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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
December 12, 2022
Cotter Room
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Alex Bezanson, Chair, Mike Kolodziej, Tim Chapin, Kevin DiMarzio, Alex Hagerty, Scott Lambiase, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

There was a **Moment of Silence** for retired Police Officer **George Cook** (attached).

Public Announcements:

Mr. Hagerty – congratulated and thanked Abington Celebrates and the businesses that participated in the December Holiday events and wished everyone a very happy holiday season and quoted from “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.”

Mr. Bezanson – On December 10th Walter Paster turned 100. Be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday.

Public Comments: None.

1. Minutes - motion by Mr. Hagerty to amend to include under #3, “Mr. Hagerty asked why no studies would be done on the North School property,” then approve the **November 28, 2022, minutes**, seconded by Mr. Chapin, 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Kolodziej).
2. **Annual license renewals for Alcohol, Common Victualer, Entertainment, Automatic Amusement Devices, Billiards/Pool, Bowling Alley, Livery, Lodging, Class I & II:** The following motions were made pending receipt of all paperwork, up-to-date taxes, and satisfactory inspections.
Motion to approve the first sheet – Abington Ale House to Omoto Garden – made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio, unanimous.
Motion to approve the second sheet - PizZings Pizza & Wings to Encore Limousine – made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio, unanimous.
Motion to approve the third sheet – A/J Equipment Repair to South Shore Auto Gallery, excluding AM Auto Collision Center & Sales – made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio.
Motion to approve AM Auto Collision Center & Sales – made by Mr. Kolodziej, seconded by Mr. Chapin, 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Bezanson).

Motion to approve the fourth sheet – Supreme Auto Sales to Vito's Auto Center – made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. Kolodziej, unanimous.

3. Vote on Pledge of License for Webster Timber Lanes. This is to add new financing. Motion to approve made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio, unanimous.
4. Informational meeting with representative from Colonial Power Group, consultant Mark Capadonna, who explained the program. Direct Energy as the supplier will supply a rate of .28490 from January 2023 through April 2023 compared to National Grid's rate of .33891 for the same period. The period May 2023 through November 2023 will go to .13480. Anyone can opt in or out at anytime. As far as "opting out", it is part of state statute 164-134. Our bills will look the same, other than a different supplier on the back of the National Grid bill. This program was something that was voted on at Town Meeting in 2016. The Colonial Power Group deals with 80 communities. To opt in or out, you can call #866-485-5858 #1.

Chris Jones, 639 Randolph Street – how long is the contract? Ten months.

Mr. Jacobs, 41 Rice Street – is there any downside? There is no risk.

Resident, 553 Linwood Street – question on opting out. You can opt in or out whenever you want.

Resident, 29 Russell Lane – question on rate change. Change is meter read to meter read.

There is no limit to power usage.

Rick Collins, 74 Orange Street – asked where his company made their money. Their rate is .001. They were selected through the bid process in 2017.

5. Jaime Kenny, Clifford and Kenny, discussion and possible vote to adopt updated Personnel Policies. It was explained that this is to centralize policies and procedures. There will be training for existing and new employees. Motion by Mr. Chapin to vote to approve in its entirety subject to impact bargaining the updated Personnel Policies, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio, 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Kolodziej).
6. Vote to open the FY'24 Warrant – Motion by Mr. Kolodziej, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio, unanimous. It will close on February 24, 2023.
7. Town Manager Report:
 - The Town received \$100,000 in opioid funds. A committee will be formed to disburse the funds with five members – a selectman and four others. This will be posted on the website. Mr. Bezanson would like to be the BOS representative.
 - The Library roof project will be wrapped up later this week. Seoane has been contacted to make repairs on the lawn in the spring.
 - Strawberry Valley Golf Course project – the roof has been completed. The rest of the project the contractor hopes to have completed by mid-March (windows, siding, doors, insulation).
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan – on January 17th there will be a public workshop on Zoom.
 - Working on the FY'24 budget. Submitted draft of five year capital plan.

- We will need a new ambulance – there will probably be an article for \$400,000 for that to be ordered, but it will take about a year to get it.
 - Revenue figures for FY'22 have come in about \$1 million higher than anticipated. We should be able to put \$200,000 into stabilization.
8. Motion by Mr. Chapin to go into Executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and not to reconvene, seconded by Mr. DiMarzio. Roll call vote: Mr. Hagerty, aye; Mr. DiMarzio, aye; Mr. Chapin, aye; Mr. Kolodziej, aye; Mr. Bezanson, aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst

OBITUARY

GEORGE COOK

GEORGE COOK PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 30, 2022. HE SPENT 14 MONTHS SERVING IN THE KOREAN WAR WITH THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION AND WAS VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A MARINE. AFTER HIS SERVICE IN THE MARINES, GEORGE WENT ON TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER FOR OVER 30 YEARS, FIRST IN LAKELAND FL AND THEN SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN ABINGTON, WHERE HE RETIRED IN 1995.

