

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of October 28, 2009**

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

**Absent:** Chairman Baldwin

**Health Insurance Advisory Committee**

- School reps: Jim Adams from the MA Teachers Association and Sharon Mullin from the Secretaries and Clerks Union.
- Firefighters Local 1820 rep. Ryan Palmieri
- Police union rep. Larry Crosman
- AFSCME rep. Steve Copparini
- Non Supv. union rep is Sandy LaRosee
- Supv. union rep. is Mark Cook
- Retirees Association is Celeste Jones

**Motion:** To appoint the above named representatives to the HIAC. (Aptowitz/Levine)  
4:0 passes

**Vehicle use policy discussion**

Selectman Dentino has reviewed all the different policies that the town has in regards to vehicle use and noted that some positions are mentioned several times and some here and there.

The town manager had always maintained that vehicle use was by union contract and now we find out that is not so but by job description. As this is the case, some first responder vehicles should be able to be shared.

Selectman Aptowitz stated that we need to find out what situations warrant being "on call" and how many emergency calls are received by departments.

In order to reduce our fleet we first need this information.

Selectman Levine stated that we need to analyze why we need to reduce the fleet. Use of and maintenance of the vehicles are not a big cost savings as the bos might think.

She is concerned over the bos wanting to reduce staff that is on call. Selectman Dentino and Aptowitz stated that is not what they meant. They want to reduce "on call status" cars that go out, not personnel.

Selectman Levine agrees with the other members that staff should provide their own transportation to and from the job, with few exceptions.

Selectman Moran feels that some personnel do have to take home cars but it should be limited to a certain radius. If a first responder lives outside the radius, they should contribute to the expense of the car.

Selectman Levine has additional concerns over the disciplinary actions suggested in the car use policy (draft II). Selectman Dentino feels the disciplinary action section is not only warranted but should be stronger.

Mr. Riccio stated that in general, the more detail in a policy or contract, the better it is to administer or enforce later.

Selectman Moran asked that Mark Cook provide a vehicle maintenance schedule for Board of Selectmen review.

As Chairman Baldwin is absent this evening, the discussion of the vehicle policy will be continued to next week.

## Q&C

None

## Weekly Business

Warrant No. 10017T in the amount of \$289,340.49

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

Warrant No. 10017E in the amount of \$40,954.10

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

Warrant No. 10017S in the amount of \$373,072.13

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

Warrant No. 10017PT in the amount of \$261,236.82

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

Warrant No. 10017TV in the amount of \$75,144.60

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

Warrant No. 10017PS in the amount of \$1,324,964.65

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

Warrant No. 10017SV in the amount of \$380,095.91

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

Meeting minutes of October 7, 2009

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

Request for half year water installer license from L.H. Johnson Inc. This application is recommended for approval by the water operations manager.

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

## Correspondence

- Letter from Boy Scouts of America, troop 17, has scheduled an Eagle Court of Honor to take place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Orthodox Congregational Church.
- Letter from Airport Commission regarding purchase of land at 415 Fruit St.
- Resignation letter from Beth Dahlstrom, Mansfield Housing Corp. Thank you with regrets letter sent.  
**Motion:** To send letter of thanks with regrets. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Request from Nancy Briseno, MHS Swim Team, requesting an annual deviation for the Gatra bus to the high school from December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15, 2010.  
**Motion:** To approve. (Dentino/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
- Letter from Andy Gazzolo, FinComm Chairman, regarding setting priorities for the FY11 budget.

- Letter from Karen Petty, Girl Scout Troop Leader requesting permission to hang yellow ribbons downtown in honor of Veterans Day. (November 4<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>)  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

### Town Managers Report

- Letter to first responders, unions requesting voluntary turn back of town vehicles.
- Softright update. Free cash will be certified by the end of the week.
- Request from Kevin O'Donnell of the water dept. to use dept. vehicle in holiday parade.  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes
- Selectman Levine requested Mr. Riccio send a thank you letter to Bea Kearney for all her assistance and dedication to the Town of Mansfield.
- TIF Committee is reviewing a possible new "Blanket TIF" in the Cabot Business Park.
- Motion for appeal on the MWWC liquor license denial.  
**Motion:** To authorize Atty. Mangiaratti to pursue appeal. (Levine/Aptowitz) 3:1 (Dentino nay)

### Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Still waiting for the number of small business that qualifies for the small business exemption.
- Old business from Selectman Levine: Would like to see a rep. from the south coast rail committee come to the board for an update. However, the Board of Selectmen does not have a representative on the board at this time. Fortunately Selectman Dentino has been to most of the meetings and the board has sent a few letters to the Army Corp of Engineers opposing this project going through Mansfield.

Mr. Riccio has received a letter from Kristina Eagan acknowledging the town's strong opposition to the project. We will attempt to get Ms. Eagan to come to Mansfield for a presentation in January.

Reminder of leaf raking project coming up November 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: None
- Old business from Selectman Moran: Please review your tax classification package from Assessors and see Mrs. Hinote if necessary.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: Not present
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: Not present
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Congratulations to the Branch St. adult day care center on their grand opening.

Thank you to John Stanbrook, new town accountant, for really stepping up and hitting the ground running.

We are still getting a lot of complaints regarding the loss of street lighting. The situation will be monitored on an ongoing basis and addressed at a future meeting.

Selectman Aptowitz witnessed a car accident this past week and that one accident needed the service of both of our ambulances leaving the town at the mercy of mutual support in the case of another accident before our two return to the firehouse.

- New business from Selectman Dentino: Question about rental of van to take all the prospective town managers on a tour last week.
- New business from Selectman Moran: The finalists of three prospective town managers have been selected and will be interviewed next week. They are William Keegan Jr., William Ross and John Yunits Jr.  
**Motion:** To approve selections. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Thank you to all the people that participated in the town manager search committee.

- New business from Selectman Levine: None

Olivier Kozlowski has applied to be on the Mansfield Housing Corporation Board of Directors. He is presently on the Planning Board and would be a fine addition to the housing board as well.

**Motion:** To appoint Olivier Kozlowski to the Board of Directors for a term of three years. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:46pm (Aptowitz) 4-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

January 6, 2010

Date of Approval