

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, March 15, 2012 (Regular Session) as submitted. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, March 15, 2012 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 16, 2012 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Columbia Gas Company Street Opening Permit request—95 Pond Street

A request was received from Columbia Gas Company to lower existing gas service at 95 Pond Street. Mr. Rose commented that no sign-off was approved by the Water Superintendent. Mr. Rose stated that the schedule of work should be coordinated with the Town Administrator and not Tibbetts Engineering Company.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the street opening permit request for 95 Pond Street with the stipulation that the Water Superintendent stamps his approval on the request and Columbia Gas Company coordinates the schedule of work with Mr. McCue and not Tibbetts Engineering. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Columbia Gas Company Street Opening Permit request—174 Pond Street

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to table the request for a street opening permit at 174 Pond Street due to a lack of information needed at that address.

Temporary sign permit request—Affordable Furniture

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Affordable Furniture to Go for temporary signs to be displayed for the period May 14, 2012 through May 28, 2012.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Affordable Furniture with the stipulation that permission from the property owner must be received on the property owner's letterhead stationery. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A temporary sign permit request was received from the Holbrook Sportsmen's Club advertising their annual Sportsmen's Show to be held on April 21 and 22. Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Holbrook Sportsmen's Club for April 21 and 22 with the condition that signs are not to be placed on utility poles. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request was received from the Avon Baptist Church for a flea market permit for 2012 on Saturdays only beginning May 12th through October 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the Flea Market permit for the Avon Baptist Church for the period beginning May 12, 2012 and ending October 27, 2012.

Chairman Hegarty added a friendly reminder that the fee for the period is waived.

Mr. Rose amended his motion as follows: "to approve the Flea Market permit for the Avon Baptist Church from May 12, 2012 through October 27, 2012 with the permit fee waived." Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed a date of Wednesday, April 11, 2012 for the opening of the Compost site. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rose to open the Compost site beginning Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Hegarty announced the Compost site would be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents may contact the Town Hall with questions on what is acceptable at the Compost site and what items are not.

A transfer request from the Reserve Account was received from the Tax Collector's office to transfer \$3838.99 to the Tax Collector's expense line item for payment of interest for an ATB case. The total interest due is payable to Grocap Ltd. Partnership.

Mr. Rose made a motion to recommend approval of a transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Tax Collector's expense line item in the amount of \$3838.99 for payment of interest for an ATB case. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A transfer request was received from the Finance Committee in the amount of \$1100.00 to transfer funds to cover the Finance Committee's expense to mail and prepare the FY '13 booklets for the Annual Town Meeting. The balance in the Finance Committee's expense account is currently \$609.29.

Mr. Rose made a motion to recommend approval of a transfer to the Finance Committee's expense line item to cover the cost of mailing and preparing the FY '13 Finance Committee Report for the Special and Annual Town Meeting, in the amount of \$1100.00. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Deficit Spending—Snow & Ice Account

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve that the Town goes into deficit spending by the Highway Department for Snow and Ice removal and Equipment Hire for FY '12. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. McCue presented the Board with an Arbor Day Proclamation for their signatures. Arbor Day is Friday, April 27, 2012.

Mr. Rose made a motion to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty informed the Board that two individuals are interested in being appointed to serve as Co-Chairs for Avon's 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee. The individuals are Paul Chute and Ray Gouthro.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint the above-named individuals to serve as Co-Chairs for Avon's 125th Anniversary Committee. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty announced there is much to do regarding the planning of the 125th Anniversary Celebration for the Town. Anyone interested in serving on the Celebration Committee, please come forward. Starting Tuesday, April 17th meetings will be held weekly at 7:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome.

7:45 p.m. —Public Hearing on the application of Avon's Generations, Inc. for a Public Entertainment License at 81 Memorial Drive

Generation's Manager Adam Silver and Attorney Darcy MacDonald appeared before the Board on the application for a Public Entertainment License for Avon's Generations. After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to grant the Public Entertainment License for Avon's Generations, Inc. at 81 Memorial Drive. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Attorney MacDonald submitted a proposed policy for Generations Restaurant as the Board requested at the February 2, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting, regarding organized functions at Generations Restaurant, to determine when and if any police details are needed.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the proposed policy for Generations Restaurant with a date change of February 2, 2012. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

8:00 p.m.—Meeting with the Personnel Board

Personnel Board Chair Charles Clinton, members Sherry Madore and Margo Mansur appeared before the Board. Ms. Madore stated a Public Hearing was posted and the Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the Personnel Board Classification and Compensation Plan, to include the addition of two (2) steps. Ms. Madore stated there was feedback from residents. The Personnel Board met with the Finance Committee. The proposed schedule of salary adjustments would begin on July 1, 2012. Mr. Clinton reported that the proposed adjustments are more of an adjustment than an increase. The purpose of the proposed schedule is it puts everyone back within scale. There are no classification changes at this time. The item is an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 1, 2012, when voters will decide.

The Board thanked the Personnel Board for the update and for attending the meeting.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported that information was received from the Governor's office regarding Chapter 90 funds. The allotment of Chapter 90 monies usually comes in April. The amount of new funding is \$180,124 for FY '13.

Mr. McCue met with Sheriff Bellotti's Outreach team. There will be a crew painting the exterior of Town Hall in the coming months via the Community Service Program, which has assisted the Town of Avon by painting last year.

Mr. McCue is waiting to hear about a community project grant from Pepsi Beverages Company (Pepsi Gives Back) which would help fund the painting of the Town's gazebo.

Mr. McCue announced there will be an Arbor Day Celebration at the Avon Public Library on April 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Planting of three (3) new trees will take place on the grounds of the Avon Public Library. The trees and planting are donated by National Grid. The Town of Avon is recognized as a Tree City. The celebration will be filmed and featured speakers will attend to include Senator Brian Joyce and Selectman Robert Brady.

Chairman Hegarty wanted to remind all residents that the Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue.
Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Brady voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary