



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, June 10, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Pepe & Fritze and Administrator Gaudette. Vice Chair Berthiaume was absent and participating remotely.

At 6:03 p.m. Mr. Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Woodbury announced that Mr. Berthiaume would participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law; all votes will be taken under roll call.

A motion to approve the March 18th and March 25th meeting minutes (Berthiaume / Stevens) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Citizen Input

Bob Cirba, 23 Summer St. asked the Board to hold Spencer Rescue Squad to Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage for every shift and suggests the contract be for one year at a time. He also mentioned that he is disappointed with the light situation in front of the Town Hall.

Communications

None

New Business

Action Item: Review/Approve Sunday Entertainment License Request for Ken Canavan – Battle of the Bands of the Bands at Spencer Fairgrounds on July 7, 2013

Mr. Gaudette advised the Board that per MGL Chapter 136, Section 4, a license must be issued to provide public entertainment on a Sunday. The applicant is working with Allan Walker at the Fairgrounds and with Chief Darrin.

Applicant Ken Canavan explained that he is holding the event as a fundraiser for Scott Fitzgibbons who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

A motion to approve a license for Public Entertainment on Sunday, July 7, with the condition that all security requirements as requested by the Spencer Police Department are met (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Action Item: Review/Approve Request from Celebrations Committee for One-way Traffic Pattern during Family Fun Day.

A motion to approve the One-way Traffic Pattern during Family Fun Day (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Action Item: MGL 61B Waive of Right to Purchase (38 East Charlton Rd)

Administrator Gaudette explained that due to change in use, the Board has the right of first refusal. Since this is not a significant piece of property for open space protection, he advised the Board to waive the right to purchase.

A motion to waive right to purchase property at 38 East Charlton Road, pending approval of the Conservation Commission (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Policy Introduction: Fire Department Uniform Policy, Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons would like to formalize the current uniform policy to make it more official and to clarify when and how the uniform should be worn. The Board reviewed the policy and will vote at the July 8 meeting.

Action Item: Dissolve Appointed Committees: Cable Advisory Committee, Designer Selection Committee for Main Street TIP, Energy Task Force, Financial Management Task Force, Spencer Government and First Responder Annual Meeting Committee, and Zoning Bylaw Committee

Mr. Gaudette noted that several committees have completed their tasks and the Town Clerk has requested they be dissolved.

A motion to dissolve the following committees: Cable Advisory Committee, Designer Selection Committee for Main Street TIP, Energy Task Force, Financial Management Task Force, Spencer Government and First Responder Annual Meeting Committee, and Zoning Bylaw Committee (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Old Business

Discussion: Spencer Rescue Squad (SRS) Ambulance Services Agreement

Mr. Gaudette has been working with Gary Suter on language for the final draft. The goal is to have an approved agreement in place by July 1st. He reviewed details of proposed changes with the Board.

Mr. Pepe said his concerns have been addressed and asked if SRS would be a partner in any regionalization of ambulance services. Mr. Suter said they are willing and he has spoken with CMRPC to discuss some sharing of services with the Brookfield's.

Mr. Woodbury wants to ensure the level of service is maintained with adequate back-up coverage.

Mr. Fritze asked when the 2006 ambulance would be replaced. Mr. Suter explained that the State inspector will not certify any ambulance it does not meet requirements for safety.

There was discussion on returning unused revenue to the Town. Mr. Suter noted that SRS has not had excess revenue; however the goal is to reduce the number funded by the Town. Paxton just signed on for 3 years of service with SRS effective July 1, 2013.

Mr. Stevens said that he struggles with how much the Board should be involved in the operation of SRS business.

A motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into agreement with SRS for ambulance service, with changes as discussed (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Mr. Suter thanked the Board and the Town Administrator for their support.

Discussion: SEBRSD Update (Budget & Maple Street School)

Administrator Gaudette reported that the School Committee received a budget extension date of June 15th. They are currently working with the Department of Education to get a revised and approved budget. A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled at that time.

Mr. Gaudette also noted that the School Committee voted to close Maple Street School.

Action Item: Fish & Game Lease for COA

The current lease between the Fish & Game and the COA expires on June 30, 2013. Chairman Woodbury is allowed to vote on this since there is no monetary value to his family. Pam Woodbury, COA Director worked with Mr. Gaudette on the new lease agreement. The Board reviewed the draft, which provides for a 30 day opt-out in the event that the Town chooses to utilize a different facility.

A motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into a rental agreement with the Spencer Fish & Game (Pepe / Stevens) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Action Item: Approve Request from Celebrations Committee to Reschedule Toll Booth date to June 15, 2013

Mr. Berthiaume explained the need to reschedule the Toll Booth to June 15th due to weather.

A motion to approve the Request of the Celebrations Committee (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Town Administrator's Report

Action Item: CMRPC Agreement for GIS Service

Mr. Gaudette noted that the Town has an opportunity to partake in a GIS Mapping Service program through CMRPC. Spencer is one of 11 towns, with a cost of \$4,000 per town for unit services.

A motion to allow the Town Administrator to enter into agreement with CMRPC for GIS Mapping Services (Pepe / Fritze) passed 5/0 by roll call: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Board Liaison Reports:

Mr. Stevens met with members of Cultural Council to develop a vision for Spencer. The goal is to improve the appeal to visitors and residents.

Citizen Input

Bill Shemeth, co-chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee provided information on swim lesson registrations. He also noted that Maple St. School would be good to use as a senior center; and he believes the public needs an explanation of the school budget.

Carl Kwiatkowski, Meadow Road requested that the financials of the SRS be made available to the public. He suggested funds from sale of the Sugden building and Pleasant and Maple Street Schools be used to build a new senior center.

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe mentioned the passing of former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci noting he will be missed.

At 8:03 pm adjourned. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials:

Right of First Refusal - 38 E. Charlton Rd
Fire Dept. Uniform Policy
Spencer Rescue Squad Agreement
Fish & Game Lease Agreement
CMRPC GIS Mapping Agreement