

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of January 20, 2010**

Present: Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Moran, Selectman Dentino, Selectman Sandra Levine, William Ross, Town Manager

Absent: Clerk Jess Aptowitz arrived 7:25pm

Statement from Chairman Baldwin in regards to her legal situation with her former employer. It will not affect her performance as a member of the Board of Selectmen and she thanks her family and friends for their support.

Eagle Scout project

Alex Bouthiller, Boy Scout Troop 51. He is creating cancer awareness plaques as part of his Eagle Scout project. As such, he would like to hang plaques in either the town hall or the library. The plaques are small, most are the size of index cards so they wouldn't take up much room.

Selectman Dentino would like to take a week to determine where the best place would be to place these plaques. Selectman Moran concurs that he would like to review spaces for the project.

Selectman Levine asked how many plaques he intended to create and what the various sizes would be. She discussed different locations such as outside on the park. Alex did not want to put them outside due to weather and possible vandalism.

Chairman Baldwin also stated that this is an excellent project and they look forward to seeing him soon for a location selection.

Liquor license hearing - Classic Pizza

Maria Lafreniere, Manager of 242 Chauncy St. dba Classic Pizza and owner Katina Tsapanidis are present for hearing.

Motion: To open public hearing. (Moran/Levine) 4:0 passes

Ms. Lafreniere is the new manager of Classic Pizza and did not renew the liquor license on time so she needed to reapply for the license before the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: To close public hearing. (Moran/Levine) 4:0 passes

Motion: To approve wine and malt license to Classic Pizza. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Q*C

Andrea McKnight, 163 Rumford Ave. She has a few questions in regards to the winter parking ban. (Particularly on Cottage area streets.) There isn't enough parking for the condo residents with the winter parking restrictions and she and her neighbors would like to utilize the spaces when it's not snowing.

Selectman Dentino stated he sympathizes with the residents as parking is tight in that area but he cannot support changing the winter snow ban for just one area of town.

Selectman Moran stated that they will have DPW and the police look into. However, Selectman Dentino is correct in stating that they are uncomfortable with amending the zoning for one street.

Selectman Levine asked about the possibility of overnight parking in one of the commuter lots. However, over night parking is not currently allowed in the commuter lots.

Chairman Baldwin suggested Ms. McKnight contact Mr. Ross for further follow up.

Citations presented by Rep. Jay Barrows

Rep. Jay Barrows presented Michael Gambale a statehouse proclamation for his being awarded the Metal of Valor. Mr. Ross also presented Mr. Gambale with a certificate from the Board of Selectmen as well.

Rep. Barrows also presented David Wellman, 46 year DPW employee, a proclamation for service upon retirement.

Mr. Ross read a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen to Mr. Wellman citing all his accomplishments during his years with the town.

Steven Copperini, local 472 union rep. presented Mr. Wellman with a citation of their own.

DPW updates

Lee Azinheira, DPW Director and Mark Cook, Highway Operations Manager are present for discussion.

Snow * Ice update: The FY10 snow and ice budget was approved for \$339,440.00. The current budget has an actual balance left of \$6,277.05.

There are currently approx. 700 tons of salt in the salt shed and another 700 tons in the covered pile. The DPW will only consider purchasing more salt if the pile drops to 400 tons. We hope that this will not be required, but this obviously depends on the weather.

As such we are requesting that the Board of Selectmen authorize deficit spending of the budget if necessary.

Motion: To allow the DPW to deficit spend on snow and ice budget if necessary.
(Moran/Levine) 5:0 passes

Mr. Azinheira and Mr. Cook addressed the concerns that Selectman Dentino had the last meeting regarding snow removal from downtown. Selectman Dentino would like to see the snow stored on the Clemmey lot as it is much closer to the downtown area. However, the trucks would have to go through a residential area to get there and they are noisy. In addition, the snow has trash and debris in it and Mr. Cook does not want to dump that on private property. As such, the bos left the policy as is, trucking downtown snow to Plymouth St. fields.

Water & sewer connection fees: recap memo. The bos will take the recommendations under advisement and get back to them.

Vehicle use - non union personnel

Chairman Baldwin would like to start seeing cars come back to the fleet and proposed a 60 day grace period for the positions that have vehicles for commuting purposes. However, most vehicles are assigned to individuals whom are covered by union contract. So the Board of Selectmen may just ask for the cars of non union personnel.

Selectman Moran would like to see cars leave the fleet as the positions that have them change or the employee leaves. He does not feel that they should take action on non union positions that have cars just because they can.

Selectman Levine also feels that it is unfair to target non union positions for vehicle reduction. It should be town wide, not just certain positions.

Selectman Dentino and Aptowitz want to start pulling vehicles off the road immediately. We can't afford it and the residents don't support it. The vehicles would be available for use during the working day but would remain at the lot at the end of each business day.

Mr. Ross would like to have time to review the materials and weigh in on the issue at the next meeting.

Motion: To request the return of the DPW Director vehicle and the Electric Light Director vehicle in 60 days from January 27, 2010. (Dentino/Baldwin) 3:2 passes (Moran/Levine nay)

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 10028T in the amount of \$982,879.05

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10028E in the amount of \$1,830,047.67

Motion: To approve. (Moran/Levine) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10028S in the amount of \$451,013.60

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10028PT in the amount of \$279,896.25

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 10028TV in the amount of \$77,960.84

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 10029T in the amount of \$1,252,019.47

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10029S in the amount of \$170.00

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10029PT in the amount of \$254,101.17

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 10029TV in the amount of \$73,644.46

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 5:0 passes

Board of Selectmen minutes of October 14, 2009

Motion: Approve minutes of October 14, 2009 (Levine/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Board of Selectmen minutes of November 4, 2009

Motion: Approve minutes of November 4, 2009 (Levine/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Common vic application for Friendly's Restaurant

Motion: Approve application. (Aptowitz/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Water Installer license application for Peter DeGirolamo & Sons.

Motion: Approve application. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

Drainlayers license application for Peter DeGirolamo & Sons.

Motion: Approve application. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

Correspondence

- Letter from Mansfield Police Assoc. regarding the third annual comedy night fundraiser on Friday, January 22nd at the Mansfield Holiday Inn.
- Email from Rumford Ave resident requesting the overnight winter parking ban be amended to allow overnight parking on Cottage St. behind Catman Café.
- Letter from COA thanking RE/MAX for their donating to the Friends Fuel Assistance Fund.
- Letter from the Airport Commission asking for support of their article at spring town meeting to add hangars at the airport.

Town Manager Report

- Failure of police department phone system due to Verizon complications. It has been forwarded to the insurance company for action.
- Attended health insurance advisory group meeting and is getting acquainted with MA health care plans.

Board of Selectmen old and new business

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Looking for update on town counsel discussion. He is also looking for an update from police and fire for regional dispatch.
- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: The Softright conversion is still underway. Would like to get an update on the ambulance service right offs.
- Old business from Selectman Moran: Went to Eagle Scout Court of Honor last week and it is refreshing to see the towns youth grow into such fine young men.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: MMED meeting for next week has been cancelled. He also attended an audit committee meeting and the last candidate is waiting to be appointed.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: None
- New business from Selectman Moran: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: Will be attending the MMA conference this Friday and Saturday and offered a ride to Boston for other board members.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 9:03pm (Levine) 5-0 **Passes**

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

February 24, 2010

Date of Approval