

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of December 28, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Jess Aptowitz, Vice Chairman Olivier Kozlowski, Clerk Douglas Annino, Selectman George Dentino, William Ross Town Manager  
**Absent:** Selectman Kevin Moran

**Board and Committee Interviews**

Jack Vultaggio, Gilbert St. Has been on ZBA for many years and would like to continue. The ZBA has been meeting every 4-6 weeks as applications have been slow with the holidays.

After a brief discussion, Selectman Dentino thanked Mr. Vultaggio for reapplying as it is beneficial to have members with great institutional knowledge on the history of board decisions. The rest of the board hardily agreed with that statement.

Then each Board of Selectmen member thanked Mr. Vultaggio for coming in and meeting with them. And most importantly, for volunteering his time and expertise to the board.

**Motion:** To appoint Mr. Vultaggio to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015.  
(Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0 passes

David Luca, Erick Rd. Has been on ZBA for a while as an alternate member and would like to move up to a full member.

Mr. Luca is a 4<sup>th</sup> year law student and has served on the ZBA since April. Through his work as a legal assistant and paralegal over the past few years he have experience in real estate law, government relations and land use.

Selectman Dentino commended Mr. Luca for his dedication as he serves on both the ZBA and the Housing Corp. Board of Directors.

Each board of selectmen member also thanked Mr. Luca for coming in and meeting with them. The town is lucky to have residents that volunteer their time and expertise to them.

**Motion:** To appoint Mr. Luca to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015.  
(Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Joseph DeGirolamo, Glen St. He is a life long resident, and is completing 2<sup>nd</sup> term on Board of Health and would like to continue on the board for a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. DeGirolamo's construction background and knowledge of Title V helps him in reviewing applications and plans before the board. He also enjoys serving on the board with his fellow members.

**Motion:** To appoint Mr. DeGirolamo to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

The Board of Selectmen members each thanked Mr. DeGirolamo for coming in and meeting with them. It's nice to see the board members and it gives the public a chance to as well.

Charlene Lavin, Freedom Trail. Ms. Lavin has been on the FinComm for many years and enjoys it so she would like to continue to serve.

She has also been on CIP for 5 years as well. In addition, Ms. Lavin has a diverse background that includes business finance and education.

Chairman Aptowitz commented that worked with Ms. Lavin when he was on FinComm and thanked her for volunteering.

The Board of Selectmen members each thanked Ms. Lavin for coming in and letting them know what is happening on Fincomm.

**Motion:** To appoint Ms. Lavin to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015. (Dentino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Steve Schoonveld, Newton St. As a prior CFO of a global fortune 100 company and a certified Actuary Mr. Schoonveld feels that he is able to assist the Finance Committee and the town through this economy and help with development of a strong financial plan.

Each member of the board commented on Mr. Schoonveld's impressive background and thanked him for coming in and applying for the fincomm.

**Motion:** To appoint Mr. Schoonveld to fill a three year appointment ending January 1, 2014. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Alfred Bregnard, Copeland Drive. He has just served his first term on the Recreation Commission and enjoyed it. As such, he is reapplying to stay on for another term.

Mr. Bregnard is a Civil Engineer and enjoys a variety of sports. One of his hobbies is making golf clubs. He also likes working with the people he volunteers with on the Recreation Commission.

After a few brief questions from the board they thanked Mr. Bregnard for his service.

**Motion:** To appoint Mr. Bregnard to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015.  
(Dentino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Selectman Dentino then requested that a plaque be made for Peter DeTrolio for his long term of service to the town on the ZBA.

Dr. Erika Cervasio, Bella Vista Ave. Ms. Cervasio is a local veterinarian and has been serving as an alternate on the Animal Welfare Committee. She enjoys volunteer with the shelter and would like to continue for another term.

The Board of Selectmen members each asked about what is going on at the animal shelter. Dr. Cervasio stated that the new facility is wonderful and she would like to do more for the animals however she is prohibited from offering her veterinarian services. (She works at a local animal hospital and it is a conflict.) As such, she assists and advises the shelter as much as possible.

Each Selectman thanked Dr. Cervasio for her service to the town and for reapplying to the committee.

**Motion:** To appoint Dr. Cervasio to a three year appointment ending January 1, 2015.  
(Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

### **Town Manager Employment Agreement**

Mr. Ross expressed his desire to extend his employment agreement with the town for another three years.

