

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of April 8, 2009**

**Present:** Chairman Ann Baldwin, Vice Chairman Kevin Moran, Clerk Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Sandra Levine, Selectman George Dentino, John D'Agostino, Town Manager

**Public meeting for street acceptance**

Shawmut Ave Extension. Mr. Burke is ill this evening and is unable to attend so the meeting will be postponed to next week. The punch list was missing and later brought up by the Planning Board secretary as the board did not want to vote on accepting the street until seeing it. The clerk read it for the audience when it arrived as a resident from Shawmut Ave Extension had concerns over what the town needed to do to the street.

Selectman Dentino also had questions about the punch list items and about bonding issues, if the developer still in business, if not will the funds cover the expenses?

Mr. D'Agostino will speak with Mr. Burke tomorrow about any issues and have it for next week.

**Town Manager Search Firm**

The board discussed the components of the letter to be sent to national search firms. After a brief discussion it was decided that a RFQ would be sent out to the five firms the town manager suggested. Request for qualifications and then price proposals will be reviewed on May 1<sup>st</sup> and then on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Moran asked a question on firm qualifications vs. pricing. Mr. D'Agostino explained that you open the qualifications envelope first, review and discuss the firm. Qualifications are non negotiable; you've got the skill sets or not. Then you open the second price envelope and you can negotiate the cost portion for the firm the bos likes best.

**Motion:** To approve the letter as written (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

**Motion:** To advertise in direct mail and national tm journal; gavel passed to Vice Chairman Moran (Levine/Baldwin) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

## Questions and Comments

None

## Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 41B in the amount of \$799,111.74  
**Motion:** Approved (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Warrant No. 41A in the amount of \$257,542.85  
**Motion:** Approved (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of February 18, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve minutes (Moran/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of March 18, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve minutes (Moran/Levine) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstain - not present at that meeting)
- Hackney application from John Kanavos.  
**Motion:** To approve license. (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes (Change application to tm/sec from bos)
- Lodging House application from Bernard O'Malley of 121 N. Main St.  
**Motion:** To approve and sign license. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Sign entertainment license for NEFFA (parking plan has come in)  
**Motion:** To sign license. (Aptowitz/Moran) 5:0 passes

## Correspondence

- Letter from SRPEDD regarding annual appointments to the Commission and Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).  
**Motion:** To appoint Lee Azinheira and John Sullivan (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Memo from Veterans Agent John Hogan regarding Silver Star Banner Day. He is not in support of this event.
- CW28 letter of providence designation, Mansfield is in the Providence DMA area but wants to go in Boston DMA. This has been an ongoing issue with surrounding towns as well.  
**Motion:** to send letter to CW28 that the board does not support being in the RI

DMA. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

- Letter from Town Clerk Helen Christian regarding special town meeting.

**Motion:** To sign warrant and open Special Town Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

(Moran/Levine) 5:0 passes

### Animal Welfare Committee

Lori Zola, 12 Colonial Drive and Doris Kalter, 64 Monahan Lane are the two applicants. Both want to fill alternate position to expire January 2011.

Selectman Levine asked both ladies if they are registered to vote and attend town meeting? They both responded yes.

Selectman Dentino stated he votes for people that have served the longest.

Selectman Moran thanked the ladies for applying.

Selectman Levine asked questions about critical care giving. Lori has provided for cats.

Doris has worked in care for dogs.

Chairman Baldwin stated Doris has applied twice and this is Lori's first time.

**Motion:** To appoint Doris Kalter to the Animal Welfare Committee for an alternate term ending in January 2011. (Moran/Aptowitz) 3:0:2 passes (Levine/Dentino nay)

**Motion:** To appoint Lori Zola to the Animal Welfare Committee for an alternate term ending in January 2011. (Dentino) motion fails

### Town Managers Report

Health Care Mitigation plan overview. Have met with unions a couple of times and will vote soon. He is optimistic however alternate plans have been put in place just in case it does not pass.

Selectmen Moran and Baldwin elaborated on the budget process that has been ongoing. The bos, fincomm and school committee reps have been meeting to layout budget issues And will be meeting with john next week.

Selectman Dentino asked about budget deadlines, it is April 24<sup>th</sup> and a back up plan will be discussed and brought forward next week.

Selectman Dentino then asked if atty. Lehane present at todays union meeting? No. He has come to prior meetings but not this one. He cannot make every one as he schedule does not permit it. Selectman Dentino wants an attorney from Lehane's office to attend every single meeting.

## Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: Update on South Coast Rail project. The Attleboro/Norton proposed route that will effect Mansfield has not been taken off of the list of consideration yet.

Thanks to Ann and Kevin regarding being on sub committee to get budget neg. rolling.

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Questions about MMED bill explanations. Some legal bills provide a detail of service, some don't. He would like them all to clarify what services are being provided.

Questions about memos from clerical union and school union issues. Mr. D'Agostino stated that the issues are still ongoing.

Signals at the N. Main St. fire station are out of whack and according to personnel the dept has not been able to adjust it to make the light delay longer. Mr. D'Agostino will look into the matter with the Fire Chief. The issue has been raised before and the funds are just not available right now. Mr. D'Agostino will check with Chief Boldrighini to see if anything can be done or an estimate established on how much it would cost to fix.

- Old business for Selectman Moran: Looking for update on paving schedule. Lee Azinheira will be at the meeting next week to discuss. Also questions about fuel expenditures.
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: Branch St. flooded during the last rain storm and he wanted to let residents know that the problem is being addressed.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: Comcast Center entertainment license? Not ready yet. Police still has issues and will be asked to address them asap.
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: The tm search committee at large deadline is today. Selectman Levine thought it was the 24<sup>th</sup> though. 9 applications have been received.

- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Pot holes and re-pavement issues have been plentiful this past year. DPW has been out filling holes with the hot box everyday.

Questions about cul-de-sac garden areas (little circles of shrubs and stuff)  
Are they town owned or resident owned? Most are owned by the residents or developments.

Jess is going back to office hours before bos meetings. He will be available at 6pm to 7pm.

- New business from Selectman Dentino: Advertisement from recycling coalition regarding the recycle, reuse day at the Comcast Center. He has only seen Mansfield employees at the event in the past. The other towns should provide personnel.

Questions about trench permits and inspections. Lee Azinheira does the permits and OSHA does the inspections.

Questions about employees taking advanced vacation time. Mr. D'Agostino stated that is not allowed.

- New business from Selectman Moran: Accident at waste water treatment plant where someone rammed into the gate damaging it. The Norton PD has identified and charged the individuals with the crime. The incident report has been forwarded to our insurance carrier for processing.
- New business from Selectman Levine: issues about Verizon service. When will it be available in certain parts of town, etc.. residents advised to call Verizon rep. directly.

MMED rate payers should be receiving a credit on their electric bill due to reduced rates.

### Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn at 9:00 PM  
(Levine) 5-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

June 3, 2009

Date of Approval