GEORGE LOVED ANIMALS AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. HE LOVED NAPS, A GOOD MEAL AND HAD A SWEET TOOTH. HIS FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WORLD WAS MAINE.

HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND GOOD FRIENDS.

**PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE THE
ATTACHED LIST OF LICENSES TO
BE RENEWED, PENDING RECEIPT
OF ALL PAPERWORK, UP-TO-DATE
TAXES, AND SATISFACTORY
INSPECTIONS:**

**ALCOHOL
COMMON VICTUALER
ENTERTAINMENT
AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES
BOWLING ALLEY
BILLIARDS/POOL
LODGING HOUSES
LIVERY
CLASS 1 & 11**

LICENSES		Expires 12/31/2022		Manager		Address	Alcohol	CV	Ent.	Auto	Bill-	Other	Notes
Business										Am.	Used		
Abington Ale House				Michael Costa		1235 Bedford Street	AACV	*	*				
Abington Country Store				Deval Patel		852 Hancock Street	WMRet	*					
Abington Dairy Queen				Shirley Hill		335 Centre Avenue		*					
Abington Depot				Kathleen O'Donovan		401 Railroad Street	AACV	*	*				
Abington House of Pizza				Akram Dous		198 North Avenue		*					
Abington Liquor Corp.				Rahul Shah		585 Washington Street	AARet						
Abington Sunoco				James Stone		907 Bedford Street		*					
American Legion Post 112				Charles F. Whitman		1027 Washington Street	AAClub	*	*				
Aroma Pizza				Harilaos Thodhori		143 N. Quincy Street		*					
Billy's Liquors				Pradhudas Patel		760 Brockton Avenue	AARet						
Billy's House of Pizza				Jeffrey Vasquez		806 Brockton Ave.		*					
Brother's Roast Beef & Pizza LLC				Luan Kazu		506 Washington Street		*					
The Cellar				Nathan Elliott		221 North Avenue	AACV	*	*				
China Eatery				Fang Li		34 Brockton Avenue		*					
China Gold Restaurant				Wei Lin		800 Brockton Avenue		*					
Columbus Club of Ab.				William Sampson		P.O. Box 2109	AAClub	*	*				
D'Ann's Sports &				Ralph Berry III		254 Hancock Street	AACV	*	*	*			
Entertainment Restaurant						340 Centre Avenue							
Double Horse Bistro				Mai Nguyen		800 Brockton Avenue	WMGord	*					
Dunkin Donuts				Ryan O'Hara		323 Centre Avenue		*					
Dunkin Donuts				John Ballis		259 Brockton Avenue		*					
Dunkin Donuts				Andrea Daniels		937 Bedford Street		*					
Dunkin Donuts				Richard Cleary		147 N. Quincy Street		*					
Emerald Hall				Susanne Burns		30 Central Street	AACV	*	*				
Giardino's				Joao Alfonso Jardim		497 Bedford Street	AACV	*	*				
Honey Dew Donuts				Jovane Cividini		715 Plymouth Street		*					
J & L Deli				Lisa Merksamer		250 Brockton Avenue		*					
J.D. Variety				Manjulaben J. Patel		201 N. Quincy Street	AARet						
J. P. Ryan's Tavern				Matthew W. Hanley		246 Brockton Avenue	AACV	*	*				
Lynch's Tavern				William C. Lynch		236 North Avenue	AACV	*	*			*	
Mal's Kitchen				Malissa LaPointe		171 Brockton Avenue		*					
Martin's Restaurant				J.P. Restaurant Corp.		207 North Avenue		*				*	
Marylou's News- 1501 Bedford				Marylou Sandry		1501 Bedford Street		*					
send renewals to Marylou's News Inc., 183 Whiting Street, Hingham, 02043													
Mia Regazza				John J. Martin		268 Washington Street	AACV	*	*				
Old Town Café				Geraldo Guimaraes		222 North Avenue		*					
Omoto Garden				Melody Huang		1501 Bedford Street	AACV	*	*				

