

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of April 20, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Kevin Moran, Vice Chairman George Dentino, Selectman Jess Aptowitz, , William Ross Town Manager

**Absent:** Clerk Douglas Annino, Selectman Olivier Kozlowski

**Vicious dog report**

Officer Collins presented the Board of Selectmen with a vicious dog complaint.

The dog of a Ware St. resident ran out into the street and attacked a woman riding by on a bike. The mailman assisted her with fending the dog off and attended to her injuries until the police and ambulance arrived.

After a summary of events Officer Collins stated he quarantined the dog per state law. After the quarantine period he declared the dog vicious as this was an unprovoked attack.

Selectman Dentino is concerned over declaring the dog "vicious" without a hearing and speaking with the owner.

Selectman Aptowitz loves animals as well but people come first and this woman was attacked unprovoked. He is not comfortable that the dog is still at home and could attack another person. If it's a close call between the human being and the animal, he must take precaution and side with the human being.

This report is being filed by Officer Collins and he has brought this matter to the board to see whether the board will declare the dog "vicious". Once that occurs, the owner is notified and can request a hearing before the board.

**Motion:** To serve the owner with a vicious dog warrant. (Aptowitz/Dentino) 3:0 passes

**Health care attestation & indemnification agreement**

Mr. Ross explained the need for these health insurance documents. It confirms that the town offers the follow health plans.

Network Blue NE  
Network Blue NE Value  
Blue Care Elect Preferred

### Blue Care Elect Value

The town is claiming "grandfathered status" under the Affordable Care Act for its Network Blue NE and Blue Care Elect Preferred plans and requests that working rates for those plans reflect grandfathered status. The town does not claim "grandfathered status" for its Network NE Value and Blue Care Elect Value plans.

After a brief discussion the Board of Selectmen asked Mr. Ross a few questions about the types of plans and premiums. After further explanation the board voted.

Selectman Dentino and Mr. Ross stated that the only thing this does is freeze the plans for three years.

**Motion:** To authorize the town manager to execute the attestation and indemnification agreement. (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Mr. Ross also briefed the Board of Selectmen on the House Ways and Means recent health care insurance developments.

Chairman Moran stated that the letter will be discussed again next week when there's a full board.

### Solar Energy draft proposal

Mr. Ross has been working with MMED staff to draft proposals for use of the land fills for solar energy generation.

Parts of the proposal are governed by the Board of Selectmen (land use) and parts are governed by the Electric Light Commission. (Energy generation) It will be discussed again at a combined bos/MMED meeting to specifically address this issue.

### 2009 Executive Session minutes

Will be discussed next week.

### Q & C

None

### Weekly Business

Warrant No. 11041PT in the amount of \$248,733.38

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11041TV in the amount of \$75,344.76

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11041PS in the amount of \$1,315,267.89

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11041SV in the amount of \$422,927.66

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11042T in the amount of \$181,769.47

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11042E in the amount of \$219,755.54

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Warrant No. 11042S in the amount of \$409,229.03

**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

- Bos Meeting minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Motion:** To approve. (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes
- Hackney Carriage application from Bill's Taxi.  
**Motion:** To approve. (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes
- Hackney Driver applications from Mansfield Town Taxi.
  1. Alexander Gay.  
**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

## Correspondence

- Letter from Bonnie Lane resident regarding bonding. Mr. Ross has sent a letter to the resident explaining how and why the town bonds.
- Mayflower Dr. street closure request. Mayflower Drive block party/ACS fundraiser on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm. Public safety notified  
**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes
- Letter of request from Beth Flint for the use of the parking lot (next to bank) for farmers market. July 14<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>th</sup> (Thursdays only) from 2-6pm  
**Motion:** To approve (Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

## Town Managers Report

- Public disclosure that Mr. Ross's wife is working for a contractor that may work for the town.
- Downtown merchant parking research is ongoing and he will have a report by next week.
- Research on construction of Rt. 495 ramps. Letters go back to the late 1990's and have supported south bound ramp construction but opposed a north bound ramp.

## BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: Not present
- Selectman Aptowitz: Comcast Center license will be ready for next week.

Town Accountant second interviews were held and we will be hiring a permanent Accountant within the next few weeks.

- Selectman Annino: Not present
- Selectman Dentino: None
- Chairman Moran: FinComm will be coming in soon, Town Acct. interviews and budget will round out the month of May.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn meeting at 8:29pm (Aptowitz) 3:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

May 4, 2011

Date of Approval