

SELECT BOARD MINUTES December 2, 2009

Present: Ted Murray, Tom Ulrich and Dave DeHerdt

Approximately 35 residents were present

Meeting called to order 7:01 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the open meeting minutes of November 24, 2009. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the executive session minutes of November 24, 2009. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the open meeting minutes of November 30, 2009. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the executive session minutes of November 30, 2009. Vote was unanimous.

Resignation

A letter of resignation was presented by Emma Svoboda from the Board of Assesors. The Board reviewed the letter. Motion was made to read the letter out loud. There was no second. Motion was made to table the motion for one week to allow Ted to review the issues raised in the letter. There was no second. Motion was made, and seconded to accept the resignation as is with the understanding that Ted will research the issues raised. Vote was 2 in favor (Ted and Tom) and 1 opposed (Dave).

Liaison Reports

Police - The police will be conducting highway safety patrols thru September 2010. The \$3000 received from this grant could be put towards a speed sign.

Old Business

Email Policy – After discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this issue at the first meeting in January.

Computer Security – After discussion, Maryellen will check with the FRCOG's IT service provider to get a quote from them to do a forensic examination of town computers.

Hearing Policy – After discussion, Dave said it was important that an individual who has a complaint filed against them have sufficient notice to prepare a defense. Dave will write a draft of a policy for the first meeting in January.

Mail

Alan Rice and Holly Westcott will have a hearing with the Planning Board on December 17 at 7:30 pm.

The Highland Communities Initiative Annual Meeting was held in Ashfield this past September.

Family Medical Leave Policy

The Board reviewed a draft Family Medical Leave Policy. This draft will be emailed to department heads for their input. Maryellen is also working on getting town counsel's input.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board agreed on who would be moving which article. Ted and Dave hope to attend the finance committee's meeting where they will discuss the warrant.

Schedule

The Board agreed there will be no meeting on December 30. The meeting on December 23 will be short.

Liquor Licenses

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the liquor application for the Ashfield Lake House. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the liquor application for Neighbors. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the liquor application for Edgehill Golf Course. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the liquor application for Elmer's. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session per MGL Chapter 39, S. 23B to discuss charges of criminal misconduct. The Board will not reconvene in open session. Roll call vote: Ted, aye; Tom, aye; Dave, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Administrator