



MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
Council on Aging Media Room, 328 North Main Street
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

Present: Paul L. Federici, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, William R. Gorman, Chairman, Board of Health, Kevin Manley, Clerk of the Board

The Chairman of the Board opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence. Announcements were made in accordance with M.G.L. 30A, §20 (e), and noted that the meeting was being recorded by the Board of Selectmen and East Longmeadow Community Access Television..

PUBLIC FORUM

6:00 P.M. – John Geraci, 40 Waterman Avenue, Unsolved Issue

Mr. Geraci wanted resolution. Selectman Federici said that he is gathering information, with his goal to get back to Mr. Geraci before the end of the Board.

6:05 P.M. – Richard Turnburg, 243 Somers Road, Unfinished Business

Selectman Gorman said that he is not answering any of his questions. Mr. Turnberg made his statement to the Board quoting things from the paper. Selectman Gorman said that it's over and done.

APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 P.M. – Application for Food Service Permit, Derryl Gibbs, Bumpy's Corner Store, 174 North Main Street and Hours of operation

Present for the appointment was Derryl Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs told the Board that the store is just like Deals and Steals in North Hampton where the items are all organic and natural and they are slightly passed code dates. Bumpy's is the same thing, all packaged foods.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the application for the Food Service Permit. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley, seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the hours of operation Monday-Saturday, 9:00am-6:00pm. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:20 P.M. – Application for Tobacco License, Umer Reham, Owner, Smoke and

Convenience/Planet Vape, 173 Shaker Road. Food Service Permit and Hours of operation

Present for the appointment was Mr. Reham the father of Umer Rham. Mr. Umer Rham was out

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of the country. Mr. Reham gave a brief description of the business. They will also have lotter at the establishment.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion for a Tobacco Sales License for Smoke and Convenience/Planet Vape, 173 Shaker Road. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the hours of operation, Monday-Thursday 9:00am-10:00pm; Friday & Saturday 9:00am-12:00am and Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion for a Food Service Permit. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OLD BUSINESS

Purple Heart Signs

The DPW suggested placing the signs at Elm Street coming into Town from Springfield, Somers Road coming into Town from Connecticut and Shaker Road coming into Town from Connecticut.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to accept the placement of the Purple Heart signs as indicated by the DPW. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

No commercial vehicle signage on Braeburn Road, DPW response

The response from DPW was that it was not a simple task. This would need approval from the Springfield Department of Public Works and the Mass DOT before the Board could act. Selectman Manley said that he spoke with the Superintendent and it doesn't meet the requirements and Mass DOT will not approve anyway. Selectman Manley will speak with the resident. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Jennifer Kinder

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the request for the Summer Reading Event Program along the Rail Trail to support the Special Olympics on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 4:00pm-6:00pm and a Temporary Food Service Permit with the caveat that the recommendation from the Police Department is accepted before it becomes final. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from the Recreation Director

The Recreation Director explained the request for a Movie Event at Center Field. Would like to

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do at the last day of school going forward.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the movie night on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 7:30pm-10:30pm at Center Field and the Temporary Food Service Permit. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from Graziano Gardens

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Temporary Food Service Permit for Graziano Gardens on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 12:15pm-1:45pm in conjunction with their Tour de Fleur. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request for a larger "Dead End" sign

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the recommendations from the Police Department for a larger "Dead End" sign at the intersection of South Bend Lane and Somers Road. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request for a "speed limit" sign

The Police Department reviewed the complaint and speed limits are controlled by Chapter 90 and recommended a Caution Children be placed at Oak Brook Drive.

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve a "Caution Children" sign for Oak Brook Drive. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Police Chief Letters

Expired Eligibility

There was never any action taken on the list that former Police Chief Mellis requested. The current Chief was requesting the list be cancelled and will request a new list in the future.

Towing Service Contracts

The Towing Contract will be up June 30, 2016. Because of the position of the Board long term contracts cannot be made. The Police Chief suggested approving the contracts for three months and make more of a long term contract when the Council is in place.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to extend the Towing Contracts for the two companies CJ's and Mascaro's for 90 days. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

BOARD OF HEALTH

NEW BUSINESS

2016-2017 recycling cards. The cards are completed and will be mailed to residents.

Request 2016 Skyhawks Summer Camp

Motion:

W. Gorman made a motion to approve the Skyhawks Summer Camp at the East Longmeadow

High School Soccer Field July 11-22, 2016 from 9:00am-3:00pm. So moved by P. Federici. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Request from the Arbors

Selectman Federici recused himself from the discussion his spouse is affiliated with the Arbors Kids.