Chairman Aptowitz stated that the Board of Selectmen will be conducting an evaluation of Mr. Ross soon as his second year anniversary is coming up in January.

Selectman Annino thanked Mr. Ross for his service and leadership to the town.

Selectman Kozlowski is glad that Mr. Ross has decided to stay for another term as well.

Selectman Dentino is also pleased that Mr. Ross is staying with the Town of Mansfield for another contract.

Mr. Ross stated that he has enjoyed his time here in Mansfield and is proud of the work that the town departments have done in his time here.

**Motion:** To accept Mr. Ross's letter of interest. (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0 passes

## Q & C

Karl Clemmey, Essex St. Questions about lack of Christmas lights at the North Common. Mr. Ross stated that they did not fix electric service on the N. Common as the common is scheduled for a complete overhaul next year.

The electric service at the S. Common was upgraded this year due to on site construction so they were able to place additional lights there.

Mr. Clemmey also had questions about the E. Common flagpole. Mr. Ross stated that the East Common flagpole has temporarily been removed and is at the shop being repaired and repainted.

Mr. Clemmey also had a few questions about Covidien's profit and losses for the year and how it should count against the TIF granted by the town.

Sandy Levine, Walnut St. Questions and comments about street lights. The older streets in town are narrower and have no sidewalks in comparison to new streets and sub divisions. As such, there is a disparity in the way the streets are lit/lights are turned off.

Selectman Kozlowski asked if any of the board members knew just how brightly lit the town was before the lights out policy. Some recalled it was quite well lit, better than most. However, there are parts of town that are now quite dark due to the current policy. Selectman Dentino stated that he was not in favor of the current lights out policy and would like the lights turned back on. He believes it all started with the down town lighting and it was very expensive to change out.

Dr. Erika Cervasio, Bella Vista Ave. While having adequate lighting is important, please do not over-light the streets as migratory birds are disturbed by bright lighting.

## Weekly Business

Warrant No. 12026T in the amount of \$1,394,884.16

**Motion:** To approve (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 12026E in the amount of \$30,846.01

**Motion:** To approve (Kozlowski/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 12026S in the amount of \$435,003.00

**Motion:** To approve (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 12026PT in the amount of \$305,459.50

**Motion:** To approve (Kozlowski/Annino) 3:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 12026TV in the amount of \$92,020.32

**Motion:** To approve (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0 passes

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**Motion:** hold, Selectman Dentino would like more commentary added.

Common Victualler license application for Cosi.

**Motion:** To approve. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Common Victualler license application for D'Angelo's.

**Motion:** To approve. (Kozlowski/Dentino) 4:0 passes

## Correspondence

Notice of Maple St. Railroad crossing closure. Questions and comments should be directed to the DPW.

## Town Managers Report

- Agenda for next weeks meeting will be out tomorrow due to holiday closing.
- Auction of surplus equipment is complete and we raised \$160k.
- The FY13 budget is ready for distribution and will be in your boxes shortly.
- Letter from Aviation Dept. regarding the noise abatement study around Logan Airport.
- Financial study has begun today and will continue through next month.

## BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: Agrees with Selectman Dentino that he would like to see a few things changed in union contracts as well (clothing allowances) however, it has

not happened yet. He also has been a proponent of salaries/raises being tied to economic indicators.

Railroad closure notice is up on web but map is not. And town news is a few clicks away on the town website making it not very accessible.

- Chairman Aptowitz: Would like to propose that the MMED meetings go back to a separate night. However, the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a combo meeting again.

The accounting dept. is getting caught up as we have our town accountant back.

Happy New Year to all our residents and business's.

- Selectman Annino: Goals and objectives need to be submitted for next year.
- Selectman Moran: Not present
- Selectman Dentino: Suggestion for when there are more applicants than positions available. Perhaps they should cast ballots instead of votes. That way it will eliminate unfairness or confusion in voting. Mr. Ross will consult with Atty. DeRensis on this.

Questions on contracts and bond rating for this budget season. Mr. Ross stated that bond anticipation notes have not been issued yet. He briefly recapped debt that will be coming off the rolls this year.

Selectman Dentino is still concerned about the issues around the "evergreen clause" in union contracts. Uniform allowances have always been an issue for him and he does not believe that undergarments should be paid for by the town.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn meeting at 9:00 pm (Moran) 4:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

January 11, 2012

Date of Approval