Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:05 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of October 8, 2014 as recorded.

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

SI - Abstain

3) Warrant #W15P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$54,049.56 subject to further review.

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

SI - Abstain

Request to approve and sign vendor warrant W16B: SI asked why diesel fuel bill is so high for the parks dept. No answer was known and he is going to check into it and get back to the Board at their next meeting.

4) Warrant #W16B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$227,171.81 subject to further review.

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

SI - Abstain

5) Motion to open Tax Classification Hearing (Regional Resource Group) at 7:15 pm.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

Harold Scheid and Linda Couture (RRG) – presenting:

Tax Classification is a little early this year.

Outline of general steps taken to arrive at classification. Steps 1-5 are done. Certified New Growth is done at approx. \$30k. Tonight is to accomplish steps 6-8.

Explanation of how the classification is arrived at. He and the Board of Assessors recommend that a single tax rate for all classes of property is adopted. Most residents will see the assessments the same as they were last year. It appears the tax rate will be \$19.68 when certified by DOR.

6) Motion to close Tax Classification Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

7) Motion to adopt a residential shift factor of 1.0.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

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Harald Scheid mentioned the form for the Board to sign regarding this vote taken are not ready yet; still waiting on figures from Accounting and will probably be ready for next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectmen Discuss Rules and Regulations for Liquor License Holders:

SI states he likes the draft written up by Town Administrator and says they are adequate. JF thinks they are overkill. JF said the regulations cover most of the stuff already covered by the State regulations; by ABCC. Copy with Town Counsel review shown to Rene Rainville. JF states the regulations are similar to what the Town of Dedham had. Chief Alden spoke on different parts of the policy. There is already a regulation for transporting remainder of bottle of wine that is purchased in a restaurant and not finished. Most of these rules and regulations are already stated in MGL Chapter 138.

Question from RR: Is a license necessary for patrons to bring their own alcohol into the building?

Chief states this is not addressed in the policy and he will have to look into the laws on this.

LW Question: How can you leave an establishment with an open bottle?

Answer Chief: There is a certain law as to how you can transport an open container, which was explained again.

Rene Rainville asked why all this did not come up at the hearing? He went through 6 weeks of paperwork to satisfy the State and the Board approved his application previously 3 months ago.

8) Motion to adopt the Rules and Regulations for holders of Alcoholic Beverages Licenses in the Town of Ashby.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

JF stated most of these regulations are not really going to effect you because most of these are redundant to the State's rules.

Selectmen discuss All Alcoholic Restaurant License Fee and Hours (Rene Rainville):

Hours of operation will be different for each establishment: RR states hours of operation he is looking to operate. MM states a letter from the Planning Board after a hearing suggested from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. SI asked about a fence for the outside serving of alcohol. Answer RR: No plans to do anything else. State is fine with what they saw. SI feels the fence should be increased in size so as not to be seen by basketball court or school.

9) Motion to set the hours for the sale of alcohol at 873 Roadhouse to be Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m.to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

10) Motion to approve and sign on All Alcoholic Restaurant License for 873 Roadhouse, LLC d/b/a The Roadhouse, Laura Rainville, Manager to be drunk on premises, for the year 2014.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

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11) Motion to set the License Fee of \$250.00 for 873 Roadhouse.

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Motion:	Mike McCallum	Seconded:	Steven Ingerson	Vote:	Unan
12) Motion to accept the resignation of Samantha Collyer as Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Police Department.					
Motion:	Mike McCallum	Seconded:	Steven Ingerson	Vote:	Unan
Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition Update (If any):					
Chairman gave update on meetings that are scheduled with dates, times and locations of meetings and events that are going to be held. She encouraged attendance.					
Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: No business					
Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by MM					
Public Comments (if any):					
13) Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.					
Motion:	Mike McCallum	Seconded:	Steve Ingerson	Vote:	Unan
Signed by:					
Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen:					