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Minutes

June 26, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Cotter Room

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Alex Hagerty, Chair, Tim Chapin, Suzanne Djusberg, Scott Lambiase, Town Manager
Absent: Kevin DiMarzio, Kevin Donovan

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Announcements:

- Ms. Djusberg – On 6/21 Abington Elderly Services held a seniors' cook-out. The Board of Health, DPW, Fire and Department Heads who helped served were thanked. The Abington Elderly Services dedicated the media room to Lois Kelly who was a member and President since 1978. The COA will be offering media classes for seniors in that room. Ms. Djusberg joined Amy Barrett, Director of the COA, where she received the Annual 2023 Commonwealth Heroine Award of Massachusetts in Boston and outlined Amy's many accomplishments.
- Mr. Hagerty – read the information (attached) on Heat Mapping/Heat Watch that Liz Shea supplied.

Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. Request new Class II license to add to their Commercial Garage license at Excel Auto Collision, 123 Centre Avenue, Gustavo Matos, Manager. Motion by Ms. Djusberg to open the hearing, seconded by Mr. Chapin, unanimous. The applicant requested to continue the hearing for proper notification of abutters. Motion to continue to July 10th at 6:35 p.m. made by Ms. Djusberg, seconded by Mr. Chapin, unanimous.

6:40 p.m. Request for change of closing hours, Terra Nossa Center Market, 1501 Bedford Street, Iane Jardim, Manager, from Monday-Saturday 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Edvar Jardim attended the meeting and requested the change in hours, probably won't be every night, most likely only nights with soccer games going on. Buffet will not be served that late, but they will be seated at the tables with appetizers. Motion by Mr. Chapin to approve the change in hours, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. Adam Gunn, VSO, with updates, and vote on appointments to Veterans' Advisory Council. Thanked the eight individuals who volunteered for the Veterans' Advisory Council: Philip Delany, Justin Simmons, Pete Walters, Travis Partington, Bill Dodge, Ann Welch, Janice Walters, and Bob Pratt. He attended the meeting in his ceremonial white U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer's uniform to honor and thank these individuals. He recommended Travis Partington, Bill Dodge, Justin Simmons, Phil Delany and Pete Walters be appointed, but hoped all of them would continue to stay involved with the Veterans' Office. Mr. Chapin and Mr. Hagerty thanked everyone who applied.
Janice Walters – thanked Adam for everything he has done for the veterans. She is the daughter of a veteran, the spouse of a veteran, and a veteran herself. If he needs any help, let them know.

Motion by Mr. Chapin to appoint Travis Partington, Bill Dodge, Justin Simmons, Phil Delany and Peter Walters, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous. Town Clerk Leanne Adams swore in the new appointees.

VSO Updates – they were approved for \$50,000 from ARPA from Plymouth County Commissioner Tom O'Brien and will establish the America SAVES Fund (Serving American Veterans with Emergency Support). Eligible veterans will be able to apply for \$1,400 for food, transportation or heat expenses. There will be financial criteria eligibility, and the Veterans' Advisory Council will help to decide how to fairly and properly distribute these funds.

Adam wanted to recognize the veterans' organizations in Abington – the American Legion Lewis V. Dorsey Post 112, VFW Post 5737 and U.S. Veterans Viet Nam Era Sgt. Richard A. Fitts Chapter also known as Post 2. He asked veterans to reach out to these organizations and support them. Mr. Hagerty thanked Adam for his service and gave a shout out to him and John Stone, DPW Superintendent, ("anything for our veterans") for the needed repairs to the Richard Fitts Memorial.

2. Discussion and vote to act on request by the Plymouth County Retirement Association Board to accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 to allow a one-time increase to Cost-of-Living Adjustment to retirees in FY 2023. Ms. Djusberg excused herself due to conflict of interest. Mr. Hagerty reviewed the MGL Advisory on the Rule of Necessity, which would allow Ms. Djusberg to vote on this issue by making a disclosure of the conflict. Ms. Djusberg disclosed she is a retiree. The Board received correspondence from some retirees in favor. It will be a cost of \$93,000 a year for five years.
Motion by Mr. Chapin to accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 to allow a one-time increase to Cost-of-Living Adjustment to retirees in FY 2023, seconded by Mr. Hagerty, unanimous.
3. Vote to approve annual renewal of Commercial Garage licenses. Motion by Mr. Chapin to approve the list of commercial garage license renewals pending completed paperwork, up-to-date tax payments, and satisfactory inspections, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

