

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon
2nd Floor Auditorium**

Present: Robert M. O’Keefe, Chairman (6:53 p.m.)
Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice-Chairwoman
C. Jackson Blair
Guy Corbosiero

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

Absent: Keith Barrows

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- BYOB Permit Application – Playaway, LLC (filed)
 - Town Manager’s Report (attached)
 - Draft FY14 Town Government Budget and Memo (attached)
 - Draft ATM Warrant May 20, 2013 (attached)
 - BOS Minutes for approval:
 - March 25, 2013 Regular Meeting (filed)
 - March 25, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION (Held for Release)
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Vice-Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting aired live on local cable access channel 8.

Disclosure of Audio/Video Recording: No one disclosed audio/video recording this evening.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS: There were none this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none this evening.

STRETCH CODE PRESENTATION: Mr. Mike Berry from ICF International and Ms. Kelly Brown, Regional Coordinator for MassDOER Green Communities Division along with Winchendon resident Chris Provost introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Berry was here with a presentation to educate and give a broad overview to the Board and the Town in adopting the Stretch Energy Code and the effects it would have on the town.

His presentation consisted of the “what and why”, “compliance and cost” and the “future” of energy codes. He explained the Stretch Code only addresses energy and that all the other codes, safety, handicap, disabilities act all supersede the Stretch Code. It’s an amendment to the Base Energy Code which is going to change in the near future. The Stretch Code is similar to the 2012 IECC which is usually adopted along with this. The codes affect residential and commercial construction. One hundred and twenty-four municipalities have adopted the new Building Regulations and Standards Stretch Code as of today. It applies to residential additional home renovations and new construction. For commercial properties, it applies to new construction and additions; renovations are exempt.

He explained the Prescriptive Path and Performance Path for Additions and Renovations as well as the options the builder can take using the Home Energy Rating System (HERs) index.

Some of the *misconceptions* of The Stretch Code he addressed were:

- It is new and experimental
- Requires tighter unhealthy homes
- Requires foam
- Requires mechanical ventilation
- Requires heat exchangers
- Homes with oil heat cannot meet the Stretch Code
- Town residents will be required to update their existing homes

Incentives/rebates are available for homeowners and builders from the state. Mr. Berry showed a chart of the cost of the Stretch Code and the difference from the last presentation where the building code has changed. He stated the code compliance and inspections will be the same as for the base code, same building inspections and same approval for building documents.

He informed the Board that there is training for free on the new energy codes at: www.energystarhomes.com
He stated the base code will update in 2013. The Stretch Code will update concurrently.

Hunt was concerned about the cost and Mr. Berry replied it would be a worthy investment knowing that it is energy efficient. The Town will build better homes, become a green community and receive grant funds for energy conservation methods in the community. Ms. Kelley stated the Town is looking at a one-time grant for \$160,000 and in the future they have competitive rounds in the Spring. The Board thanked them for their presentation and recessed at 7:27 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

O'Keefe announced Earth Day cleanup for Winchendon is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a dumpster near Town Hall on Pleasant Street and trash bags will be available.

Blair announced that Beal's Memorial Library is having their Literary Ball April 27th, in honor of their one hundredth year in existence. He hoped people in town would attend. Tickets are available at the Library or by contacting him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Hunt announced there are a lot of vacancies and asked for people to come forward.

PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS, HEARINGS:

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) Permit – Playaway, LLC, 5 Summer Drive – George Mizhir, III, was present on his application for a BYOB. Hunt read the Public Hearing notice into the record. With all paperwork in order for the applicant, Corbosiero moved to approve; Blair seconded. With no discussion and with a roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: Liquor License Violation Penalty Guidelines – Amendment: This matter was brought up at the last meeting for a slight change related to Club licenses. Club licenses allow members to bring guests in. The current policy stated it would be a violation for Club Licenses to sell to the Public. Kreidler offered for clarification to amend the guidelines to say for club licenses, “sale to non-guest or non-invitee”. O'Keefe moved

to change the guidelines by removing the word “public” and adding the words “non-guest and non-invitee”. Blair seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously and was approved with this first reading.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

Special/Annual Town Meeting DRAFT Warrant - Kreidler presented the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant stating there are twenty-nine articles in total and the lightest Town Meeting Warrant he has seen. With the warrant closing just today at noontime, he invited the Board to contact him anytime during the week or weekend with any questions they may have and go over with them anything in detail.

DRAFT FY14Town Government Budget:

Kreidler explained the documents presented to them this evening. First, in the binder, is his annual General Government Budget memo giving them an overview of the high points in this year’s budget. Second tab is the Revenue-Expense Summary sheet for the FY14 budget. Next is the Omnibus budget that will appear in the warrant. He noted the amount in red next to STM is the changes that were approved at the fall Special Town Meeting. He was trying to account for the difference in how the Munis budget lists the amounts. Jim said the percentage is tied to the original figure. He said he could run the change with the revised vote and explained the differences.

The next tab is the Omnibus budget blown out line by line with a greater level of detail. There was some discussion of the street lights being turned back on regardless of the solar farm being built. The Board hoped there would be other ways to put some street lights back on and Blair moved for a plan to turn on some percentage of the lights over a period of a couple years, for the sake of discussion say twenty-five percent turned back on, and that money be found in this budget in the year 2014. O’Keefe seconded the motion for discussion. He asked what dollar figure approximately twenty-five percent would be. Kreidler replied he couldn’t tell them at this time, that he wasn’t prepared for this question but thinking through the budget numbers for electric estimated about \$25,000. Blair and O’Keefe stated they have wanted lights on for at least two and a half years now and don’t want it delayed further with it being linked to the solar farm. O’Keefe asked if the original member would consider modifying his motion to give a dollar figure. Blair modified his motion to accept the \$25,000 figure to turn on as many lights as possible. O’Keefe seconded. Hunt said she likes lights on in the Town but doesn’t agree with it; only would like it in areas where it’s a safety concern. She hasn’t heard from the committee of any safety concerns because a light is out. She’s heard opinions, but not safety concerns. She felt the Town had an abundance of lights. She would like a formality and didn’t like how this was just thrown out there. Blair said his motion did not speak to a safety issue, but an administrative issue. Kreidler asked about those that were currently paying for the streetlight themselves personally. Blair said only those that are determined to be put on, if that is the one they are paying for, would no longer pay for it. With a roll call vote of O’Keefe aye, Blair aye, Corbosiero aye and Hunt no, the motion carried by majority vote. O’Keefe, speaking for himself, asked that for the FY15 budget additional street lights that should be turned on be included in the budget. O’Keefe asked the Executive Assistant to ask the Street Light Committee to appear before the Board of Selectmen at their first meeting in June.

The last tab, the Town Manager informed the Board, is the Munis version of the budget for those who like to see it in that format. It is identical to the prior tab which is the Excel version.

MINUTES:

Monday, March 25, 2013 Regular Session and Joint Meeting with School Committee – Blair moved to approve: Corbosiero seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the minutes were approved.

Monday, March 25, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION –Blair moved to approve, not release; Corbosiero seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: N/A

AGENDA ITEMS: Hunt reminded the Board of their next meeting which will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. She stated she would not be in attendance and Blair also stated he would not be there but hoped to participate remotely.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Hunt read the need 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. Hunt so declared. Blair moved to go into Executive Session for the stated purpose and to reconvene into public session for the sole purpose of adjournment; Corbosiero seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant