



Town of Abington

Board of Selectmen

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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
December 9, 2024
Cotter Room
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Donovan, Chair, Suzanne Djusberg, Roger Woods, Paul Bunker, Amanda Zompetti, Scott Lambiase, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a Moment of Silence for Jim Driscoll, retired firefighter who separated from service due to a line of duty injury. He also served as a former Park & Recreation Commissioner and whose funeral was this past Friday in Acton, Maine. Chief Glynn led a delegation of retired firefighters to pay their respects.

Announcements:

- Sent birthday wishes to Walter Paster, former coach at Abington High School who turns 102 tomorrow.
 - This coming weekend Abington Celebrates hosts its winter festivities and gave a rundown of the activities (attached).
 - From the Veterans' Agent - Mal's Kitchen is hosting free meals for veterans on Sunday, December 22, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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1. Plymouth County Commissioners to present ARPA check. Jared Valanzola, Chairman of the Plymouth County Commissioners, explained this would be the last check and thanked the Town Manager for his leadership with funds for a mobile vaccination unit and stormwater remediation. He also wanted to thank Senator Keenan and Representative Alyson Sullivan-Almeida for their advocacy on behalf of the Town of Abington. Representative Sullivan-Almeida appreciated all the hard work on everyone's part.
 2. Fire Chief, Pinning Ceremony for new Firefighters. Chief Jack Glynn introduced Firefighter Paramedic David Casper who recently graduated from the State Fire Academy at Bridgewater. David's girlfriend Jen did the pinning, and he was sworn in by Town Clerk Leanne Adams. Representative Sullivan-Almeida presented Firefighter Paramedic Casper with a citation from the House of Representatives.
 3. Vote to accept donations to Veterans Gift Funds for Banners and Celebrations - in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to establish gift funds for the purposes of various and sundry requests from the Veterans' Agent to designate to funds, one for banners and one for celebrations. Motion to approve made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

Request to appoint Jack Davis and Francine Bell to the Veterans Banner Committee. Motion to approve made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

4. Discussion and vote on the dwelling on Strawberry Valley Golf Course under the care, custody and control of the Town. Mr. Donovan had a discussion with the Chairman of the SVGCC. They have requested some time to discuss this. He would like to put this off until the February 10th agenda to give the SVGCC enough time to discuss the selling of the house on Bedford Street. Motion by Mr. Woods to continue the discussion until February 10th, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
5. Request for one-day liquor licenses for Tenth District Brewery. They would like to participate in the Mom on the Go Winter Wonderland events on Saturdays in January and February from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. (1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22) at 123 Centre Avenue. Motion to issue the one-day liquor licenses for the requested dates made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
6. Minutes: November 25, 2024. Motion to approve made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
7. Vote on the attached annual license renewal lists and change of hours for the Lewis V. Dorsey Post 112 American Legion. Motion to approve the list of license renewals, excluding Powerhouse Nutrition, made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous. Motion to approve Powerhouse Nutrition made by Mr. Bunker, seconded by Ms. Zompetti, 4-1-0 (Mr. Woods abstained).

Motion by Mr. Woods for a change of hours for the Lewis V. Dorsey Post 112 American Legion to Monday-Sunday 12 p.m.-12 a.m. All National Holidays 10 a.m.-1 a.m., plus Founder's Day (outside), August 17 (outside), Octoberfest (outside) and all State holidays, seconded by Ms. Zompetti. After a brief discussion, there was a unanimous vote to approve.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Donovan wished the people of Abington a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, a Happy Kwanza, a Happy New Year and best wishes.

8. Motion to go into Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A §21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for all unions and litigation relating to cannabis shop and not to reconvene, seconded by Mr. Bunker. Roll call vote: Ms. Zompetti, yes; Mr. Bunker, yes; Mr. Woods, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes. (6:21 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst