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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019
6:30 p.m. – Cotter Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Chapin, Jim Connolly, Tom Connolly, Ken Coyle, Kevin DiMarzio & Town Manager Richard LaFond

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of silence for William A. Kendall and Maude Ware

Public notices – Summer reading Kick-Off; Thanks to all involved with Abington Celebrates; Planning Board meeting June 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m. (Zoning changes).

Public Hearing

Reviewed license transfer from Shawn MacPherson, Platinum Auto Care to Lawrence J. Russo, dba Platinum Auto – New business owner; lease lot in front of current business to sell cars (20); no objections from any other departments; currently two employees possibly more in the future; closed Sundays

Motion made by Ken Coyle, seconded by Tim Chapin to close public hearing.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous
Motion carries to close public hearing

Motion made by Ken Coyle, seconded by Jim Connolly to approve license transfer as noted above.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous
Motion carries to recommend approval of business license transfer.

Notice received for cancellation of meeting with Susan Weaver regarding her concerns with Phase 3 of the Griffins Dairy plan. Weaver informed the Town Manager that the Community Preservation Committee and Griffins Dairy Committees had met and come to an agreement.

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Ken Coyle to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting.

VOTE: 4/1/0 4 For, 1 Abstained (Tom Connolly), 0 Against
Motion carries to approve of the May 6, 2019 minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting.

License Renewals

Page 1 – Motion made by Tim Chapin, seconded by Jim Connolly to approve all Commercial Garage Renewals as listed on page one.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous
Motion carries to approve of all Commercial Garage Renewals listed on page one.

Page 2 – Motion made by Tim Chapin, seconded by Kevin DiMarzio to approve of Commercial Garage Renewals on page two with the exception of Steve's Automotive.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to approve Commercial Garage Renewals on page two with exception of Steve's Automotive.

Hold on voting for Steve's Automotive until paperwork received. Mr. LaFond stated there are police reports on site and suggested extending the current license until meeting is held with Steve's Automotive on July 15, 2019. Ken Coyle to attend meeting.

Motion made by Tim Chapin, seconded by Ken Coyle, to extend renewal request for Steve's Automotive to July 15, 2019.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to extend renewal for Steve's Automotive to July 15, 2019.

Annual Reappointments/Applications for Appointments – (Recreation Commission)

Mr. David Shawles spoke on his experience and past committees he was on in the Town of Rockland.

Mr. William Cormier spoke on his experience and desire to work with children (sports age) and seniors.

Reviewed emails received from David Shawls, Brian Solimini and William Cormier stating qualifications and experiences.

Mr. Coyle noted he would like to have the Housing Partnership Committee reinstated. Mr. Cormier noted he would like to be on that committee. Mr. Cormier stated he would be willing to be on both the Recreation Committee and the Housing Committee.

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin to appoint Shawles and Cormier to the Recreation Commission.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to appoint David Shawles and William Cormier to the Recreation Committee.

It was noted that Mr. Solimini's second choice for committee appointment was the Griffin's Dairy Committee.

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin to appoint Brian Solimini to the Griffins Dairy Committee.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to appoint Brian Solimini to Griffins Dairy Committee.

Mr. Coyle questioned the status of Special Municipal reappointments – LaFond stated that would be a separate vote than annual reappointments

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin to re-appointment committee members seeking reappointment as listed in Attachment E.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to re-appoint requests.

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin to recommend approval of Severance Agreement with Town Manager, Richard LaFond.

Discussion – Mr. DiMarzio stated he did not agree with some of the language in the agreement but would vote with the consensus of the Board of Selectmen members. Press release and agreement will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. Volunteers will be requested for a search committee for a new Town Manager. Requirements for search committee will be posted and appointments made at the next BOS meeting. Letters of interest to be on the search committee should be directed to the BOS office. The members of the Board of Selectmen wished Mr. LaFond well in his future endeavors.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to recommend approval of Severance Agreement with Town Manager, Rick LaFond.

Town Manager Report – Update on North Quincy/Chestnut Street project; posted position for Assessor (Jack Pistorino retiring); Fire Feasibility Study – procurement laws apply; Senior Center Roof – ongoing bids for specs for roof; New England Art – DEP site restrictions have halted transition of the building to apartments based on underground contamination, residential development has ceased. Mr. Tom Connolly stated he believes the sprinkler system in the building is outdated and may prove to be dangerous. He requested that the Fire Chief be notified. Mr. LaFond received a text from the Fire Chief stating the sprinkler system had passed State inspection and he only received soil documentation a month ago.

Mr. Coyle requested an update on the light poles on Gliniewicz Way; Town Counsel services; Special Municipal Status; Center School building status; Island Grove Bridge (Mr. LaFond noted there was only one response to the RFP and price was more than appropriated for this project).

Mr. Coyle stated his desire to seek regional opportunities and cited the South Eastern Regional Services Group as an example. He noted certain possibilities including use of street sweeper, police dispatch services, BAT bus service, town planner. Mr. Coyle recommended requested meeting with other communities to discuss.

Next meeting – Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall – Cotter Room

Motion made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin to adjourn the June 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Unanimous

Motion carries to adjourn the June 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.