4. Discussion and vote on MOU with Franklin Pierce University. The Town Manager consulted with Gregg Corbo, Town Counsel. It was acceptable for all employees, including part time and board members. The contract lists that if there are any litigation issues, they would be handled in their jurisdiction. They will ask if that can be taken out. Motion by Mr. Chapin to approve, seconded by Mr. Djusberg, unanimous.
5. Town Manager Report
 - o They are working on closing out FY 23. He will be coming before the Board with the Finance Director for year-end budget transfers and request Selectmen and Finance Committee approval.
 - o He is requesting the Board to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 14th. Southfield Redevelopment Authority as well as New England Development Corp. will be looking for new zoning regulations for the old Naval Air Base. Also, the Fire Station/DPW Committee will be seeking funding for the construction of the collocated building project.
 - o He will be asking for a ballot election for a debt exclusion, and they would be doing that on the following Saturday. There will be more information on these in July.
 - o We will be doing another survey to see what concerns people have.
 - o Liz Shea will be working on a project page on the website with information on what is going on as far as bridge repairs, road repairs, building projects and open space projects, recreational projects, etc. It will also contain a listing of all the grants we received or are applying for.
 - We received \$100,000 for putting in heat pumps at the Senior Center and replacing the AC unit. We got the authorization from the Department of Capital Asset Management to do an emergency procurement on it.
 - We received a \$30,000 grant from Mass Historical Society for Memorial Bridge. CPC has allocated \$70,000 so there is enough money to go forward with the design of that project and going forward with grants asking for funds for repairs of the bridge.
 - We received an MBTA Humanities Technical grant for \$19,800 for modeling and technical requirements to be able to have a certain amount of housing available by right within a certain distance of the commuter rail.
 - DCR has awarded \$60,000 for the design of a GreenWave connector trail that will go from the Library to the piece of property that went into Conservation last year that will bring sidewalks, bike paths and walking trails.
 - State Historic Records Advisory Board -- \$3,250 for interpretive signs awarded to Island Grove which will point out some of the historic landmarks over there.

Motion by Mr. Chapin to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst

Heat Mapping/ Heat Watch

The Town of Abington was invited to participate in a grant to measure how hot we get. NOAA has funded the grant and we are the second set of communities to have this opportunity.

We need volunteers to drive and some to ride along and navigate. Tentatively we will be using the Avon Town Hall as a staging area for volunteers. NOAA will provide the equipment that will be attached to your vehicle, and you will drive a predetermined route and gather the temperature data through the equipment.

There are 3 separate periods during the day in which you can volunteer.

The data gathered will be used to develop temperature and heat index maps of the 3 participating communities.

Vehicles gathering the data will be equipped with sensor equipment from NOAA.

There is a tool on the States MVP website that you can use to see how the temperature is predicted to increase and the number of hot days will increase as well if you are interested in the topic.

Please feel free to call Liz Shea at 781-982-0069 or email her at lshea@abingtonma.gov to sign up.

