

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes

Date: October 19, 2016

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Mark Haines

Time: 7:08 p.m.

FY15 Audit Review (Melanson Heath) Represented by: Patrice Squillante, CPA

She gave a brief explanation of just what an audit does and doesn't do.

Financial statements have 5 components to them and these were explained.

She pointed out some of the items in the audit.

Ashby is \$7,000,000 in the black which is better than many towns in the State.

She feels the way the Town budgets is very conservative.

Only suggestion she had for a change to Town's way of recording things was an issue with the Tax Collector's salary & Assistant Collector's wages in regards to how it was being recorded. This was corrected already two Town Meetings ago.

7:37 p.m: Selectmen open hearing for liquor license applicant 873 Market, LLC:

Rene Rainville represented himself. He explained what his plan is for the Market.

Resident: Does not support a full liquor license in Town.

Resident: Concerned for the safety of the residents in Town.

Bill Arnold, Owner of Ashby Market, read a letter he had composed, stating he his fully opposed to another license on Main St. in Ashby.

He presented the BOS with a petition signed by almost 100 residents.

He read some laws from the State of Mass.

Resident: Representing the First Parish Church read a letter from the church opposing the issuance of a liquor license.

Resident: Reminded residents of past history of multiple liquor stores in Town and free enterprise.

Resident: Opposes license.

Resident: Opposed to hard liquor and the proximity to the school and churches.

Resident: Feels it is a waste to have another package store even though she feels the bar is well regulated.

Rene Rainville responded by saying he thinks the Town would benefit by his plan to have a Farmer's Market with sale of cheese and other items.

Resident: What percent of floor space will be occupied with liquor in the Farmer's Market?

Resident: What are regulations for being close to a school?

Bob Hanson, TA read the laws in regard to what a liquor store can be near.

Resident: Other Towns are dealing with liquor establishments in a positive way.

Bill Arnold believes that 2 liquor licenses should not be under 1 roof.

Bob Hanson explained what applies to the law. The Farmer's Market is a separate entity. You cannot get from the restaurant to the Farmer's Market; a wall separates the two different entities.

Hearing closed at 8:30 p.m.

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Discussion and comments ensued by BOS to decide on a vote.

2) Selectmen approve and sign on All Alcohol Retail Package Store license for 873 Market, LLC.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

3) Selectmen approve minutes of September 28, 2016 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

4) Selectmen approve minutes of October 5, 2016 as recorded

Motion: Mark Haines                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: MH/JF - Aye  
MM - Abstain

5) Warrant #W17-08P FY17 approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$58,834.09 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

6) Warrant #W17-08 FY17 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$144,287.54 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

7) Request for Selectmen's appointment of Sam Stacy as Zoning Board Associate for a fill-in term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: none

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by: MM and available on Ashby Website.

Public Comments (if any): John Pankosky gave updated info on Devens prices for recycling.

Mark Haines spoke on progress of repairing Town Clock.

8) Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: Unan

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: \_\_\_\_\_