

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of September 14, 2011**

Present: Chairman Jess Aptowitz, Vice Chairman Olivier Kozlowski, Clerk Douglas Annino, Selectman Kevin Moran, Selectman George Dentino, William Ross Town Manager

Absent:

Proposed Waiver of Utility Review Process

DPW Director Lee Azinheira is present for meeting. Certain parts of town still do not have Verizon FIOS service and residents are becoming concerned about how long it's taking.

Mr. Ross provided the Board of Selectmen and the viewing audience a brief overview of the negotiations with Verizon regarding installing underground service. Mr. Azinheira will be meeting with Verizon engineers this Friday to hopefully work the last items of the contract out.

Mr. Azinheira further explained the process of working out where gas, electric and water lines are to assure that the underground cables are laid correctly. Mr. Ross also commented that Verizon may be asking for an extension to complete the work. However, Chairman Aptowitz is leery of doing that as Verizon has had a few years to do the work and has not.

Selectman Annino is not pleased the way Verizon has submitted plans. They are better than the early drawings they provided, however they are still incomplete. Even with the town allowing them to use our GIS system to locate underground utilities.

Selectman Dentino is not very pleased with the way Verizon has conducted themselves as well. Even if they start next month we are up against the winter months and cutting into the streets could cause problems over the winter and into the spring. Mr. Azinheira stated that road cutting is usually done by mid November. However, he does have the discretion to extend road cutting where necessary and available.

The Board of Selectmen are not generally in favor of granting an extension as they feel that Verizon has had ample time and not proceeded. Mr. Ross will be meeting with Verizon this Friday and he will then report to the board as soon as possible.

Change of Manager - TGIF Restaurant

Proposed Manager, Anthony Fisher is present with his Regional Manager Mr. Denopoly.

Mr. Fisher has been with the company for the past ten years and is now ready to take over the Mansfield location. He is ServSafe certified and has been had violations under his management.

Motion: To appoint Anthony Fisher as Manager of Record of TGIF's. (Kozlowski/Moran)
5:0 passes

Town Accountant candidate

Mr. Ross advised the board that a candidate has come before the committee that they would like to advance for an interview. His name should be released next week after he notifies his employer.

Q & C

None

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 12011T in the amount of \$89,418.55

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12011E in the amount of \$25,652.99

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12011PT in the amount of \$297,441.47

Motion: To approve (Moran/Kozlowski) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 12011TV in the amount of \$87,617.36

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 12011PS in the amount of \$1,348,049.89

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 4:1 passes (Annino nay)

Warrant No. 12011SV in the amount of \$410,267.12

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

- Block party application from Central St. resident. Annual event to be held on September 24th from noon to 11pm. Public safety advised.
Motion: To approve with Chief O'Neill's recommendations. (Moran/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of August 22, 2011
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 4:0:1 (Annino abstain)
- Meeting minutes of September 7, 2011
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes

Correspondence

- Request for support letter from the Foxboro Town Planner in regards to a MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant they are seeking.
Motion: To send support letter signed by Chairman Aptowitz. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0:1 passes (Moran abstain)
- Fairfield Green housing cost examination from Mass Housing. Selectman Kozlowski had a couple of questions for the Planning Board; however, the Board of Selectmen does not have any objections or comments to return.
- Letter from Kevin Doyle regarding having a veteran's district. He is against the idea. Chairman Aptowitz stated that the Town of Mansfield did not spend any money on the Corey Shea flagpole, contrary to Mr. Doyle's statement.

The Board of Selectmen all expressed that in no way will the town cut veterans services through any proposed district.

- Conservation fair on Saturday, October 1, 2011. They are requesting to close Park Row from 8am to 4pm. and post a sign on the south common for the event.
Motion: To approve (Moran/Annino) 5:0 passes

Town Managers Report

- Post storm update. Town staff has identified and corrected the deficiencies they found during and after hurricane Irene.
- Tablet hard and software prices are being looked into for the Board of Selectmen meetings. Selectman Dentino has reservations about this and Mr. Ross will follow up with a full report soon.

- Water utility work on Maple St. is undergoing and will be done as soon as possible. West and Plain St. work will start on the evening of September 21st.
- Fire Hydrants are being checked and painted by Sr. tax abatement resident.
- Bird Rd. update: road work has begun and every precaution is being taken to assist residents accessing their homes.
- Fire last night at Miller Recycling. Mostly smoke damage to facility and one fire fighter was injured.
- Memo regarding town hall parking was sent to employees and local restaurant.

BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: Senecal Rd. street sign has been installed for "no through trucking".

Possibility of town owed parcels being used for community gardening.

- Chairman Aptowitz: September 28th meeting to be cancelled due to Jewish holiday.

We were lucky enough to have Bristol County help with fence painting this summer and hopefully we can get the rest done this fall.

Would like to get going on board and committee chair updates in October.

Looking for final accounting from Corey Shea flagpole account.

MMA conference signup in January is in Beacon Magazine this month.

- Selectman Annino: Planning/infrastructure for town buildings still under study.

Update for North Common gazebo work? Mr. Azinheira will have to submit plans for tree removal before the gazebo can be placed.

- Selectman Moran: Estimate for Irene submitted to state for reimbursement? Mr. Ross stated that 80-90 thousand dollars were spent and submitted.

Parking machines for commuter lots are still being looked into for bids.

- Selectman Dentino: Still looking for decibel readings of the Comcast Center parking lot concert. Mr. Ross is following up. Would like to have staffing records as well.

Fall Chip Sealing might be a good follow up to the summer rounds that might not have taken due to the weather.

Perhaps the Bristol County Sheriff's Dept. can assist with the North Common flagpole and cleanup.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 8:43pm (Moran/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

October 5, 2011

Date of Approval