

MINUTE CLARIFICATION - MFW

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Chairman Petraitis called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7 PM with all members present.

I. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2009. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis announced that the Fall Festival has been postponed until next year because of time constraints. Anyone interested in participating or helping with the planning should contact Rich Dupre.

B. Mrs. Walter noted that she received a call from Tom Smith of National Grid informing her that they will begin replacing certain street light bulbs with a more efficient type. After that is completed the selectmen, with input from the Safety Committee, will need to assess the various roads and decide which lights could be turned off. Officer Chris Donais has identified several areas in town where he believes street lighting could be reduced.

C. Mr. Petraitis announced that tickets are now available for Doug Blood's retirement party on October 16th at a cost of \$35 each.

D. Mr. Petraitis noted that he would like to schedule a meeting of town officials to discuss the anticipated spending and encumbrance reports. It was agreed to try to schedule a meeting at the school on a Thursday, perhaps September 24th at 6:30 PM.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Filipkowski read an e-mail from James Metcalf volunteering for the opening on the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation. Mr. Petraitis noted that Mr. Metcalf is very well qualified, but the selectmen have set a precedent in asking people to come to a meeting in person. It was agreed to postpone voting on Mr. Metcalf's appointment until next week when Mr. Metcalf can be present.

B. Mrs. Walter read a letter from Treasurer Anne Jannette noting that the town will be auctioning off tax title properties on October 15th at 11 AM. Properties to be auctioned are: 14 Pinecroft Avenue, 15 Lakeview Road, 38

Brooks Pond Road, 1 East Brookfield Road, 69 Waite Corner Road, 71 Waite Corner Road, and 3 Murphy Road.

C. Mr. Filipkowski read an e-mail from the Quaboag Plantation 350th Anniversary Committee noting that any group that plans to participate in the September 2010 parade should notify the committee by the end of this month.

D. At 7:15 PM Mr. Petraitis called to order a hearing on the application to transfer the package store liquor license currently held by Algoo's Package Store, Inc. of 221 North Main Street to St. Jean's Country Package Store, Inc. Mr. Steven St. Jean, who is purchasing the business, presented all required paperwork to transfer the license and to change the manager of record. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve the transfer, pending ABCC approval. So voted.

Mr. David Maher, a member of the Conservation Commission, came to ask the selectmen for permission to distribute information about natural resources at the recycling center. He would like to pass out leaflets, and perhaps set up a small table on Saturdays as his schedule permits. The selectmen asked who would decide the content of the information being disseminated. Mr. Maher stated that the Conservation Commission might be involved, but it was his intent to address only general topics like clean air or water pollution. Mr. Filipkowski noted that the Board of Health has oversight of the recycling center, and asked that Mr. Maher confer with John Alphin, BOH chairman. The selectmen will discuss this again next week.

Mrs. Walter noted that Town Collector Donna Gauthier is having computer problems, and she would like permission to have them fixed. The selectmen agreed, as long as she has the money within her own budget.

At 7:30 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations. Roll call: Petraitis, yes; Walter, yes; Filipkowski, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis announced that the Board would exit executive session only to adjourn.

At 8:15 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
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