

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2008**

Chairman Belanger opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Members present were Douglas Belanger, Thomas Brennan, Dianna Provencher and Stanley Zagorski. Also present was Town Administrator Robert Reed. Selectman Antanavica was absent.

**Public Hearing Continuance – Class II License Application, 515 Main Street**

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to reconvene public hearing from January 7, 2008.  
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Mr. Belanger noted that updated regulations which pertain to water districts continue to be reviewed by the municipal water district personnel. He warned that certain restrictions may apply for this location, but Mr. Turano will have to check with the Cherry Valley/Rochdale Water District in that regard. He also felt that all public safety concerns seemed to have been addressed.

Mr. Zagorski and Ms. Provencher both stated that they were satisfied at this time, and would vote in favor of the license application.

Mr. Brennan asked if the applicant was okay with the water restrictions that may be implemented. Mr. Turano stated they have been using the local car wash anyway, and they would certainly follow any restrictions that are put in place. He is currently working with the Building Department relative to signage. He has been speaking with his neighbor, the florist, and believes that when her business is slow is when his will be the busy time of year, so they both feel this could be a good mix.

Mr. Brennan asked what hours of operation would be. Mr. Turano stated he wants to be open from 10:00am until 6:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:30am to 1:00pm on Saturdays; no Sundays. Mr. Brennan felt the hours should be extended to 9:30am until 8:00pm Monday- Friday. He wanted lighting to be limited to open hours of business, with only security lighting in place otherwise.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to approve Class II Used Car Dealer License for TekCar Inc., Pasquale Turano/Manager, 515 Main Street, limit 20 motor vehicles total, eight out front for display, no parts or junk vehicles allowed. Mr. Brennan seconded. UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to close public hearing.  
Mr. Zagorski seconded. UNANIMOUS

**Correspondence**

1. Notice from Sen. Augustus regarding upcoming deliberations on FY'09 State Budget. The Board thanked the Senator for his accessibility and commitment to his communities. Mr. Zagorski asked that the Town Administrator respond and include at least the Rawson Street bridge as a construction project that the State could fund. FILE

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Reed reported on his annual Mass Municipal Association meeting, where he obtained information and contacts on various issues, including Hillcrest Country Club, building security, telephone system upgrades. The presentations were worthwhile, with the Governor speaking of level funded local aid.

**Pole Hearing – No. C 5756 Main Street – Becker College area**

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to open public hearing.  
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Ngrid rep was unavailable this evening, but Ms. LeChasseur noted that the requested pole will accommodate hookup to new Becker dormitory. It has been approved by Highway Dept.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to approve installation of one pole location as submitted.  
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to close public hearing.  
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

### **Board Reports/Other Business**

Mr. Zagorski reported on his attendance at Mass Municipal Association's annual meeting, where discussion was high on the so-called Polito bill that would award Lottery Aid in reliable and consistent manner. Apparently the proposal has moved out of the House and is into the Senate now. He also had discussions with consultants that offer engineering and land use assistance; one of them had received an informational package on Hillcrest Country Club from our Town Administrator. Mr. Reed noted that he had prepared several copies for distribution at the MMA meeting, a good forum for such feedback. Mr. Zagorski also spoke to companies interested in expansion of our Moose Hill Reservoir water supply. And, he got to hear Jerry Remy speak.

Ms. Provencher agreed that this years MMA convention was very worthwhile. She distributed updated Ethics information packages, noting that the \$50 limit for gifts or donations still stands after all these years; that has not changed. She attended the WEMO meeting with members there supporting the Polito proposal.

Mr. Zagorski noted the State's own stabilization fund, currently some \$2billion, which was tapped into last year for additional local aid funding. Mr. Belanger felt that, at the very least, the State should part with the half-million dollar share under Polito's proposal, to be distributed to cities and towns accordingly. All agreed.

Mr. Brennan reported that he and Mr. Belanger met today with representatives from WRTA and CMRPC, who were joined by Chief of Police on a tour of Leicester. Mr. Brennan's suggestion for a Mass Pike on/off ramp on Route 56 was the target, with Mr. Belanger suggesting a satellite parking lot for WRTA shuttles to the Worcester Airport, therefore removing the need for an access road. All very preliminary, but received well by visitors, who felt we have a forward thinking town.

Mr. Belanger sent kudos to Highway Department workers, who maintain our roadways during snow and ice storms.

Mr. Belanger named himself as representative on the School Superintendent Search Committee group. He noted there were three at-large seats available.

Mr. Belanger reported on the number of signed petitions that have been distributed and returned to our office, with the School Department being instrumental in the number returned. We will receive petitions through the end of this week. He will hand deliver them to the State House.

Mr. Belanger reported on his Town Government Study Committee, commending member Ed Cote for the power point presentation he put together. A number of questions remain outstanding, with issues such as election ballot and town meeting issues needing to be addressed by the Committee.

Mr. Zagorski reported on Becker College's meeting with the local Conservation Commission to discuss plans for synthetic fields in Town.

Mr. Zagorski reported on Congressman Richard Neal's support of rehabilitative efforts for the May House on Becker College campus, a project that could bring millions of dollars in restoration funds.

Mr. Zagorski reported that his Revenue Enhancement Committee will be meeting this evening. The group is looking to develop new or renewed ways to enhance revenue streams; the goal being to document ideas, invite departments or personnel to submit suggestions, development timeline for implementation, resulting in impact report. He urged residents or others to reach out and forward any ideas they may have that the Town could consider.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn.  
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan LeChasseur,  
Administrative Assistant