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**Minutes
Board of Selectmen
May 22, 2023
Cotter Room
6:30 p.m.**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Gregg Corbo, KP Law, discussed the SJC Ruling on Civility. Hate speeches and racial slurs are reasons for removal from the meeting. The public follows directions of the Chair, can't interrupt or disrupt the meeting. Town counsel will look at the Board's public comment policy. Opened to the floor. Attorney Shawn Reilly – this ruling does not apply to town meetings. There are specific laws that pertain to town meetings.

Public Announcements:

Michele Coyle, Chair, Abington Celebrates, gave an update on the Founder's Day Weekend events, June 9-11. She thanked everyone for their donations and support.

Mr. Chapin – on May 29th, there is a Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Vernon Cemetery at 9 a.m. in the Veterans' lot, entering from Pearl Street.

Mr. Hagerty – the Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert will be held at the Abington Middle/High School Auditorium on June 22nd at 6 p.m. On Saturday, May 27th, Chris Schultz and the Scouts will be placing 900 flags on veterans' graves at Mount Vernon Cemetery.

1. May 8, 2023, minutes – motion to approve made by Mr. DiMarzio with amendments to Re-organization of the Board Sec. A and C, seconded by Mr. Chapin, unanimous.
2. Massachusetts Walking Tour requesting permission to camp at Island Grove on June 22nd. Rianne Richards, 790 School Street, Webster – explained they are looking to utilize the Island Grove Park for four days while in the area. They have been doing the tour for 12 years and gave a brief description of their tour and group. They will have access to the bathroom facilities but won't have any fires. After this, they will have toured 135 communities out of 351 in the Commonwealth. They will be leaving on the morning of June 24th. They have been before the Park & Rec Commission and were approved. Motion to approve made by Mr. Chapin from June 21 through June 24 in the morning.

seconded by Mr. Hagerty, unanimous. It would be a good idea to check in with the Police Department and give them their license plate numbers.

3. Notice of application period for Town Boards/Committees/Commissions appointments. Mr. Hagerty went over the list of expiring terms and vacancies which are posted on the website. Vacancies on Water and Sewer Commissions are also on the website. There was a brief discussion on whether the number of members should be increased on the Opioid Settlement Fund Allocation Committee. It was decided to leave it as is for now at seven members. Atty. Corbo will attend their next meeting on how to disburse funds.
4. Discussion on re-establishing the SAGE Committee. The Board felt it should be re-established. Liz Shea has been working on the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program. This would overlap with what the SAGE Committee does. They obtained "green community" status. Mr. Lambiase reviewed the goals and duties, among them – supporting and promoting the 4 R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose. He will work on updating the mission statement.

5. Town Manager Report

Paving is still being done on 139, mostly overnight.

There are still vacancies on Water and Sewer Boards which have been posted on the website. Anyone interested may submit a letter of interest by May 28th.

A message from Abington Public Health Nurse Lindsay Wright was read re the end of the public health emergency declaration on May 11th. The Abington Health Department will continue to keep residents informed and safe and will continue to offer home test kits and COVID-19 vaccines to residents and answer any questions.

Mr. Hagerty thanked the Walking Tour for bringing the concert to Abington on June 22nd and thanked everyone for supporting efforts to keep open space.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst



Friday/Saturday/Sunday June 9/10/11 2023



FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

Kick Off Cook Out (5 PM - 7 PM)

*Sponsored by
The United Church of Christ in Abington
10 Bedford Street (Rte 18)
Free food, raffles, History Exhibit
Thrift Shop will be open with bargains!*

Music Recital at 7 PM

*featuring the students of Katie Beckvold
(Suggested donation \$10 per person to
benefit UCC and student "Wishing to
Sing" Scholarship Fund)*

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH



Kid's Fishing Derby (9:30 AM - 1 PM)

*Central St. across from Town Barn
Open to all children 6-14 (accompanied
by adult) - Bait, hooks, bobbers supplied
Prizes for longest fish per age group
*Parking available on Park Ave. due to
Central St. closure*

Scoops for Scouting (11 AM - 1 PM)

*sponsored by Abington Pack 41 Cub Scouts
Central Street Town Barn
Novelty Ice Cream for kids K-5*

CHALK IT UP! (11AM - 1 PM)

*hosted by Abington Girl Scouts Troop 70702
Try your hand at sidewalk chalk art!
Abington Police Dept. - parking lot
215 Central Street*

Dyer Memorial Library Open Archives (12 - 3 PM)

*28 Centre Avenue (Rte. 123)
Special exhibits of local history*

SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 10TH

FAMILY FUN AT MEMORIAL FIELD (5 PM - 9:30 PM)

*Music for the evening is sponsored by the
Abington Summer Concerts!*

*Featuring: BaHa Brothers (6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
Enjoy Jimmy Buffett/Beach Boys style cover
music!*

*New Beaver Brook Playground
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (5:30 PM) hosted by
Friends of Beaver Brook Playground and Park and
Recreation*

KIDS FUN:

Joe's Cra-z-y Critters (5 PM - 7 PM)

Kids Fun Run (5:15PM)

*sponsored by Jeff Coombs Foundation
In front of Memorial Field bleachers*

Boston Tae Kwon Do demonstration (5:50 PM)

*Musical Bubble Barge by Pick a Party Place (6:10 -
7:30 PM) sponsored by Tom Graham Scholarship
Fund and John Fava Scholarship Fund*

Face Painting by Cool Cheeks Face Paint

Bounce Houses - sponsored by Jeff Coombs Fdn.

ONGOING FIELD EVENTS:

- 50/50 Abington Celebrates Fireworks Raffle
- Food/Beer/Wine at American Legion Bldg.
- Many Abington organizations, charities,
and businesses offering great food, games,
and entertainment for the whole family!

FIREWORKS (9 PM)

*Display by: NORTHSTAR FIREWORKS
National Anthem: Abington Town Choir
(Rain date: Sunday, June 11th)*

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

Worship at the Grove (10 AM)

Island Grove Park

(at the Abolitionist Stone, near the point)

Hosted by the

United Church of Christ in Abington

All are welcome!

Meat Raffle Fundraiser (12 - 3 PM)

hosted by Abington Celebrates

Lucky's 777 Bar and Grill

777 Plymouth St., Holbrook

Founder's Day Concert (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)

Under the direction of Katie Beckvold

Abington High School Auditorium

201 Gliniewicz Way

Featuring:

The Abington Town Choir

The Abington Community Band

The Island Grove Chorus

*50/50 Raffle

GIVING AND CARING

Sponsored by The United Church of
Christ in Abington

NEW socks for the homeless

*Drop off locations to be announced

STORYWALKS at Griffin's Dairy

(Ongoing/Daily)

Sponsored by Abington Public Library
Griffin's Dairy Farm, 326 Plymouth St.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Safety Regulations for the Fireworks

Please work with us to make this a safe and fun family event for Abington by observing the following:

No firearms, weapons, sharp objects or fireworks

No glass containers

No grilling, propane tanks or open flames

No alcoholic beverages

No bicycles will be allowed on Memorial Field

Hawkers must be licensed with the Town of Abington and are not allowed on Memorial Field

Pets are not allowed. ADA recognized Service Animals are permitted

(note - Emotional Support Animals are not allowed)



We extend a special thank you to the Abington Fire, Police, School & Public Works Departments who make possible all that we do!

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ABINGTON!**

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