



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room A, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Fritze, Clerk G. Woodbury, Members Stevens, C. Woodbury, and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:03 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting of April 27, 2015 (G. Woodbury/Stevens) passed 4/0; Mr. Pepe abstained.

Citizen Input

Robert Ceppi, 15 Marble Rd., asked the Board to take into consideration the fact that his was the only proposal submitted for the Sugden Building and said the Town continues to lose money on the building.

Carol McPhearson, Pleasant St., pointed out that this is National Police Week and offered her thanks to Chief Darrin and the entire Police Force, noting the Town is fortunate to have Chief Darrin and Chief Parsons. She cited a recent break-in where the police responded and handled the situation with the utmost professionalism.

Communications:

Chairman Pepe invited all to attend the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Lineup begins at 8:30 am.

New Business

Certificate of Appreciation: Lynda Laine, Board of Health

Mr. Gaudette said the Board wants to grant a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Lynda Laine for her valued service on the Board of Health and thanked her for the service to the community.

Board of Health Agent Lee Jarvis said he has been fortunate to have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Laine for 23 years. Ms. Laine thanked the Town, residents, and Mr. Jarvis and said she enjoyed her service to the Town.

Chairman Pepe congratulated her on her retirement and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service on behalf of the entire Board. All agreed and there was a standing ovation.

Action Item: Request from Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish to Close Prospect St. for the Annual Bazaar on June 5-6, 2015

Selectman Fritze recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Selectmen G. Woodbury recommends the Board approve the request from Mary, Queen of the Rosary, noting this is an annual event.

A motion to approve the request to close Prospect St. for the Annual Bazaar on June 5-6, 2015 (G. Woodbury/C. Woodbury) passed 4/0, Mr. Fritze abstained.

Action Item: Review/Approve One Day Alcohol License Request for Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish

A motion to approve the One Day Alcohol License for Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish for June 5th and 6th, 2015 (G. Woodbury/C. Woodbury) passed 4/0. Mr. Fritze abstained.

Old Business

Action Item: CDBG FY2013 Extension Request

Administrator Gaudette reported that the original contract allowed for 18 months to complete the project, however with housing rehab, it's common to need additional time. He advised the Board to authorize a 90-day extension from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD).

A motion to authorize the request for a 90-day extension of the CDBG FY2013 (G. Woodbury/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Administrator Evaluation

Mr. Pepe said the evaluation will take place at the next meeting. The Board agreed.

Town Administrator Report

The Administrator reported that Town Meeting went smoothly and he is now prepared to move forward with the FY16 budget.

The Annual Election will take place on May 12th from noon to 8 pm.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Pepe and Mr. Stevens are moving forward with the Economic Development Committee. The focus will be on downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Woodbury offered his best wishes to the new tenants in the Ragsdale building, noting it's great to see new business in Town.

Citizen Input

Mr. Ceppi said if his Sugden proposal is authorized, he is willing to work within the downtown redevelopment guidelines.

Board Member & Staff Comments

Mr. Stevens is researching the possibly of a town-wide yard sale. He will meet with a representative for Rutland to learn more about the system they use.

Mr. Fritze would like to discuss the Spencer Rescue Squad contract. He's not satisfied with the amount of time it takes to for an ambulance to reach a patient.

Mr. Gaudette will provide copy of contract and summarize call results for review at a future meeting.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶6, for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, as the chair has decided that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body

At 6:50 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a), ¶ 6, for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, as the chair has decided that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Fritze/G. Woodbury) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury - yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Mr. Pepe announced the meeting will reconvene to make an announcement or to adjourn.

At 7:00 pm the meeting was reconvened.

A motion not to accept the proposal to purchases the Sugden Building as it is not in the best interest of the Town (Stevens/C.Woodbury) passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials

One Day Alcohol License Request for Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish
CDBG FY2013 Extension Request