changes to the program for the Board to discuss at a future meeting.

Request to Award the Contract for the Forbes Municipal Building Elevator Modernization / Town Manager

Mr. Malloy explained the need to modernize the elevator at the Forbes Municipal Building. The architect has reviewed the bid and recommended awarding the contract to Worcester Elevator who was the low bid. They are also very familiar with the elevator as they are the current company that maintains it.

Selectman Drewry's motion to award the bid to Worcester Elevator to upgrade the elevator in the Forbes Municipal Building for \$34,650 as per their bid, and further to authorize the Town Manager to execute all contracts related to the project was seconded by Selectman Dodd.

Vote: 3-0

Discussion on Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Malloy informed the Board that the bid on the Country Club restaurant included the expansion of the deck and a Town Meeting vote is required to set the new the dimensional regulations. This will be added to the second draft.

Mr. Malloy reviewed the Articles and any changes that will be made for the next draft.

Town Counsel Report

Attorney Franks provided an update on 169 East Main Street, Zaara Gardens, which is a 40B project. The application has been pending for three years and he reviewed the issues responsible for the delay. New plans are expected in a few weeks and all issues should be resolved. He has been working with the Town Manager on the plan and documentation to acquire a piece of land behind Town Hall for the addition. The Town currently has no regulations or licenses for taxis and Attorney Franks was asked by the Police Chief to develop regulations so that there is a mechanism in place to deal with those who operate a taxi business without a license. He will present a document at the next meeting.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Selectman Drewry expressed condolences to families of Richard Healy and Jackie Tidman.

Selectman Dodd requested time on the next agenda for a presentation by the Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee. He noted that the MBTA is asking for input regarding their routes on the website in order to increase use. He encouraged Westborough residents to comment and also requested that the information be posted on the Town's website, Twitter and Facebook.

Selectman Barrette expressed his appreciation to the Open Space Preservation Committee for their time and explanations regarding the Chapter 61A process. He noted that the process still requires some review and changes and he will continue to work with them on the process. Selectman Barrette expressed condolences to Spyro Economou's family and noted his contributions to the community. He also thanked everyone involved in the Fire Station ground breaking ceremony for their efforts.

Executive Session

Selectman Dodd's motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; and for the purpose of discussing the value of real estate, as an Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Selectman Drewry – yes; Selectman Barrette; Selectman Dodd- yes.

Submitted by Paula M. Covino

Vice Chairman Barrette

Selectman Dodd

Selectman Drewry