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MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Chairperson David Gay called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present for the Board of Selectmen meeting were Doug Sears, Vice Chair; Scott Wilson, Clerk and Board Members, Todd Johnson and Anne Marie Stronach. Richard Montuori, Town Manager was present and Attorney Charles Zaroulis was not present.

1. Pole Petition—Continued Hearing for Patten Road

Mr. Gay read the notice into the record. Michelle Stacey was present for national grid. A tree will be removed and the customer is in agreement to move the project forward once the snow is resolved.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the Pole Petition for Patten Road as presented; seconded by Mr. Sears and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Pole Petition—Continued Hearing for Kansas Road

Mr. Gay noted there are ongoing issues with this petition and the petition will be tabled.

3. Residents

Mr. Gay opened the hearing up to the public, no one present came forward to speak.

New Business

4. Disclosure by Municipal Employee

Christopher Bryne, a Tewksbury Patrolman will also act as an assistant wrestling coach at Tewksbury Memorial High School, which has a compensation stipend attached to the position.

MOTION: Mr. Sears made the motion to support the Municipal Employee Disclosure for Christopher Byrne; seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Medical Marijuana Legislation to be discussed

Letter had been drafted and presented to the Board. Planning board also discussed last night and the Selectmen agree with their decision.

Mr. Johnson noted that Town Counsel had some suggestions on the draft letter so he requested to table the letter to a future meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Johnson made the motion to adopt a position to support a moratorium for a period of 12 months while the town researches its options with regard to zoning; seconded by Mrs. Stronach and the motion carried 5-0.

8. TJ Automotive

MOTION: Mrs. Stronach made the motion to table both license requests for TJ Automotive until the next regular scheduled meeting; seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion carried 5-0.

9. Treasurer Collector Odams—redemption of 1877 Main Street

MOTION: Mrs. Stronach made the motion to approve the redemption of 1877 Main Street as presented and recommended by Treasurer Collector Odams; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager

6. Town Election

It had been proposed to move the Annual Town Election from April 6 to April 30 when the State primary is held. After discussion with the Town Clerk both she and the Town Manager are recommending that both events remain on their original dates as previously set. The cost savings is not significant and the confusion to voters could impact either election. Staffing could also be impacted. The Chair agreed and felt this would have a negative effect on either election. Mrs. Stronach did not want any unfairness felt to the candidates running. There is an upfront cost to the town; however the state will reimburse much of this.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson made the motion to maintain the Annual Town Election as scheduled and hold the state primary election on April 30, 2013; seconded by Mr. Sears and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Johnson not voting.

7. Global Oil

Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee has contacted the Town Manager and asked for support to address concerns about large amounts of ethanol being transported through communities in Massachusetts. Residents are asked to contact Secretary Davey at the Department of Transportation, the Governor Patrick or any of our delegation in Massachusetts express concerns about this proposal.

The Board supported the movement to “stop the trains” until study is completed.

MOTION: Mrs. Stronach made the motion to draft a letter from the Town Manager to support the impact safety study and contact the legislation to request the trains to be stopped; seconded by Mr. Wilson and the motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

DPW and Public Safety did tremendous job during the blizzard. Teams met before the storm hit to be sure supplies and workers were coordinated. Teams worked Friday into Saturday at 3 p.m.; and then came back on Sunday afternoon for further clean-up. Mr. Montuori noted this was one of the worst storms since becoming Town Manager. He reminded the residents that snow removal and road safety isn't a process for just during the storm as there is still work to be done long after the storm has passed over the town. Having schools open on Monday showed signs of a tremendous job.

8. **Approval of Minutes January 8, 2013 (regular session) and January 29, 2013 (regular session)**
Minutes were complete, but not reviewed by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson made the motion to table the minutes of January 8, 2013 and January 29, 2013; seconded by Mr. Sears and the motion carried 5-0.

9. **Reports**

a) **Board Members**

Mr. Wilson

- Shout out to National Grid for excellent work for not many residents not losing power; and to residents who poled and helped remove snow from public areas and also who shoveled out fire hydrants
- Asked for consideration and support to all who are running for office

Mrs. Stronach:

- Thanked residents for their patience and staff for tremendous work during the storm
- Green Committee will meet next week and continue work on Grant
- HSBC progressing ahead
- Elementary School Building Committee; only one resident has applied for this committee; need outreach for this committee
- Press releases from police chief; faces of very young individuals want to encourage people to lock cars and report things that see; may avert trouble from occurring

Mr. Sears

- Uneventful storm for all and appreciated the good planning

Mr. Johnson

- With the last storm yet another reminder of the Code Red system;
- Tomorrow night meeting jointly with the Board of Health for appointment to the vacant seat through the election;
- Provided information at a previous meeting that three businesses had not paid taxes; and the Board agreed to hold a public hearing on the matter; however this was not on tonight's agenda. Mr. Montuori noted for the record that all the establishments have paid their taxes and are current so there is no need for a hearing.

Mr. Gay

- Communication was excellent during the storm, very pleased with the work of all

b) **Town Counsel**

No report given this evening.

c) **Secretary**

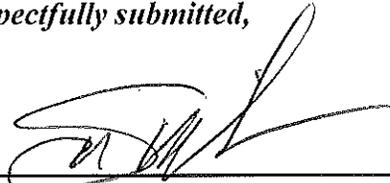
No report given this evening.

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting following Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. as well as a meeting being held tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. for the Board of Health interviews

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Wilson made the motion for the Board to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; Mrs. Stronach seconded, and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Wilson, Clerk

Date 4/9/13