

MEETING MINUTES

Abington Board of Selectmen Meeting

SCRIBE	Richard LaFond
DATE AND TIME	April 8, 2019

PRESENT		
Robert Manning, Chair	Tom Connolly, Vice Chair	Ken Coyle
Tim Chapin	Jim Connolly	Richard LaFond, Town Manager
ABSENT		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
Manning asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing in honor of former Abington school teachers Richard McCarthy and Lucy DeYoung who recently passed away.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
Jim Connolly- The 2019 Abington Public Library Used Book Sale collection dates are from April 8 through April 23. The book sale will be held of April 26 and April 27. Tim Chapin - The library will be holding family story hour Saturday April 6, 20, and 27. Ken Coyle - Saturday June 8 Abington Celebrates is sponsoring 5K road race followed by fireworks similar to last year's event. Tom Connolly – The Abington Music Parents are holding their 20th annual duck race on Saturday, May 4 at the Beaver Brook playground. Ducks are 5 dollars each and raffle tickets can be purchased at Abington Bank from April 6 – April 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS
7:35 p.m. - Paul Mollica, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee provided a general overview of the Community Preservation Act and the role and processes of the Community Preservation Committee. He presented to the Board the FY 18 and FY 19 projects that were approved and funded as well as the proposed projects for FY 2020. Anticipated Revenue for FY 20 is \$404,010 and proposed expenditures total \$361,436.00 (See Attachment) 7:45 p.m. - Public Hearing: Request for a Common Victualer Beer and Wine License, Strawberry Valley Golf Course, 164 Washington Street.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

LaFond stated that the hearing and abutter notices were in order and that there were no objections from public safety departments. This is the same request as the license previously issued to Calm Golf that used to operate the golf course until this year. It was noted that the TIPS training certificate was also included. The hours of operation were not included but are intended to mirror those of Calm Golf.

There was no input from the public.

Motion by Coyle to close the hearing;

Second by Jim Connolly

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Coyle to approve the license request with the addition of hours to be inserted by the Town Manager.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve regulation granting HCVE status to Birch and Brighton Streets – LaFond explained that the traffic engineering study was completed by Old Colony Planning Council and that all criteria were met. The Board needed to pass a regulation adopting those streets as HCVE exclusions.

Motion by Chapin; to approve a regulation adopting;

Second by Jim Connolly

Unanimous Vote

2. Approval of Little League Opening day Parade Saturday, April 27, 2019

Motion by Coyle to approve the parade

Second by Tom Connolly

Unanimous Vote

3. Open Session Minutes of March 25, 2019

Motion by Coyle to Approve;

Second by Tom Connolly

4-0 Vote (Jim Connolly abstained)

4. Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Goals

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Coyle invited the Board members to forward to him their priorities for him to compile and share with the town manager. The town manager will then forward to the full Board for review.

5. Close Town Meeting Warrants

Motion by Coyle

Second by Tom Connolly to close the warrants from any further submissions

Unanimous Vote

6. Review of ATM and STM Article submissions for posting

Motion by Coyle

Second by Tom Connolly to approve for posting the ATM and STM warrants subject to review and revision by town counsel

Unanimous Vote

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The town manager updated the Board on the following:

1. On the STM warrant is funding for a survey of Griffins Dairy to determine possible parameters for little league fields. How many fields can be accommodated in light of wetlands and the other mixed uses of the property may ultimately become a policy decision for the Board
2. After the bid opening the Dog Park project cost is lacking approximately \$40,000.00. This amount is included on the STM warrant in order to complete contracting.
3. The FY 2020 budget process is winding down and the needs of the school department as well as the town's staffing priorities have been accommodated. A spending recommendation for the budget and all articles recommended for funding will be forwarded to the Finance Committee on Wednesday. Coyle requested that copies be forwarded to the Board too.
4. An incident occurred recently with Comcast where approximately 20 Comcast vehicles and staff were participating in a confined space entry exercise directly in front of the Town Hall. There wasn't any notice given and there was much concern by town hall and library staff. State Rep. Alyson Sullivan was helpful in contacting the appropriate people at Comcast to speak to me to ensure that this doesn't happen again. On the advice of the Fire Chief this type of exercise should not be allowed on town property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

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Motion by Manning to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel (Town Manager) pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2). To conduct negotiations with non-union personnel (Town Manager) pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2). To discuss the possible discipline of an employee pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1). To discuss complaints against a Town official pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1). And not to return to open session.

Second by Coyle
Unanimous Roll Call Vote