

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2012

Members Present: James DeVellis, Chairman
Mark Sullivan, Vice Chairman
Lorraine Brue, Clerk
Lynda Walsh
Ginny Coppola

Others Present: Town Manager Kevin Paicos
Charlie and Pat Masison
Finance Officer Randy Scollins

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by James DeVellis, Chairman. Chairman DeVellis reviewed the agenda.

Citizen Recognition

The Board recognized Charlie Masison and his wife Pat for his work on Foxboro Cable Access. His show has been produced for the past 11 years with 600 episodes showing the issues and people of Foxboro. They were presented with a citation and a token of their appreciation.

Citizen Input

Dick Heydecker asked if options for the Town Hall could be discussed now. Mr. DeVellis asked that he wait until later this evening for the agenda item.

Action Items

Nehman Ishac, Atty. Paul Kennedy and Mr. Osgood came before the Board to request a Class 2 Auto License at 130 Washington Street. The present owner, Mr. Osgood, has an agreement for the sale of the business to Mr. Ishac. He is not buying the inventory so the transfer date won't be until November 1, 2012. They would like to have up to 20 cars for sale at a time. Mr. Ishac and his brother Joseph currently operate the LucOil gas station which has permission for up to five cars for sale. One brother will stay at the LucOil location and the other will operate the new location.

The application is in order but it was noted that a site plan should be attached. Atty. Kennedy will get the site plan from the Planning Board.

A motion to approve the transfer of license to Joseph Ishac at 130 Washington Street with an effective date of November 1, 2012 with a condition of operation to supply a Site Plan to the Board was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Walsh. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Chairman's Update

Mr. DeVellis reminded everyone that the Final Draft Class C-1 Response Action Outcome (RAO) for the Neponset Reservoir comments is due by October 15th. He is drafting a letter for the Board.

The Board will be getting an update from Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Brue on the negotiations with the Kraft's during Executive Session and when appropriate during public session.

A Special Town Meeting is planned for December 11, 2012.

A tax classification hearing is tentatively set for November 13, 2012 Last year's split rate was for one year and to be revisited. Mr. DeVellis would like reports from the Town Manager, Assessor's, local businesses and resident's on any ramifications to the split rate before this meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Handbook

Health Agent Pauline Clifford has been working with the Fire Chief on an Emergency Preparedness Handbook for the town. She is not available this evening. Mr. Paicos stated that there is good information for townspeople on emergency preparedness in it. The Board asked that a one page summary of emergency information be included as well as how seniors can be included on the list maintained by the police and fire departments.

Parcel 216 - Garrett Spillane Road

William Buckley of 6 Garrett Spillane Road sent a letter to the Board requesting that Parcel 216 of Garrett Spillane Road either be auctioned by the town or to sell a small parcel of 6,085 sq. ft. to him as a direct abutter. Mr. Paicos stated that this parcel is on the list for the upcoming Town Auction. Mr. Paicos has talked with Mr. Buckley and explained the auction process to him.

Town Hall Repairs Finance Plan

At a recent meeting, the Board voted to move past repairs and agreed to talk about a new town hall being built instead. Resident Dick Heydecker stated that since the agenda item states it is a finance plan for town hall repairs, the discussion should be limited to repairs only.

Any articles for this plan will still have to go through Advisory and Town Meeting. There will be no architectural discussion this evening. Mr. Heydecker wanted to discuss the repair sheet presented at the last meeting; he was told that this could be discussed with Advisory or at Town Meeting. The discussion this evening is for the finance plan which could be for either a new town hall or repairs on the old one.

Financial Officer Randy Scollins distributed a funding plan to the Board. The estimated renovation and addition cost of the existing town hall is \$7.8 million, the estimated cost of constructing a new town hall is \$7.9 million. Funding for either option would come from three sources, the Capital Stabilization Fund (\$549,000), project savings from the

High School renovations (\$1,000,000) and Permanent Financing (\$6,425,000). The Capital Stabilization funds are available now and could be used for architectural plans. The High School account would need to be re-appropriated which is allowed by state statute as long as it is used for another project in the same timeframe (20 years). The permanent financing would be funds borrowed from the state. The sale of town assets is not necessary for this formula, but any funds received from a sale could be used to fund the debt service payments.

Mr. Scollins reviewed the amortization schedule and a schedule of available recurring revenue for the debt service which shows items such as unused state aid and new growth tax revenue. This shows that the project could be done without debt exclusion or raising of taxes.

The Board asked if this would strain department budgets for new equipment such as fire trucks or school buses. Mr. Scollins stated that there are other funding sources available for capital items such as these and the sewers also.

Ms. Coppola asked about the high school funds being used for the fields at the high school. Mr. DeVellis stated he feels that this project would be more appropriate than fields.

The cost estimate is based on figures from 18 months ago so it may change somewhat.

Mr. Paicos updated the Board that the Capital Asset Review Committee has developed a list of surplus property that could be auctioned off to get the properties back on the tax roles. Public notice will be given listing the parcels. The old fire station and adjoining funeral home are not on this list.

Advisory member George Leonard asked about the \$415,125 tax levy listed on the recurring revenue list that is a result of going to quarterly tax payments, if this could be used for other purposes if the budget is not level funded. This money is not needed for the operating budget this year and any future budgets can be balanced with other revenue growth.

There are other revenue savings initiatives recently taken on by the town; changing the employee health insurance plans will save \$100,000, an RFQ is being prepared for the solar panel project at the landfill and there is potential for additional solar facilities.

Action Items:

The minutes of September 4, 2012 were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes of September 4, 2012 was made by Ms, Walsh and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The minutes of September 18, 2012 were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes of September 18, 2012 as amended was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Animal Control Officer has donations to the Animal Control Gift Fund from the Felines of Foxborough, Cynthia and Matthew Arpin, Tamsen Pcolka, Philip and Tracy Costa and Regina Dreimani.

A motion to accept the donations to the Animal Control Gift Fund was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A request to hold a Tootsie Roll Boot Drive for handicapped children on October 7, 2012 has been received from the Knights of Columbus.

A motion to approve the request for a Tootsie Roll Boot Drive on October 7, 2012 was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Ancient Marinere is requesting permission to sell alcohol at 11:00 a.m. during Patriot home games.

A motion to approve the sale of alcohol at 11:00 a.m. during 1:00 p.m. Patriot home games was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session and not return to regular session at 8:45 p.m. was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

Lorraine Brue, Clerk