COMBINED CLASS I & II LICENSE RENEWALS					Expires 01/01/2023	
BUSINESS	MGR./OWNER	ADDRESS	TYPE	RESTRICTIONS	COMMENTS	
A/J Equipment Repair	Andrew Winiewicz	496 Centre Avenue	C-1/CG	5 sale, 5-10 repair		
ABC Tech Squad Inc.	Bill Dessaps	201 N. Quincy Street	C-II	9 sale, 3 cust., 1 empl.		
AM Auto Collision Center & Sales	Matheus Moreira	933 Brockton Avenue	C-11/CG	18 sale, 1 empl., 1 cust., no parking on Robbins Avenue		
Abington Auto Mall	Ricky Bernasconi & Eduardo de Oliveira	761 Bedford Street	C-II/CG			
Abington Auto Repair Corp	Carlos Costa	347 Summer St.	C-II/CG	5 sale, 3 empl., 10 customer, 15 repair, total 33		
Abington Sunoco	James Stone	907 Bedford St.	C-II/CG	20 repair, 5 empl/cust., 4 sale		
Auto Country	Michael Fagan	256 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG	28 sale, 3 cust., 2 empl.		
AutoShine AutoBody Abington Inc.	Mark Bendlock	310 Bedford St.	C-II/CG	15 repair, total 45, including in side & out, nothing for sale out front		
Auto Towne Rentals	Warren L. Rich	402 Brockton Avenue	C-II/CG	30 sale, 6 rep. Inside, 4 empl. total of 40		
Auto Towne Truck Sales	Robert Hayes	500 Brockton Avenue	C-II/CG	130 spaces		
Bentech LLC	Damion Bennett	939 Brockton Avenue	CII	internet only, no vehicles to be parked		
Best Used Auto Sales	Marlito Rocha & Mistific Rocha	612 Brockton Avenue	C-II	15 Kimber Cir., 2 sale, 2 empl/customer at 939 Brockton Ave. 32 sale		
Borderland Service	Michel Khoury	171 N. Quincy St.	C-II/CG	19 sale, 4 cust.		
Crown Auto Sales	Emilio Haddad, Aziz	930 Bedford St.	Class II	not to exceed 25, incl. inventory, empl. & cust.		
D & S Auto Works	Habr & Elias Habr	730 Adams Street	Class II	)14 sale, 6 empl & cust.		
	Dana Snowdale		CG	)6 - CG		
Mass Auto World, Inc.	Wesley J. Demling, Jr.	1420 Bedford St.	C-II	40 sale, 3 customer, 2 employee		
Means Auto Sales	Fred Means	231 North Quincy Street	C-II/CG	40 sale, 5 rep., 4 empl., not to exceed 60 on lot		
Midway Automotive Corp.	Michael Deveney	411 Brockton Ave.	C-II/CG	250 sale		
National Auto Center	Helder Pena	271 Washington St.	C-11/CG	4 cars sale, 6 repair, 3 empl., 4 cust. Spaces		
Nick's Pit Stop	Keith Lascuola	1030 Bedford Street	C-11/CG	16 vehicles for sale		
Orphan Car Garage	John Wingle	728 Brockton Avenue	C-11	8 sale, 4 employee, 5 customer		
Panda Auto Group	LaRissa DaSilveira & Thaigo Generoso Pimenta	766 Adams Street	C-11	15 sale, 3 customer, 2 employee, total 20		
Platinum Auto	Lawrence Russo	485 Centre Ave.	C-11/CG	20 sale, 30 total on lot		
Rahn's Motorcycle Engine	Rahn R. Pelrine	800 Adams St. Lot 2	C-II/CG	6 motorcycles		
810 Auto Motors	Nathalia Alves & Claudio Araujo Netto	810 Brockton Avenue	C-II/CG	15 sale, 2 rep, 2 empl, & 4 cust.		
Rte. 123 Auto Brokers	Sofia Muniz-Leite	308 Brockton Avenue	C-II/CG	6 sale, 2 cust.		
Rte. 18 Auto Body, Inc.	Edward J. Herman	325 Washington St.	C-II/CG	15 sale		
Skills Auto Sales, Inc.	Taimur Shah	120 Plymouth St.	C-II/CG	Total of 42 vehicles on property		
South Shore Auto Gallery, Inc.	David Khuc	15 Groveland St.	C-II	27 sale, 2 employee, 4 customer		

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BUSINESS	MGR./OWNER	ADDRESS	TYPE	RESTRICTIONS	COMMENTS	
Supreme Auto Sales	Robert McLaughlin	1119 Bedford St.	Class II	27 total, incl. 3 empl, 3 cust.,	3 inside bldg.	
TC Auto Repair & Sales, Inc.	Antoine Chahine	190 North Avenue	CG/C-II	12 sale, 2 empl., 5 inside, 5 outside for repair, total 24		
Universal Auto Body	T & C Dennehy	288 North Avenue	C-II/CG	24 for sale		
Vito's Auto Center	Vito Vatalaro	135 Bedford Street	C-11	12 for sale		