

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of October 5, 2011**

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

Absent:

Police and Fire Dept. pinning and swearing in.

Town Clerk Helen Christian is present to swear in the officers.

Fire Chief Neal Boldrighini is also present for the pinning of Adam Bourget, Firefighter. Adam has grown up in Mansfield, graduated from Northeastern University. After graduation Adam furthered his education and became a paramedic. Prior to being hired by the MFP he worked for a private ambulance company.

Police Chief Arthur O'Neill is also present for the pinning of Samuel Thompson, Police Lieutenant and Francis Archer, Jr. Police Sergeant.

Lt. Thompson has lived in town since he was 7 years old and graduated from Mansfield High in 1988. He has been a Mansfield Police Officer since 1994 and was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2003 and appointed Detective Sergeant in 2004.

In 2008, he attended the 232nd session of the FBI National Academy, and now being sworn in as Lieutenant.

Sergeant Archer has lived in town since he was 2 years old and graduated from Mansfield High in 1992. He was hired as a reserve officer in 1993 while attending college and joined the force in 1995. Frank was assigned detective in 2005, Acting Sergeant this past April and now sworn in as Sergeant.

The Board of Selectmen members each thanked the men for all their hard work and community contributions.

Interview for Town Accountant

Former Town Accountant John Stanbrook is interested in coming back to Mansfield and being the accountant again after a short hiatus.

Selectman Moran asked Mr. Stanbrook why he wanted to return to Mansfield. Mr. Stanbrook left Mansfield to pursue career advancement as a Finance Director in the Town of Cohasset. However, the position was not what he expected and would really like to return to Mansfield as the Town Accountant.

He also feels that the Town Accountant plays a very significant role in the town's Master Financial Plan and he would welcome the opportunity to work with the town again.

Selectman Annino welcomed Mr. Stanbrook and asked if he would be committed to the town for a length of time. Mr. Stanbrook stated yes, he would.

Selectman Dentino stated he is glad to see Mr. Stanbrook and asked why he left Mansfield. As stated earlier, Mr. Stanbrook sought career advancement that ended up not being as well as Mansfield. So he is grateful to have a second chance to come back and stay with the town.

Chairman Aptowitz is happy to see Mr. Stanbrook back in town as well as he was a very hard working individual and feels the town will be best served with him on board. He knows his former fellow employees all support him and would love to see him back as well.

Mr. Ross is also glad to see Mr. Stanbrook back in town as well. He is a fine accountant and would very much like to work with him again.

Selectman Moran would like to see Mr. Stanbrook grow with the town and believes that he could in time become a finance director here for the Town of Mansfield.

Selectman Kozlowski is comfortable with having Mr. Stanbrook back as he is familiar with the town's procedures and will be able to slid right back into play.

Motion: To offer Mr. Stanbrook the position of Town Accountant and authorize Mr. Ross to negotiate salary with Mr. Stanbrook. (Kozlowski/Moran) - not voted

Selectman Dentino would like to ensure that the compensation package is settled in open session prior to the vote. He has questions about the deferred compensation package that Mr. Stanbrook would receive upon review. He is additionally concerned about salary consistency within town hall as this package would dramatically raise the town accountant salary line item next year.

Mr. Ross reviewed the employment offer he proposed to the Board of Selectmen:

1. Wages: I suggested that the pay be established at Pay Rate K, Step 7, which is \$91,645.31 with consideration for a retroactive increase to Step 8 after one year with a positive performance review and approval by the Board of Selectmen. (Grade K, Step 8. The salary for this step for Fiscal Year 2012 is \$93,756.00.).
2. Mr. Stanbrook requested to be credited with two weeks of vacation time. I have no problem with that and recommend the time be credited. I have also consulted with union representatives and they are agreeable with reinstating two weeks vacation time for past service.
3. Mr. Stanbrook requested approvals to attend Treasurer/Collector training sessions as well as Town Accountant training. Prior to my discussions with John, Roxanne Donovan indicated that she had seen and visited with him at Treasurer/Collector meetings he was attending due to his dual role in Cohasset as Town Accountant and Finance Director. Roxanne indicated John participated and, she felt, gained knowledge of the role of the Treasurer/Collector in town government. My personal belief is that this type of training will be important, especially if there is future consideration of the creation of a Finance Director position, and I recommend the request be approved.

After a very lengthy conversation the board voted to hire Mr. Stanbrook.

Motion: To hire John Stanbrook at Pay Rate K, Step 7, this is \$91,645.31 with consideration for a retroactive increase to Step 8 after one year with a positive performance review and approval by the Board of Selectmen. (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Adoption of H1972 - An Act Regulating Election Primaries

Postponed

Verizon FIOS contract discussion

Richard Colon, Verizon Manager and Jill Reddish, Regional Manager are present for discussion.

Mr. Colon would like to amend the cable license to add two additional years to contract in order to complete FIOS instillation through out town.

Selectman Kozlowski recapped the networks ability (or inability) to receive certain Boston based channels.

Mr. Colon stated that the only reason Verizon needs the extension is to make sure that FIOS is properly installed in all parts of Mansfield.

Selectman Kozlowski asked why Fox 25 is available on Comcast and not Verizon. Fox 25 is not considered a "must carry" channel. Comcast has chosen to provide the service and unfortunately Verizon has not. However, Mr. Colon stated that the top brass is reviewing offering the extra Boston channel to Verizon customers.

Selectman Dentino stated that he is not in favor of granting an extension of time for FIOS service to be finished in town. They have one year left on their contract and should be able to finish within that time or shortly after.

Mr. Colon stated that they have had technical difficulty with providing service to the town due to construction and utility review issues. Mr. Ross stated they have been working with Verizon engineering staff and believe that their assistance will help Verizon move along.

