

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of July 1, 2009**

Present: Chairman Ann Baldwin, Vice Chairman Kevin Moran, Clerk Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Sandra Levine, Selectman Dentino, Nick Riccio, Interim Town Manager

Mansfield Holiday Inn - Change

Nathan Ware, Mansfield Holiday Inn General Manager is present to be appointed the Manager of Record for the Holiday Inn.

Selectman Moran asked how long Mr. Ware has been with the company. Mr. Ware answered that he has been with the company for 20 years and he has been the manager of record in the past. He has now replaced the former general manager and is requesting to be reapproved as the Manager of Record.

Motion: To approve Nathan Ware as Manager of Record for the Holiday Inn.
(Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

Q & C

Dan Pascucci, Riverwood Dr. Offered congratulations to Mr. Riccio in his appointment as Interim Town Manager. He would also like to follow up on Mr. Penny's comments from last week. He thinks the public should get a better explanation on how Mr. D'Agostino's contract was settled and why the bos paid out so much. Chairman Baldwin stated that the contract agreement is public and will be made available for review. But before anyone asks, the "Torres report" is not. Mr. Pascucci then stated that he still wants Mr. D'Agostino's last performance review as well.

Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 53B in the amount of \$1,030,314.17
Motion: Approved (Moran/Levine) 4:1:0 passes (Aptowitz nay)
- Warrant No. 53A in the amount of \$334,880.93
Motion: Approved (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Minutes of bos meeting on May 6, 2009
Motion: Hold for next week.

- Minutes of bos meeting on May 13, 2009
Motion: Hold for next week.
- Minutes of bos meeting on May 22, 2009
Motion: Hold for next week.
- Commercial parking facility application for 100 additional spaces from Rumford LLC.
Motion: To approve. (Baldwin/Aptowitz) 3:2 passes
(gavel passed to Selectman Moran)

Discussion: Selectman Levine asked that the Police Chiefs letter and officer Lawson's letter be read as they have objections to the expansions.

Selectman Dentino stated that perhaps the Chief or Officer Lawson should have come to meeting as perhaps the traffic and accidents are from the Comcast Center parking not the satellite lots. Selectman Levine asked when Comcast last expanded parking. Selectman Dentino stated it was in 2004. Selectman Levine continued on that traffic has increased in the area since then. Cumberland Farms has been expanded, development in the area is heavier and there is a new mini mart gas station right next to it now.

Selectman Moran agrees that there should not be any additional parking by anyone as the area is already congested and the police have expressed public safety issues that are present. He would also like the police chief to come in to a meeting before voting.

Selectman Dentino then stated that the police have noted that drinking and drug use is up in the parking lots. However, is it up in the Comcast lots and/or the other lots as well?

Requests for transfer of funds from the library are held for next week.

Correspondence

- Letters from Jean Miller and James Perry requesting a joint meeting between the bos and the school committee to fill the school committee vacancy. The board will try for an August 25th meeting.
- Letter from Ed Sliney Jr. and Celeste Jones of the Mansfield Retiree's Association. They are requesting to meet with the bos on July 29th to provide an overview of the retirees association and their health insurance plan.

- Grant assurance request from Lou Andrews for an airport grant.
Motion: To approve grant assurance for airport. (Levine/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Town Managers Report

This is Mr. Riccio's first meeting so he does not have much. However, Chief O'Neill has requested that the board be informed Verizon has requested to have peddlers licenses reissued. The bos does not want to issue licenses until a building permit is pulled by Verizon.

Darlene Richie has called Mr. Colon from Verizon to ask why permits have not been pulled and he did not have an answer. Mr. Colon has not had the work finished at the schools as well. Mr. Riccio will find out who to contact next at Verizon if Mr. Colon can't assist us.

Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: parking in front of town hall by employees is still an issue and he would also like no trespassing signs posted at the Fales property.

Have Steve Simmonds ticket for a week or so to send a message, as signs are marked for town hall business during the day. Selectman Levine is not in favor of this. Selectman Moran is not in favor of this proposal either. Selectman Dentino suggested that perhaps we can just monitor it and advise people of the signs. Mr. Riccio stated that employee parking in front of town hall will be addressed tomorrow.

Selectman Dentino would also like to cancel the mail run in the early morning made by DPW staff and have the post office deliver it later in the day. As the lock box program is set up the need to have mail first thing in the morning has diminished.

Motion: To discontinue DPW mail service and return the car to the DPW lot for other uses.

(Dentino/Aptowitz) 3:0:2 passes (Levine/Moran abstain as they want more info before a vote)

- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: There is a lot of work behind reviewing warrants and Selectman Dentino has been diligent in reviewing them.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None

- New business from Chairman Baldwin: MMED Manager was Mr. D'Agostino and now Gary Babin will sign the MMED bills until a new town manager is appointed.

TM sub committee members have been sworn in by the town clerk and the committee will start work soon.

Advertising for the new town accountant needs to start asap.

Selectman Dentino would like to use Mr. Slavin for this as well. However board members feel that may be too expensive and we need to advertise sooner than for a town manager.

Also, Bea Kearny has been contacted to come back to work part time and assist the town in the transition of accountants. The Board of Selectmen welcomed her back and appreciate her assistance.

- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Thank you Nick for coming to the bos aid in assisting them in this transitional period.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: Need to start advertising for Town Accountant, and RFP for town counsel. Chairman Baldwin stated those issues are on agenda for the 25th.
- New business from Selectman Moran: Mr. Riccio has been voted by the bos to continue with building inspector duties as well as interim tm duties. This public disclosure was recommended by Atty. Mangiaratti. It was formally voted on June 16th at the meeting prior to town meeting.

Issues about housing stock. We are at the 10% for low income housing but we are behind in providing elder housing. Selectman Moran also mentioned items on improving town wide efficiencies, and correct some deficiencies. The bos is still interested in visiting the Town of Franklin to see how their school/town hall consolidation had been implemented and how it is working.

The bos needs to start doing some long term planning, they have been caught up in doing so much short term.

- New business from Selectman Levine: EPA study detailed on Hathaway Paterson cleanup. Some of the space will be used for recreation and some for commuter parking in Foxboro. A copy should be available at the public library.

Selectman Dentino had questions about the removal of hazardous materials. Selectman Levine stated that according to the report all of the material will not be able to be removed however, most will.

Mr. Gazzolo was asked to come to the podium and speak with the board. A memo was written to the town manager and bos regarding the creation of an organizational chart. To correct the structural deficit that exists in town a chart for restructuring must be made. Chairman Baldwin will be getting a new organizational chart from Mr. Slavin for use in the town manager search and we will be able to utilize it for all departments.

Mr. Gazzolo reiterated that he wanted to assist Mr. Riccio and the board in any way he can.

Selectman Levine stated that she appreciates the help but is concerned that the FinComm is over reaching their authority in policy making. That is the Board of Selectmen and the town managers responsibility.

Congratulations to the many students and participants in relay and track. They had a great season and many finished well in the State track meet. New Mansfield High School records were set in addition to State and New England awards.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 10:05pm (Aptowitz) 5-0 **Passes**

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

September 30, 2009

Date of Approval