

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: October 8, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:10 p.m.

2) Motion to approve minutes of September 10, 2014 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W13P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$50,911.08 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI – Abstain

4) Warrant #W14B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$85,656.03 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI – Abstain

Selectmen Discuss All Alcoholic Restaurant License fee and hours (Rene Rainville):

SI states other towns have a policy on All Liquor Licenses and he feels Ashby should. JF feels we need to decide to times of operations.

SI obtained copies of other towns and states there is no policy in Ashby. He feels the Board should discuss and have a policy put on the agenda after further discussion. He feels there is a lot more to this then just signing the license. He cited a detainment fee that was on the last warrant due to a DUI incident and feels this should be addressed as part of a policy. He would like to invite the Police Chief to a meeting to get his opinion and input.

MM read some examples from the Town of Marlboro that SI had provided.

JF asked about rules and regulations for the Legion. SI stated he looked it up and they have an entirely different set of rules.

Rene Rainville states he has purchased approximately 70 per cent of materials and is just waiting for the license to be issued to finish the project.

There are State rules and regulations and JF states to RR that the BOS won't be denying his permit but would like to have time to set up a policy for the Town. This could also affect any other business that would like to set up in Town or a change of ownership.

MM would like to find a way to not hold up RR and still be able to adopt a policy.

He asked SI if he would be ok with having weekly meetings until this could be done.

LW asked Rene if he is fully informed as to the State Laws on serving liquor. She also asked him if he has insurance if anything should happen. Answer: Yes. Does he have a procedure in place if a patron gets out of hand? Answer: Yes, call 911. MM suggested talking to Counsel and see if there are any policies for other towns they could look at in the policy making process. RR was acceptable to waiting until the next regular meeting for a policy. JF states it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. LW asked for an explanation of what an "All Alcoholic License" is.

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The motion to approve and sign of All Alcoholic Restaurant License for 873 Roadhouse, LLC d/b/a The Roadhouse was tabled until next meeting.

Tree Warden Report Update (Allan Dawson):

Spoke with forestry officials at Willard Brook and no Asian Longhorn Beetles have been found in traps that they had set.

Many ash trees in town may be affected by bores. He is going to have Unitil cut down a tree on his property and check for them. Oak and Maple trees are being seen in Town that are in danger of dying out.

Plans for Town Common: 3 trees that are planted on the Common have not responded to trimming that was done and will be on the way out. He is going to talk to Bill Davis about getting some support from highway. There will be 3 to 5 large stumps that need to be removed and wonders if a warrant article would be necessary for the funding.

Letting the BOS know as of Saturday he would only have about \$800.00 left in his funds.

LW spoke about monies that are available for helping towns deal with trees and overgrowth.

5) Motion to accept the resignation of Heather Rhodes as Dispatch Trainee, effective September 12, 2014.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

6) Motion to approve and sign on a Condolence Letter to the Stacy Family.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

7) Motion to sign on State Election Warrant (4) for November 4, 2014.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

8) Motion to adopt Electrical Appliance Policy proposed by Energy Efficiency Committee. Policy read by Board Chairman and this is just for the Town.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

9) Motion to approve and sign on 2 One Day Liquor Licenses for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club: October 18, 2014 License #417 & October 25, 2014 License #418

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition Update (If any):

JF gave update and Cathy Kristofferson also gave update. Oct 2nd the pipeline company was given an expedited approval for construction of the pipeline. She will meet with Bob Hanson to help him get into an internet site for submitting a letter.

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10) Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to FERC regarding the vote held at Town Meeting regarding the proposed Tennessee Gas Line.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

Cathy Kristofferson announced several Town fundraisers being held. All will be posted on the Town's website.

New citizen's petition calling for hearings to be held will be available in the Land Use Room.

Any Other Business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: read by SI.

Public Comments (if any)

Announcement read by SI that was submitted by Lillian Whitney concerning senior activities.

11) Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____