

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of August 12, 2009**

**Present:** Chairman Baldwin, Clerk Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Sandra Levine, Selectman Dentino, Nick Riccio, Interim Town Manager

**Absent:** Vice Chairman Moran

Meeting opened in public session and convened to executive session at 7:00pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations with union personnel. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

**Roll call vote:** Selectman Dentino aye, Selectman Aptowitz aye, Selectman Levine aye. 4:0 passes

#### **Constable application**

David DiCenso of DiCenso and Affiliates out of Halifax came before the board to request a constable license. He is expanding his service area and would like to work in Mansfield.

Chairman Baldwin informed Mr. DiCenso that he would be the 11<sup>th</sup> constable to work in Mansfield however, Mr. DiCenso was not concerned about getting work.

**Motion:** To appoint David DiCenso as a Mansfield Constable. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

#### **MMED public hearing**

**Motion:** To close Board of Selectmen meeting and open as Light Commissioners. (Levine/Baldwin) 4:0 passes

Gary Babin, Light Dept. Director and Frank O'Corn, ADM Cocoa Manager were present for hearing. The public notice was then read into record by the clerk.

ADM Cocoa is the only commercial MMED customer to be affected by the proposed electric rate. Mr. Babin and Mr. O'Corn briefly explained how this setup would assist the business as well as the town in reducing the electric load drawn by the business. ADM also has the capacity to generate electricity if needed as well.

**Motion:** To accept the rate proposal as presented. (Levine/Baldwin) 4:0 passes

**Motion:** To close MMED meeting and reopen as Board of Selectmen. (Levine/Baldwin) 4:0 passes

## Q&C

Kevin O'Donnell, resident and water dept. employee, gave an update on injured water employee Barry Meehan. Mr. O'Donnell stated that he and others in the dept. were touched that so many off duty personnel from the fire, police and tm came to the scene of the accident to see Barry.

Chief O'Neill asked if the Board of Selectmen was satisfied with the FIOS installments in town and for him to re-authorize Verizon's peddler's license. Both Mr. Riccio and the Board of Selectmen did not have a problem with any release.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to resume executive session.

**Motion:** To adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations with union personnel. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

**Roll call vote:** Chairman Baldwin aye, Selectman Dentino aye, Selectman Aptowitz aye, Selectman Levine aye. 4:0 passes

## Weekly Business

Weekly business resumed at 10pm.

- **Signed but not voted last week:**

Warrant No. 10005PT in the amount of \$347,142.95

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

Warrant No. 10005TV in the amount of \$99,528.72

**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10005PS in the amount of \$932,127.38

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

Warrant No. 10005SV in the amount of \$1,627,183.73

**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 3:0:1 passes (Dentino)

Warrant No. 10005T in the amount of \$2,854,994.73

**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10005E in the amount of \$34,939.16

**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 3:0:1 passes (Dentino)

**This week:**

- Warrant No. 10006T in the amount of \$5,004,669.09  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Warrant No. 10006E in the amount of \$1,660,295.94  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Warrant No. 10006PT in the amount of \$346,341.34  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Warrant No. 10004TV in the amount of \$96,192.41  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Minutes of bos meeting on May 20, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Minutes of bos meeting on May 27, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve (Levine/Aptowitz) 3:0:1 passes (Dentino abstain)
- Common Victuallers license application from Mangia Bene.  
**Motion:** To approve license for Mangia Bene after taxes paid. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Drainlayer application for Christian & Feck. Town Engineer recommends approval.  
**Motion:** To approve license (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Request for Water Installers License for Stan Feck. Water Operations Manager recommends approval.  
**Motion:** To approve license (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Application for one day beer and wine license for the Tri county beagle club.  
**Motion:** To approve license (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

**Correspondence**

- Water connection request for Medline Industries Distribution Center at 560 West St. Water Operations Manager recommends approval.  
**Motion:** Approve water connection request. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Letter from Sgt. Juda requesting handicapped child signs be posted at 89 Church St.  
**Motion:** Approve request for handicapped sign. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

- Request from Lee Azinheira to hire a temp worker to fill in for injured employee. for a total of eight weeks.  
**Motion:** To approve request. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes
- SCR letter to Army Corps of Engineers from the Board of Selectmen.  
**Motion:** To sign and send letter (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes
- Letter of thanks from Mansfield Innovative & Development Services for donation.

### Town Managers Report

- Town accountant applications have come in and he would like to convene the sub committee. Selectman Dentino, Selectman Aptowitz, finance team and Jack Goldberg will be notified.
- Conservation Agent will be interviewed and hired within the next couple of weeks.
- Approval of gift request from Chief Boldrighini is needed.  
**Motion:** To accept donation of storage container for use by the fire dept. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

### Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: None
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: He would like to see health insurance comparison committee set up with FinComm and the schools. Key personnel and citizens at large will be included as well.

After a brief discussion among the board members regarding the details of setting up this committee the following motion was made.

**Motion:** To establish a health insurance committee to research the costs of different plans. One bos, one FinComm, one school, one COA, Sandy LaRosee, 2 citizens. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

**Motion:** To move Selectman Aptowitz to be on health insurance committee. (Dentino/Levine) 4:0 passes

- New business from Selectman Moran: Not present.

- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: FinComm presentation is on agenda for September 2<sup>nd</sup> .

Citizens have called with concerns about the lights and water meters and they are being addressed.

- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Auditors need to be hired for FY10. Mr. Riccio will hire Brown and Company again as they have done a good job.

He is upset that he did not see the Attorney General letter regarding Mrs. Levine's complaint in the reading file.

- New business from Selectman Dentino: None
- New business from Selectman Moran: Not present.
- New business from Selectman Levine: She read AG's letter in reading file and Selectman Dentino did as well, as he took a copy. Selectman Dentino stated he did make a copy but did not take the original.

### Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 10:02pm (Aptowitz) 4-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

October 7, 2009

Date of Approval