

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of November 2, 2011**

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

Absent:

Comcast Center update

Bruce Montgomery, General Manager, is present for discussion.

Several changes to the 2012 concert season license have been suggested by Mr. Montgomery and the license sub committee.

However this meeting is about sound level issues that have arisen and the possibility of future outside parking lot events.

Selectman Kozlowski had some questions about the meeting minutes that he will address later.

Selectman Moran asked about how changing the location of the parking lot stage would reduce the sound from the parking lot concerts. Mr. Montgomery stated that if they change the location of the parking lot concerns from lot 10 to lot 11 and turn the stage to face the hill and trees behind the main stage instead of into the parking lots (facing South Main St.) it should address the noise problems.

Selectman Dentino is glad that the Comcast Center has provided noise level records and that they are working towards a solution. He also wanted to make sure that the direction of the sound wasn't just going to point towards another part of town. Mr. Montgomery stated it will be pointed towards the woods and the highway.

After a lengthy conversation about sound travel and abatement the board voted.

Motion: To adopt statement: any concert stage utilized in the parking lot areas that is presenting the music genre known as "Electronic Dance Music" shall be conducted in Lot 11 and shall conclude by Civil Twilight. Additionally, all reasonable technological means possible including, but not limited to orientation of the speakers toward the hillside that makes up the lawn seating area for the main amphitheater of the Comcast Center to reduce the impact of sound in the community from these stages shall be utilized by the Licensee. (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Asia Grill & Sushi expansion hearing - Continuance

Bobby Lau, owner and Asia Grill's general contractors are present for discussion.

Mr. Lau would like to add outdoor seating to his establishment and has come back for a continuance so the board could see more detailed plans of expansion.

Motion: To approve expansion of all alcohol restaurant license to include indoor addition and outdoor seating area as shown on plan. (Moran/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Board and Committee updates

Colin Cauldwell, Chairman of Conservation Commission is present in addition to members Mr. Boyden, Ms. Matthews and Ms. White.

Mr. Cauldwell outlined what the Conservation Commission does as a volunteer board and the work that they have been taken on due to the lack of staff availability. However, they will not be doing that anymore. The ConComm is only meeting once a month as they do not have the agent availability to meet more. They do not have a secretary at meetings anymore and that has created additional problems as well.

Mr. Cauldwell stated that most of the committee has been on for a long time and they volunteer their time as a labor of love. However, is it nice to be acknowledged and appreciated for service some time.

Selectman Annino stated that they certainly appreciate all the towns' volunteers do and thanked them for their work in keeping the town running.

Selectman Dentino and Kozlowski asked about complaints and fines for violations, inspections.

Mr. Ross stated that the dept. may need additional help and he will speak with Mr. Riccio about allotting staff time or the possibility of hiring contractors to perform inspections.

Selectman Moran stated that he realizes that the ConComm is a labor of love as it is a difficult job to monitor and enforce at times.

Ms. White then talked about the ConComm's land preservation and management efforts around town. She also thanked Mike Ahern and Mark Cook of the highway garage for their assistance.

Q & C

None

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 12018T in the amount of \$1,448,870.41

Motion: To approve (Moran/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12018E in the amount of \$33,763.05

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12018S in the amount of \$651,024.06

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12018PT in the amount of \$295,810.48

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Dentino) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 12018TV in the amount of \$86,422.22

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Minutes of BOS meetings of October 19, 2011

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

Minutes of BOS meetings of October 26, 2011

Motion: to hold.

Minutes of MMED meeting of October 19, 2011

Held for next MMED meeting.

Correspondence

- Letter from resident regarding the lack of accessible playgrounds in Mansfield during the school day and the general disrepair of the Memorial Park one. Selectman Dentino stated that the town offers a lot of recreation to the town's residents and he and Mr. Ross stated that they will go and look at the parks conditions.

Town Managers Report

- Hub Folding Box: report of elevated mineral discharge into waste system.
- Notice from PD about the emergency alert system. National broadcast will be November 9th at 2pm.
- Gary Babin's storm update from last weekend. Almost 200 residents and businesses lost power on Sunday and by Tuesday most every one had the power back. There was some extensive damage to trees and poles in the industrial park and that also has been repaired.

Fox News interviewed Mr. Ross about the success that the town has had in coordinating services and how the town has benefited from having their own electric dept.

- John Stanbrook will start at the Mansfield Town Accountant on Friday.
- \$7,000.00 technical assistance grant from the south coast rail project. Funds can be used for various down town TOD plans.

BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: None
- Chairman Aptowitz: Tax classification hearing needs to be scheduled. November 30th will be the date.

Thank you to all the staff that works hard everyday to help Mansfield running in top shape.

- Selectman Annino: Questions about conservation land in town. Mr. Ross will check to make sure signs are up on the properties.

Ideas tossed around for volunteer recognition. Pins, lunch, etc.

- Selectman Moran: None
- Selectman Dentino: Comcast Center license agreement for next week.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 10:38pm (Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

December 7, 2011

Date of Approval