

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 4, 2009**

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

Light Commissioners meeting

Separate minutes.

Q&C

Carl Clemmey: Is making formal complaint against Gary Babin and the town manager. He submitted complaint and asked for copies to be made for everyone. Then he would like to come in on next agenda & discuss with board with his attorney. Chairman Baldwin stated she wants to discuss with entire board before any action is taken.

Lou Andrews: Animal Shelter issues addressed last week still need clarification. Verizon agreed to place pole. No easement is needed as it is town land. He also requested approval on license to install and allow the water/sewer to bring utilities to the site and any help from engineering.

Motion: To allow water/sewer be brought to the site by the DPW and allow engineering dept. to assist with any issues that may come up. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

Town Manager evaluation

Mr. D'Agostino requested that his evaluation not be released as he does not want it to become a public document. It is his job evaluation and part of his personnel record. He has released it in the past however is choosing not to this year as he does not want to see it posted on the internet or the Mansfield blogs.

The board discussed it briefly and agreed to not disclose the town managers review as requested.

Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 36B in the amount of \$1,412,207.28
Motion: Approved (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

- Warrant No. 36A in the amount of \$1,458,192.56
Motion: Approved (Dentino/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Request for water installers license from Perry & Feck LLC.
Motion: Approved. (Moran/Levine) 4:0:1 passes (Aptowitz abstain)

Correspondence

- Park and recreation is requesting a gift account be set up especially for the purchase of a cargo van. **(Hold to next week)**
- Email from Dan Pascucci requesting to be placed on a town manager search Committee.
- Request from the Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner over Rt. 106 for the month of April. **Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Letter from the 2009 Relay for life committee requesting to display a sign on the south common through the month of May. This American Cancer Society will be held June 14th. **Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Email from resident Mark Rushton regarding the proposed town vehicle policy.
- Email from Bob LaConte, school buildings and grounds, regarding recycling at the schools. They do recycle every week but the outside beverage vendors that sell drinks at the school necessarily do not.
- Email from Lou Andrews, Mansfield Animal Shelter, regarding allowing Verizon to install a utility pole for the new animal shelter at no cost.
- Email from Lou Andrews requesting to be placed on a town manager search committee.

Town Managers Report

- Budget update regarding chapter 90 funds and snow and ice deficit.
- He and Supt. Hodges have been meeting to work out strategies to meet with the school unions about the same concessions the town side unions are considering.
- He is working on matrix that the board requested but is still waiting for some final numbers to come in.

- Mr. D'Agostino has provided the board with six search firms to look at for their new tm search committee.
- Good news: there was a miscalculation in state aid (from state) in our favor for \$290,000.

Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Asked Mr. D'Agostino for Executive Secretary job description. As it was emailed to him he did not bring a copy.

Mr. Dentino still has questions about how an employee was able to accrue \$13k in vacation and buy back \$7k in sick time over the past years. Mr. D'Agostino had sent a memo to Selectman Dentino regarding this but will address issue with him again.

Mr. Dentino also still has questions regarding the latest legal bills from Atty. Lehane's office as the charges were not specific enough.

- Old business for Selectman Moran: Verizon had 120 days to set up studio, which was started in September 2008. He gave a quick update and will address cable.

The American Cancer Society - Mansfield Relay for Life team has been recognized by the state.

- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: He would like an update on where we stand in regarding to ambulance collections. Mr. D'Agostino will talk with the fire chief and get back to them.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: A resident called to say that they saw a town vehicle parked at the gym last weekend.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: For FY09, he is recommending to keep \$50k in reserve fund then utilize \$50k if needed.

Motion: To retain \$50,000 in reserve fund. (Dentino) no second

Motion: To extend meeting to 10:45. (Aptowitz/Dentino)5:0 passes

Selectman Dentino also did not want to use any chapter 90 funds to balance budget either. Mr. D'Agostino disagreed with the statement and said it may be needed.

Motion: Not to utilize Ch90 funds for budget shortfalls. (Dentino/Aptowitz)
3:2:0 passes (Moran and Levine nay)

Mr. D'Agostino will give the board other options next week without using Ch90 funds for deficits.

- New business from Selectman Moran: Proclamation from bos was given to Thomas Crimmins on 100th birthday this past weekend.
- New business from Selectman Levine: There is event involving the MBTA in Boston next week if anyone wants to go.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 10:46 PM
(Levine) 5-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

April 15, 2009

Date of Approval