

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 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.

Selectmen Rose led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was the Reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Brady made a motion to nominate Mr. Rose as Clerk of the Board. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion by affirmation.

Mr. Brady made a motion to nominate Francis A. Hegarty as Chairman. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, April 3, 2014 (Regular Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7:35 p.m.—Public Hearing on the application of KIG Corporation for a Livery License located at 31 Memorial Drive

At 7:35 p.m. the petitioner was not present for the public hearing.

The petitioner being a no show, Mr. Brady made a motion to deny the application of KIG Corporation for a Livery license at 31 Memorial Drive and to dismiss with prejudice. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8:00 p.m.—Public Hearing on the application of Costco Atlantic Liquors, Inc. requesting approval of John Stather as a Director of Costco Atlantic Liquors, Inc.

Mr. John Stather and an attorney for Costco Wholesale Corp. appeared before the Board. Costco Atlantic Liquors, Inc. is requesting the Board of Selectmen to approve John Stather as a director of Costco Atlantic Liquors, Inc.

Chairman Hegarty stated this is a change in directors. No abutters list was needed. With the application and paperwork complete, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve John Stather as a new director of Costco Atlantic Liquors, Inc. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose asked if the motion would be held in abeyance until 8:00 p.m. at which time the hearing was scheduled. The Board of Selectmen was able to hold the hearing at 7:45 p.m. The Board agreed.

A request for a street opening permit was received from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts asking for permission to excavate for gas maintenance repair at 75 Stockwell Drive.

Mr. Rose reported that the Town of Avon does not own this road and Columbia Gas needs to contact the owner, F.X. Messina. Mr. Rose made a motion to table the item. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request was received for a street opening permit/road cut to install gas service at 75 Malley Ave.

With sign-offs from the Highway and Water Department, Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the road cut for 75 Malley Ave. for the installation of gas service. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve a temporary sign permit for Affordable Furniture to Go, advertising a "Spring Sale" from April 25th through May 18, 2014. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Grace Baptist Church, located at 101 Wales Ave. to display four (4) in-ground signs for weekends only beginning April 18th through June 21st.

Mr. Rose suggested placing signs on Bodwell Street Extension and Page Street. Mr. Rose asked for clarification of where the signs would be placed and wanted to know if the signs would be on Town property.

Mr. Rose made a motion to table the request for a temporary sign permit for Grace Baptist Church until clarification could be made and referred the item to Town Administrator McCue. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting for the month of May were announced as follows:

May 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
May 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady to hire Mark Dombrosky to the position of COA Van Driver at F5 Step 1 at a salary of \$11.84 per hour contingent upon successful fulfillment of the Town of Avon hiring policies. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty read a statement proclaiming May 9, 2014 as Arbor Day in the Town of Avon.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty reported there would be a Town-Wide Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Avon residents of all ages are invited to take part in this community event.

If you would like to participate in the Cleanup Day, please contact Tara Tradd at the Avon Board of Health. We will meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and depart from there. Following the event, participants are welcome back to the Town Hall for a Celebration Picnic.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported that he spoke with Representative Galvin. Representative Galvin will follow up with the Harrison Blvd. complaint. In May, Representative Galvin will observe Harrison Blvd. followed by a meeting with Mass DOT.

Mr. McCue reported he followed up with Health Agent Tara Tradd regarding the events of a failed septic system at 94 Gill Street. Mr. McCue will inform the Board when updates become available.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that the Town of Avon will receive approximately \$27,000 for additional repairs beyond Chapter 90 funds given the severity of the winter to allow repairs for potholes, guardrails, etc. Chairman Hegarty stated that the work should be addressed after July 1st.

Mr. McCue announced an Arbor Day event will be held on Friday, May 9th. Once again National Grid will donate a large evergreen that would be planted in DeMarco Park. Thank you to National Grid for their continued donations.

Chairman Hegarty announced that the Brockton Transit Authority (BAT) would continue their maintenance account on the Council on Aging's busses. The first \$1500.00 of maintenance costs would be covered.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion and called for a brief recess. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:05 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Finance Committee members Eric Beckerman (Chair), Kipp Sturge, Jarrett Beeley, Mark Brown and Phillip Fowler, Jr. appeared before the Board to review the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of Tuesday, May 6, 2014 with 27 articles.

Chair Eric Beckerman questioned Article 10 and asked what the sum of money is for the purchase of DPW equipment.

Chairman Hegarty responded it will be given at the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2014.

Mr. Beckerman questioned articles 22 and 23 since they appeared the same. Chairman Hegarty explained the language was the same but one article was sponsored by the Planning Board; the other by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Beckerman referred to Article 20 relating to the netting on the backstop at Noonan Field and stated he would discourage the language "and any other costs" associated with this project. The Board agreed.

Chairman Hegarty stated there was no need for a Special Town Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting on May 6th.

Chairman Hegarty announced a public hearing would be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. on the proposed By-Law changes in the Avon Town Hall Meeting Room.

At 8:20 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Miriam Rothstein
Secretary