2023 COMMERCIAL GARAGE RENEWALS

7/1/23-6/30/24

COMM. GARAGE	Owner	Address	Type	# for Repair	On lot after hrs.	Restrictions on Licenses
810 Auto Motors LLC	Claudio Netto & Nathalia Alves,	810 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG			15 for sale per 6/29/99 plan
A/J Equipment Repair, Inc.	Andrew Winiewicz	496 Centre Avenue	C-1/CG	5-10	5	5 sale
Abington Auto Mail LLC	mailing address:	490 Centre Avenue				
Abington Auto Repair Corp.	Ricky Bernasconi	761 Bedford St.	C-II/CG	25	4	
Abington Auto Works	Carlos Costa	347 Summer Street	CG	15		
Abington Automatic Trans.	Jackson Botelho	225 Brockton Avenue	CG			15 repair, 10 customer, 3 employee, total 33
AbingtonStop N Gas/Citgo	Gary Trenholm	1 Oak St.	CG	8-12	40	4 repair, 2 customer, 3 employee
Abington Sunoco	Aziz Habr	164 North Avenue	CG			
AM Auto Collision Ctr & Sales	James Stone	907 Bedford St.	C-II/CG	20	25	3 repair, 11 customer, 6 employee
	Matheus Moreira	933 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG			5 empl/cust., 4 sale, 20 repair
Auto Shine Auto Body Abington	Mark Bendlock	310 Bedford Street	C-II/CG			9 repair, 3 customer, 2 empl., 18 sale, total 38 on property, no parking on Robbins Ave.
Auto Towne Rentals, Inc.	Warren L. Rich	402 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG	6 inside		15 sale, total 45, including inside & out, nothing for sale out front
Auto Towne Truck Sales	Robert W. Hayes	500 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG	3		30 sale, 4 empl., 6 repair inside - total 40
Borderland Services	Michel Khoury	171 N. Quincy St.	C-II/CG	5		3 repair, 3 customer, 2 employee, 122 sale
Collision Craftsmen	John Pyrcz	43 Highland Road	CG			19 sale, 4 cust.
Columbia Auto Collision, Inc.	Bruno Vieira	800 E Adams Street	C-II/CG	20	25	3 repair, 6 customer, 2 employee
		761 Bedford St.	CG			5 sale
D & S Auto Works	Dana Snowdale	730 Adams Street	C-II/CG	9	20-26	15 parking spaces outside
Erick's Auto Repair	Erick Pereira	800 Adams Street, Unit C	C-II/CG			14 sale, 6 cust/empl.
Excel Auto Collision Services	Guilherme Matos	123 Centre Avenue	CG	15		4 repair, 4 customer, two employee, total 10
Extreme Auto & Marine Repair	Daniel Nagle	1420 Bedford St.	CG			33 cars total - 15 rep., 15 customer, 3 empl.
Midway Auto LLC	Michael Deveney	415 Brockton Avenue	C-II/CG	25		6 rep, 3 cust., 3 empl. For total of 12 vehicles
National Auto Center	Helder Pena	271 Washington Street	CG	4	5	limit of 250 cars
Neto Auto Repair	Apolonio Neto/ Matheus Salerno	800 Adams Street, Unit C	CG		2	6 repair, 2 cust., 2 empl. Spaces
Nick's Pit Stop	Keith Lascuola	1030 Bedford St.	C-11/CG			4 repair, 4 cust., 2 empl., total 10
N. J. Motors LLC	Yaacoub N. Obeid	231 N. Quincy Street	CG	4	6	16 for sale
Platinum Auto Care	Shaun MacPherson	485 Centre Ave.	CG			5 repair, 4 employee, 60 spaces on property
						10 cars for repair, 5 empl. Spaces, 5 customer

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Precision Auto Care Inc.	Daniel Silveira	3 Highland Road	CG			6 cars for repair, 2 employee, total 8 outside spaces
Rahn's Motorcycle Engineering	Rahn R. Pelrine	800 A Adams Street	C-II/CG	10	none	6 motorcycles
Rte. 18 Autobody, Inc.	Edward J. Herman	325 Washington St.	C-II/CG	10	10	15 sale
Shah Auto Sales, Inc.	Taimur Shah	120 Plymouth St.	C-11/CG	5		29 sale, 2 cust., 5 rep., 1 resident, total 37
South Shore Cycle Parts	Henry Sirignano	836 Bedford Street	CG	1	none	all kept inside after hours
Speedee Oil	Gerard Toppa	740 Brockton Avenue	CG			
Sullivan Tire	Bob Demarco	1215 Bedford St.	CG			30 spaces total
TC Auto Repair & Sales, Inc.	Antoine Chahine	190 North Avenue	C-II/CG			12 sale, 2 empl, 5 inside, 5 outside for repair - total 24
Tom's Auto Repair	Thomas R. Gannon	981 Hancock St.	CG	4-6	4-6	
Universal Auto Body, Inc.	T & C Dennehy	288 North Avenue	C-II/CG	10	10	24 sale
Whitman Bodyworks, Inc.	John Studer	1420 Bedford St.	CG	10	all inside	limit of 15 inside, 10 outside