Motion:

W. Gorman made a motion to approve the Arbors Summer Camp, 126 Industrial Drive from June 20-August 16, 2016 from 6:30am-6:00pm and approval of a Swimming Pool Permit contingent upon inspection by the Health Agent on June 16, 2016. So moved by K. Manley. W. Gorman seconded out of necessity. Motion passed 3-0. Selectman Federici returned to the meeting.

Health Department Approvals
Sharps Disposal Program

Motion:

W. Gorman proposed a motion to approve the Sharps Disposal Program and the Sharps Consent Form. So moved by P. Federici. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from the Library

Motion:

W. Gorman made a motion to approve the Temporary Food Service Permit for the Library Summer Kick-Off Party on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the East Longmeadow Library. So moved by P. Federici. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board noted the thank you letters from Jenna Mazza and Jessica Haywood two scholarship recipients.

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS/REMINDERS

The Clerk of the Board read into the record the meetings/invitations/reminders Board of Selectmen Meeting, Tue. June 21, 2016 at 6pm, Council on Aging Media Room, 328 North Main Street.

Police Department National Night Out, Tue., August 2, 2016 from 5:30pm-8:00pm in the High School Parking Lot

TOWN COUNSEL

OLD BUSINESS

Town Counsel had one item to add to the Agenda that will be in executive session, re: threatened litigation. The information only came in this morning.

Ambulance Contract

Selectman Federici told the Board that he spoke with the representative of AMR and explained the situation with the new Charter. There is a provision in the contract that it could be extended

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for a year; the Company agreed to this. Selectman Federici is bringing to the Board for discussion. Town Counsel said that the new Council planned on having organization meetings, posting them and keeping minutes for the sake of open government. Town Counsel suggested meeting at the first meeting of the Council to give them the ability what the Board intends to do.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve a one-year extension of the Contract effective June 21, 2016 upon being ratified by the new Town Council and failure to ratify it will be effective for a year. So moved by W. Gorman. Motion passed 3-0. Town Counsel clarified the word ratified is the Council were unable to meet to discuss not that they say no to go forward.

Recreation Director, re: New Hire

The Recreation Director explained that when the budget was approved within the budget there was a position in the office that would not be funded meaning that at the end of this fiscal year that position will no longer be. Also within the budget was an addition of an Assistant Director for the Office with a start date of July 1, 2016. The Director feels that it would be a necessity to hire because they need the support in the office, coming into the busiest season of the year. It would be the Director's intent for the employee to fill the position but will put in an application as any other employee that would be interested. Town Counsel said that this is really on the borderline. Town Counsel suggested to use the authority under the Charter that this is an appointment that has to be made. Town Counsel said that this is a timing issue.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to allow the Recreation Director to seek a candidate to fill this position and make whatever determinations when something comes back with someone and go forward. So moved by K. Manley. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Re-appointments Elected and Appointed officials

Town Counsel said that the law is that when there is someone in a position where their term ends at a specific point in time that if action is not taken to enforce that termination at that point in time they stay in office performing their functions until either they are re-appointed or there is an appointment of another person to fill that position then that person takes that oath of office. If the Board does not appoint the hold over positions the people's positions that are expiring June 30 they would hold office through the date that the manager appoints them to continue or appoints their successor to go forward. Town Counsel said that was his recommendation.

Selectmen's Office

Issue is more dealing with the Assistant Executive Secretary's position. There is an employee in the Town Hall that is interested in the position. Town Counsel said that since the position will probably working closely with the Manager it really isn't a position that shouldn't be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Suggested to appoint someone on a temporary basis to get trained and leave it for the Manager to determine whether they want to appoint that person permanently or want to look for someone else. Shouldn't leave the position unaddressed. This will be taken up on July 21. Would need to check to see if the budget could handle the overlap. The appointment does not have to be a Town Hall employee. The position is a non-union position.

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May want to consider granting a temporary leave of absence in their union position.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss matter of union, collective bargaining and threatening litigation for to discuss in open session might be detrimental to the Town and to return to open session only to adjourn. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. Selectman Gorman, yes. Selectman Manley, yes. Selectman Federici, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorraine Banspach, Assistant Executive Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 21, 2016.

Kevin M. Manley, Clerk of the Board