

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2009

Mrs. Walter called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mr. Foyle was away on business.

I. It was agreed to postpone action on the minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> until the next time.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1039 for \$98,898.44. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1040 for \$242,841.84. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #18 for \$292,269.99. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis reviewed the three warrant articles for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve and post the warrant. So voted.

B. The agreement with the Worcester County Sheriff's office for Reverse 911 service was approved by the Board of Selectmen in November, and only needs to be signed by Chairman Foyle.

C. Mr. Smith will speak after the public hearing that is scheduled for 7:15.

D. A decision on whether to have the town conduct the storm-debris cleanup or hire a private contractor was passed over because the town still needs to go to a meeting with the Department of Revenue later this week.

E. Mr. Petraitis reviewed the Town Clerk's list of candidates for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Election.

III. NEW BUSINESS

D. Madeline Arn of the Quaboag Plantation 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee came in to ask for volunteers to work at their parade on September 19, 2010 in West Brookfield. Ideally the committee would like two people from every town to help out on parade day, and would also like for organizations to enter a float into the parade.

A. At 7:15 PM Mrs. Walter called to order the public hearing on the request of Thomas Waugh for a liquor license at 341 North Main Street.

According to Mr. Waugh the restaurant will be called Statz Sports Bar and Grill, and will be more family-oriented than its previous incarnations.

There were no abutters present, but Mrs. Walter did read a letter from Louis and Linda Grace in support of Mr. Waugh's request. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the license pending ABCC approval, pending payment of all charges due to the Town of North Brookfield, and pending TIPS certification of all servers. So voted.

B. Cynthia Kingdon of Summit Elder Care spoke briefly about a program to help seniors to stay in their own homes. There is no charge for most people. Ms. Kingdon agreed to work with the Senior Center to get the information out to the seniors.

## OLD BUSINESS

C. Finance Committee co-chair Bob Smith gave an update on the FY09 budget cuts, and the current status of FY2010 budget planning. Mr. Smith gave a history of the FY09 preparation for cuts in local aid, and stated that the Finance Committee has made its recommendations to the selectmen, and the selectmen will make recommendations on what cuts to make at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

C. Mrs. Walter read a note from Thomas Waugh asking to be appointed as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Waugh currently serves as an alternate. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to appoint Mr. Waugh. So voted.

E. Mr. Petraitis read a letter from the North Brookfield Cultural Council notifying the selectmen that they have been awarded \$400 towards a project to enlarge and frame historic photographs to be hung at the new town offices. The cultural council encouraged the selectmen to apply again during the next grant cycle for more funds.

F. Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Charter Communications that was sent with a check for \$587.50 for the annual franchise fee. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to accept the check for the LPAC Gift Account. So voted.

G. Mrs. Walter read an e-mail from ZBA Chairman Bob Bishop asking for volunteers to serve as alternates on that board. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Bishop or the selectmen.

H. The ranking of the town house soil remediation project will be discussed at a later date. Mrs. Walter noted that the town is mandated to do the cleanup.

I. The selectmen reviewed anticipated spending reports for the Town House, the Town Collector, the Town Clerk, the Assessors, the Board of Health, and NBEMA. All were found to be necessary expenses and were approved, pending review of the account balances.

At 8:05 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to recess to sign bills. So voted.

There being no further business, at 8:30 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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