Selectman Moran stated the board has to vote to hold a public hearing for resident comment on the proposed two year extension.

Mr. Ross commented that the board could give notice for a hearing. That would start the process and the rest will follow. There are streets that already have conduit in them and are ready for service with minimal installation needs.

Motion: To hold public hearing to consider two year extension, Fox 25 Boston and expanded peg programming. (Kozlowski/Annino) 1:4 fails (Kozlowski aye)

Selectman Moran stated that the motion should be two separate issues. One is the extension and the other would be programming expansion.

Motion: To hold public hearing to consider two year extension. (Annino/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Haunted Hallows

Janine Rose, Chairman of the Haunted Hallows Committee is present with youth leaders. This is the first year the new group has run the event and is running a little behind but will be ready for an October 14th opening. Building inspection and Fire Dept. inspection were done today.

Motion: To allow use of town land for Haunted Hallows event. (Kozlowski/Moran)
5:0 passes

Event located at 401 Oakland St. (Behind National Lumber) and runs October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29th from 7pm to 10pm.

2012 Comcast Center license agreement process

Chairman Aptowitz provided an overview of the meeting two weeks ago in which this was discussed.

Selectman Dentino would like to see professional negotiators do the contract this year. As Chairman Aptowitz is on the negotiations team and visits the Comcast Center often through out the season he is too familiar with the Comcast staff. Mr. Aptowitz vehemently disagrees with this statement and goes to the center as part of his duties as a Selectman.

Mr. Ross stated he also uses the input of the Fire and Police Chiefs to bring issues to the board. Selectman Annino appreciates Chairman Aptowitz going and checking the facility out during concerts and does not feel a professional negotiator is necessary.

Mr. Ross and the board members discussed various ways the license could be altered this coming year to alleviate this past season's issues.

Corey Shea Flagpole update

Chairman Aptowitz stated the drive collected an income of \$47,703.88 (In kind donations \$3,750.00) and spent \$36,714.31 (encumbered \$635.50) leaving a final balance of \$10,354.07

The Board of Selectmen thanked every one involved in the project and stated that we are blessed to have such a great community to live in. This truly was a community wide project that everyone had the chance to be involved with.

Q & C

None

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 12013T in the amount of \$2,451,706.60

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

Warrant No. 12013E in the amount of \$22,445.65

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

Warrant No. 12013PT in the amount of \$301,187.27

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

Warrant No. 12013TV in the amount of \$91,611.31

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

Warrant No. 12013PS in the amount of \$1,393,247.66

Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Moran) 3:2 passes (Annino/Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 12013SV in the amount of \$422,687.50

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

Warrant No. 12014T in the amount of \$189,193.27

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

Warrant No. 12014E in the amount of \$35,409.77

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

Warrant No. 12014S in the amount of \$517,017.59

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

Warrant No. 12014PT in the amount of \$269,536.33

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

Warrant No. 12014TV in the amount of \$74,494.08

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

- Meeting minutes of September 14, 2011
Motion: hold
- Meeting minutes of September 21, 2011
Motion: hold
- One day license for Tri-town chamber of commerce event.
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Water installer license application for Plainville Pump. Water Operations Manager recommends.
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 4:1 passes (Annino nay)
- Updated common vic all alcohol license appl. for The Fresh Catch. (Early Sunday)
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Annino abstain)

Correspondence

- Mansfield Women of Today holding annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec 11th and would like to display banner over Rt.106 and sign on common from Nov 1st - Dec 12th.
Motion: To approve upon confirmation of space. (Dentino/Moran) 5:0 passes
- Letter from Smyth Law Offices re: Renewal of King Aviation lease at Mansfield Airport. They are looking for bos input. Mr. Ross has spoken with both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Finer from the Airport Commission and does not believe the board needs to get involved right now.
- Invitation to Halloween parade on Sunday, October 30th at 2pm. Application for street closure for event.
Motion: To approve. (Kozlowski/Moran) 5:0 passes
- 2 Emails from resident regarding lack of FIOS service.
- Email from resident regarding Boston vs. Providence market designation
- Memo from Roxanne Donovan regarding tax taking advertising questions.
- Letter from Warren Ave residents. They are experience several issues and would like letter read.
- Email from Mill St. resident regarding scenic roads.

- Email alert from commuter on Maple St. regarding resident throwing rocks at cars.

Town Managers Report

- Airport Operations Lease renewal with King Aviation.
- Strategic Planning Committee to be selected soon.
- East Common flagpole to be worked on soon.
- 2 Pratt and East St. accidents have happened this week. The police will do a traffic study to see if it warrants a traffic signal.
- ICMA Conference report will be coming soon.

BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: Possibility of town owed parcels being used for community gardening.

AG rejected the Town of Foxboro's drunkenness bylaw again. Our bylaw is similar and has not been ruled on yet.

Darkness to Light child abuse seminar held at Town Hall last week by the YMCA.

He and Chairman Aptowitz attended a municipal law and finance seminar last week and all the handouts are available for review by all.

- Chairman Aptowitz: Welcome to John Stanbrook in becoming our town accountant again.

The board and committee chairs will be coming to the next few meetings for updates.

- Selectman Annino: West St. water project going well. And please start working on bos goals and objectives for next year.
- Selectman Moran: Asked for paving update around town. Mr. Ross stated they are on schedule.

Update on No. Common design plans will be available soon.

- Selectman Dentino: Apology to Chairman Aptowitz for earlier Comcast Center remarks. Sounds records of resent concerts are still outstanding.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 10:20pm (Moran/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

October 12, 2011

Date of Approval