

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of March 25, 2009**

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

**NEFFA Entertainment License**

Harold Henry, Steven Moore, and Robert Gold from the New England Folk Festival Association were present.

The festival is to be held April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at the Mansfield High School. There will be different skill level dance classes offered at the festival this year so there is a little something for everyone.

Selectman Dentino asked if the festival will be utilizing the same parking plan as last year. Mr. Henry stated that they will be following last years plan as it worked well. He will send the plan to the board as soon as possible.

Public safety sign off's have not received yet so the approval will be contingent upon that and the parking plan being received and approved.

**Motion:** To approve license upon receipt of public safety approval and to waived permit fees. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

**Overview of Judge Woodlock decision**

Atty. Keston gave a brief overview of the judge's decision to overturn the Stoye case award for the viewing audience. No further information about a settlement or continuance was discussed.

**Executive Session - separate minutes**

**Motion:** To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. (Aptowitz/Levine) 5:0 passes. Roll call vote: Baldwin aye, Moran aye, Dentino aye, Levine aye, Aptowitz aye.

## Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 39B in the amount of \$966,589.84  
**Motion:** Approved (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstain)
- Warrant No. 38A in the amount of \$255,711.55  
**Motion:** Approved (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstain)
- Meeting minutes from February 4, 2009  
**Motion:** Approved (Aptowitz/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Meeting minutes from February 11, 2009  
**Motion:** Approved (Aptowitz/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Entertainment license for NEFFA (discussed previously at meeting)
- Entertainment license for MMAS. They are requesting fee waiver as they are a non profit group. **Motion:** To waive fees and approve license pending police approval. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 pass
- Multi part request from the Elks for their spring Carnival
  1. Permit for fireworks display **Motion:** To approve fireworks display under supervision of the fire dept. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
  2. Waiver of fees associated with applications. **Motion:** To waive town fees associated with application. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
  3. Permission to hang banner at Chauncy & N. Main Sts. April 13<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**Motion:** To allow banner to be hung at Chauncy and N. Main St. overpass. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Hackney Driver applications.
  1. **Motion:** To approve Donald Marco for a hackney driver license. (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
  2. **Motion:** To approve Kevin Davis for a hackney driver license. (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
  3. **Motion:** To approve Cheryl Christie for a hackney driver license. (Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

## Correspondence

- Request from Town Clerk Helen Christian regarding setting the date of town meeting. Date you set last week is Memorial Day week.  
**Motion:** To reconsider previous date. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes  
**Motion:** May 19<sup>th</sup> will be new date for town meeting (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- John Sullivan letter to MA Highway requesting attention to the rt. 140 lights on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.  
**Motion:** To sign and send letter to MA Highway. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

## Town Managers Report

None

## Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Status of tm search firms. It was handed out two weeks ago to the board. They need to send out letter for proposals. John will prepare a letter for the board to review.

Please double check with Chief Boldrighini to make sure that there is room for ambulances and fire trucks on the Mill St. bridge when it is under construction.

- Old business for Selectman Moran: Any response from the MBTA regarding changing the terms of our lease? Mr. D'Agostino said no but he will follow up with them.
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: Do you have an update on when fire trucks are going to be ready. They should ready mid June.

Update on collections procedures for ambulance receipts. AR report as well.

He would like to formalize a sub committee for a town manager search. 2 bos, 2 fincomm, one school committee, one dept head, one citizen at large.

Mr. D'Agostino suggested that they have people on the committee that have experience with hiring executive level managers. The previous sub committee was nine although the board is favoring 7. Selectman Levine likes 9.

**Motion:** To go with 7, delete dept. head and add another at large. (Dentino) motion fails.

Selectman Levine still wants 9 however Selectman Dentino still thinks 7 is better. Selectman Moran would like to hold for next week in order to further evaluate this as the composition of this committee is very important.

**Motion:** To appoint 2 bos, 1 fincom, 1 school, 1 dept head, 2 at large.  
(Aptowitz/Baldwin) 3:2 pass (Levine/Moran nay)

- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: An emergency phone vote was taken last week to accept Ann Langille's resignation and post the position. It was a concern that other wise they would not be able to do it before Ann left. Selectman Aptowitz abstained from the vote as he did not think it was an emergency and could be done at the next meeting. Selectman Dentino was away and did not vote.
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: There is still an issue of double parking at the schools during pick up. People are causing a public safety issue and they will be ticketed soon if it continues.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: Perhaps Mr. Babin shouldn't spend so much time on NEPPA business so that he have more time to do town engineering work. Then perhaps we wouldn't need to have two engineers by replacing Ann.
- New business from Selectman Moran: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: None

#### Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn at 10:22 PM  
(Levine) 5-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

May 13, 2009

Date of Approval