

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 30, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, Francis Cavaco, John Whelan,
Robert McLintock, William Rice

Town Administrator: Pamela T. Nolan

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. He announced the meeting was taped via audio and video. No one in the audience was taping.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Rice, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the regular session minutes of November 9, 2011.

The vote: Mr. Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Rice – Aye; Mr. McLintock – Aye; Mr. Whelan – Abstained; Chairman Parker – Aye.

PUBLIC HEARING WITH ASSESSORS FOR FY'12 CLASSIFICATION

Chairman Parker opened the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Chairman David Pitassi, Paul Buckley, Assessor Theo Gabriel, and Asst. Assessor Lydia Cordeiro.

Mr. Pitassi advised this is the annual classification hearing as required by M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56, to determine the residential factor. He talked about the shift. If the shift was put onto the businesses, then that class would pay a bigger share. On top of the 1.75 max. shift, there is a limit of 1.629. The residential rate would be \$12.55 and commercial would be \$24.86 or \$24.93 (10% exemption). This represents 1.9% increase for the typical homeowner (median single family value of \$268,000). If the 10% increase were taken, it would be a 4.7% increase for a \$500,000 business.

There was no public input.

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A motion made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Chairman Parker,

FAILED: 3 Nays; 2 Ayes; To keep the residential factor at .789697 and the same split between residential and businesses.

The vote: Mr. Cavaco – Nay; Mr. McLintock – Nay; Mr. Rice – Nay; Mr. Whelan – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye.

Mr. Rice referred to the estimated levy \$31,390,339, and he suggested taking this process into consideration when considering a budget.

A motion was made by Mr. McLintock, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 2 Nay; To set the residential factor at .799546.

The vote: Mr. McLintock – Aye; Mr. Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Rice – Aye; Mr. Whelan – Nay; Chairman Parker – Nay.

The public hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

Consider Approval of Renewals for 2012 Annual Liquor License

Rescheduled for next week.

Consider Approval of Renewals for 2012 Amusement Machine Licenses

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the 2012 amusement machine licenses, with the stipulations as presented (attached).

Consider Approval of Renewals for 2012 Antique and Second Hand Licenses

A motion was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the 2012 antique and second hand licenses, as presented (attached).

Consider Approval of Renewals for 2012 Place of Public Amusement Licenses

A motion was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the 2012 place of public amusement licenses with the stipulations as presented (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Insurance for Snow Plow Vendors

Mrs. Nolan advised that she checked with insurance agents to find out what is needed to cover the Town. She had an opinion from Town Counsel.

DPW Superintendent Robert Lamoureux stated that the process started in September. It took over a month to collect all the information and confirm that it was correct according to the application process. He recommended that any changes should be done next spring.

Mrs. Nolan noted that it could snow at anytime. She acknowledged that the process needs more attention. A few items need to be changed. She recommended that they proceed. She felt the Town is pretty well covered and changes could be made next spring.

Mr. McLintock felt the Town would be wide open to law suits.

Mr. Whelan noted that some of these drivers have been with the Town for years.

Mr. Cavaco said the insurance coverage increased in 2008 from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Mr. Cavaco motioned, seconded by Mr. Rice, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay; That the present insurance guidelines remain in place and new guidelines take effect on July 1 of every year.

The vote: Mr. Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Rice – Aye; Mr. Whelan – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye; Mr. McLintock – Nay.

Chairman Parker noted that seven vendors have been approved.

Feedback on Generator to include Electrical Problems found by Town's Electrical Inspector

Mr. Cavaco advised that he was unable to find the paperwork on the Public Safety Complex generator. Mr. Charlie Fiske, electrical inspector, looked at the Public Safety Complex and the Town Hall. The voltage is not comparable.

Mr. Fiske discovered a problem, and Town Engineer David Cabral took photos. Water is getting into an underground pipe that goes into the main breaker causing corrosion. The work would have to be done on a Friday and, hopefully completed by Monday. If not, a back up generator would be needed or Town Hall would have to close. The wires cost \$12 per ft. x 300 ft for this building. A new breaker would cost from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and the wire \$10,000. There is money left over in an account for Town Hall.

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Chairman Parker suggested the Town Administrator should look into it.

Mr. Lamoureux advised that National Grid is going to look into fixing the problem where the water is getting in.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointment of Karen McHugh to the Historical Commission

Ms. McHugh was in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Karen McHugh to the Historical Commission
until June 30, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Design Changes for Central Avenue Project

Town Engineer David Cabral advised that the extra work orders are not costing the Town money. There is a 10% contingency of \$291,841.70.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. McLintock, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Administrator to sign the extra work
orders for the Central Avenue project.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Update on Inter Municipal Agreement Grant with SRPEDD

Mrs. Nolan advised that she met with Rehoboth's Town Administrator and a representative of SRPEDD regarding a New Community Innovation Challenge Grant Program with a December 17, 2011 date. The newly-formed regional town administrators group will also meet.

She reported that parents who are interested in a visit from Santa Claus sponsored by Save-A-Pet should contact Mrs. Jan Parker after 5 p.m. The dates are December 5-9, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m., and the donation is \$25 per visit.

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Accounts Payable Warrant

Mr. Cavaco reported no problem with the warrant.

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Mr. Rice advised that he would be attending the Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability training.

Mr. Cavaco advised that this month's legal bill is \$11,082.15, and \$3,100 of that is for call firefighters. Thus far this year, the call firefighters cost \$7,600. He noticed that Selectmen are calling town counsel.

In response to telephone calls he received about call firefighters working for free, he advised they are paid \$19.18 per hour. They can select when they want to work and can be on standby and paid \$25 for each standby shift.

Mr. Cavaco asked about the agreement with the City of Attleboro re: sewage plant.

Mrs. Nolan said she has not heard anything else.

Mr. Rice said that he talked with the Mayor's office. He is trying to set up a meeting to talk about economic development with the Planning Board.

Chairman Parker advised the American Legion Annual Children's Party is on December 17, 2011 for children 14 years old and younger.

At 8:33 p.m. Mr. Rice motioned, seconded by Mr. Whelan, to adjourn Open Session and go into Executive Session per Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation regarding Newman Avenue and to accept the minutes of November 9, 2011, not to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Rice – Aye; Mr. Whelan – Aye; Mr. Cavaco – Aye; Mr. McLintock – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk



Patricia Gamer, Secretary

accepted 12-21-11