

**Westborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2015**

**6:32 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Barrette, Selectmen Dodd and Goldblatt

Also Present: Kristi Williams, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director

**Consent Agenda**

Request to Approve April 14, 2015 Minutes

Request to Approve April 28, 2015 Minutes

Request to Approve Common Victualer Permit for Chop Kabob, LLC, 290 Turnpike Road / Akbar Niyai pour

Selectman Goldblatt's motion that the Board approve the consent agenda was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

Mr. Niyai pour came before the Board and noted that this is the first Persian restaurant in Worcester County and it is family owned and all food is homemade. They are open for business.

**Request to Approve Change of Manager Liquor License Application for Bertucci's Restaurant, 160 Turnpike Road / Sandra Ginsberg**

Ms. Ginsberg came before the Board.

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to approve the Change of Manager application for Bertucci's at 160 Turnpike Road naming Sandra Ginsberg as the Manager was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Discussion: Chief Gordon has no issues. Vote: 3-0

**Request to Appoint David Holt as a Patrolman / Chief Gordon**

Chief Gordon and Mr. Holt came before the Board. Chief Gordon informed the Board that Mr. Holt is filling an opening in the department from a vacancy in February. He reviewed the hiring process and noted that Mr. Holt was a police officer at UMass Medical in Worcester, is fully academy trained and has successfully completed the psychological and physical exams and background check.

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to appoint David Holt as a full-time police officer subject to successful completion of the psychological exam, physical exam and background check was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Discussion: Chief Gordon asked the Board for approval to start Mr. Holt at a Step 2 as he is academy trained and the Town did not have to pay for it or his salary while attending. He spoke with Ms. Williams about this request before the meeting. Selectman Goldblatt's amended motion to appoint David Holt as a full-time police officer subject to successful completion of the psychological exam, physical exam and background check at a Step 2 pay scale was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

**Request to Appoint Brian Gerardi and Joseph Gonet as Reserve Intermittent Police Officers / Chief Gordon**

Chief Gordon, Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Gonet came before the Board. Chief Gordon informed the Board that there are two openings in the department. He noted that Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Gonet were full-time police officers in Shrewsbury, have since retired, and he knows them personally.

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to approve the appointment of Brian Gerardi and Joseph Gonet as Reserve Intermittent Police Officers was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

**Request to Declare a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria as Surplus / DPW Manager**

Mr. Walden came before the Board.

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to declare the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W37X163096 as surplus personal property and authorize the DPW Manager and Town Manager to sell the vehicle at auction was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

**Request to Award FY 2016 Bids for Various Aggregate Materials / DPW Manager**

Mr. Walden came before the Board. He noted that the bid openings were held on April 28 and April 30, 2015 Ms. Riggieri, DPW Business Administrator, thoroughly reviewed the bids and found them to be in compliance with the specifications.

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to award the FY16 bids for various items used by the Public Works Department as recommended in the May 5, 2015 attached memorandum from John Walden, DPW Manager to the various bidders as per their bids and as stated by Mr. Walden was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0

**Town Manager Report**

Ms. Williams reviewed Mr. Malloy's report:

Nathan Fisher House Bids – five bids were received with the highest a \$1.1 million and the lowest at \$300,000. Mr. Malloy, Mr. Robbins and Selectman Barrette will be reviewing the bids and rating them on the qualitative criteria and should have a recommendation to award at the June 9, 2015 meeting. Fifty percent of the net proceeds of the sale have to go to the State.

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Store – the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has formally requested to use the Forbes Community Building for a store to sell memorabilia after the Recreation Department moves out. This creates a couple of issues that would have to be addressed as the Boy Scouts wanted to move back in and the Town may need the space for offices if the Forbes Municipal Building renovation moves forward. Mr. Malloy is working with the Committee to find another location.

Entrance Signs – The Civic Club is considering a big project for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Mr. Malloy has proposed entrance signs at the entrances into Town. Ms. Williams showed the Board a mockup and the Civic Club would donate the seven signs.

Downtown Projects – the first project is to replace the downtown light with period lighting using mitigation funds from CSX and Toll Brothers. The Engineering Dept. used Dept. of Transportation standards to determine the placement of the lights. Letters will be sent to all the abutting property owners and sidewalks will saw cut and patched until they are replaced next spring, which will allow time to assess the placement to ensure there is sufficient lighting. The goal is to energize the lighting in September or October.

The second project is to paint the East Main Street railroad also using mitigation funds. The Town Engineer is working with a consultant to develop bid specifications.

Dock Application – Mr. Malloy wanted to make the Board aware that a dock permit application will be coming before the Board at a future meeting and included in the packet is the statute for their review.

### **Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen**

Selectman Dodd noted that the Town Counsel search committee met and the three finalists will be interviewed at the next meeting. He asked to the Community Preservation Act discussion on the agenda in either June or July.

Selectman Goldblatt asked to remember former Selectman, Charlie Kelliher who recently passed away; Selectman Drewry came home from the hospital today; and as Memorial Day approaches to remember the men and women far from home serving out country.

Selectman Barrette will be rating the bids for the Nathan Fisher House along with Mr. Malloy and Mr. Robbins and they will use a rating system that Mr. Malloy prepared, which includes several considerations. He mentioned that Memorial Day is next Monday and also thanked everyone who attended the cemetery project ceremony on May 9, 2015 at Pine Grove. The project consisted of identifying the graves of deceased patients from the State Hospital with markers and was organized as an Eagle Scout Project by Tim Sherman. There is a plan to raise money for a memorial in the future.

### **Adjournment**

Selectman Goldblatt's motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Selectman Dodd. Vote: 3-0.

*Submitted by Paula M. Covino*

---

Chairman Barrette

---

Selectman Goldblatt

---

Selectman Dodd