

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
Murdock Middle High School, 3 Memorial Drive**

Present: Robert M. O’Keefe, Chairman
Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice-Chairwoman
Keith R. Barrows
C. Jackson Blair

James M. Kreidler, Jr., Town Manager
Linda A. Daigle, Executive Assistant

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Public Hearing Notice for the Tax Classification Hearing (attached)
 - Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Memo regarding Subregion Selection Process and Memorandum of Understanding (filed)
 - Holiday Hours for Town Hall and the Transfer Station (attached)
 - ABCC application for Sunday Hours – Zoe’s Restaurant & Pizzeria, LLC (filed)
 - 2012 License Renewal spreadsheet and addendum (attached)
 - Tax Classification Document (attached)
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Chairman O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The meeting was held at the High School prior to Special Town Meeting (STM) and was not broadcast live. No one announced, when asked, that they would be video or audio taping the meeting.

Tax Classification Public Hearing: O’Keefe opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. by reading the notice. He asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard. No one came forth. The Town’s Assessor, Linda Bevan, stated the Board of Assessors recommended a factor of one, which means we tax all classifications of property the same tax rate. Barrows moved the recommendation of the Board of Assessors; Hunt seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously. The hearing was recessed until after STM.

MPO Presentation: Mr. George Snow, representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) came before the Board to explain the organization and how he is looking for a representative in this area to represent the sub-region. The Board members were asked who was interested. With no one coming forth, O’Keefe volunteered to be the member and completed the form. The first meeting will be scheduled in January.

Selectmen’s Comments: O’Keefe announced the holiday hours for Town Hall and the Transfer Station.

Public Comments and Announcements: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

Permit/License Applicatons, Hearings:

Sue Polcari came before the Board on her application to hold a boot drive to benefit Winchendon Pop Warner on December 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She said the funds raised will help cover the cost of the trip to Orlando for the PeeWee Cheerleading squad. Hunt moved to approve and to waive the fee; Blair seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Sunday Morning Alcohol Sales Change of Hours: O'Keefe announced an application for a change of hours for Sunday morning sales was before them for Zoe's Restaurant & Pizzeria. Blair moved to approve; Hunt seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

2012 License Renewals: O'Keefe announced the list of current licensees included in their packet that would like to renew for 2012, not including those that have a strike through them. He mentioned the outstanding issues listed on the addendum. Barrows moved approval with conditions noted. Hunt seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously. Daigle publicly thanked the Administrative Assistant, Margaret Giacobone for all her work on these license renewals recognizing the time and effort she has put forth.

New Year's Eve Closings for Section 12 Liquor License: O'Keefe stated this vote is to allow these liquor license holders to extend the hours of operation until 2:00 a.m. instead of 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. Hunt moved to approve; Barrows seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business: N/A.

Old Business: N/A.

Town Manager's Report: None this evening with STM to follow.

Minutes: Monday, November 28, 2011 Regular Meeting: Hunt moved to approve; Blair seconded. By roll call vote of Hunt aye, Barrows abstain due to not being present, Blair aye and O'Keefe aye, the motion carried by majority vote.

Recess: O'Keefe called for recess at 6:30 p.m. with the STM to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman O'Keefe reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and reopened the Tax Classification Hearing. Barrows moved to execute the document they previously voted; Blair seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously and the Board executed the document for the Assessor.

Adjournment: Blair moved to go into Executive Session under Exemption No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Barrows seconded. By roll call vote of Hunt aye, Barrows aye, Blair aye and the Chair aye and so declared, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant