

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 2, 2008**

Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Douglas Belanger, Thomas Brennan, Dianna Provencher, Richard Antanavica and Stanley Zagorski. Also present was Town Administrator Robert Reed.

Public Hearing – Application for Liquor License

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

Crossroads Inc. at 1060 Main St., owner Neal Schreckinger, has applied for a Wine & Malt Package Store License. Discussion and concerns were heard from abutting neighbors. Ann Maria Jackson from Leroux's Market expressed concerns of having too many establishments with liquor licenses in such close proximity. Ms. Frances Lane from Warren Ave. voiced concerns of Leroux's Market closing. John Maywalt from George & Co., business brokers for Leroux's Estate, advised that the approval of license may or may not have an adverse effect on the sale of Leroux's Market. Mr. Rob Lyons of Warren Ave. has expressed support for approval of license. Ms. Provencher asked that this was to be for the sale of beer and wine only and hours of operation remain the same. Mr. Schreckinger advised that closing time may change from 8:30pm to 9:00pm. Mr. Antanavica thought this would be healthy competition and advised that employees be TIPS certified. Mr. Zagorski was concerned that Crossroads Inc. lease would not allow for this type of sale and that if approved they be diligent in checking ID's, especially with Becker College now being a 4 year school, some students will be of age to purchase alcohol. Mr. Schreckinger noted that the lease did not include or exclude this type of sale and assured the Board they would be checking ID's just as they do with tobacco sales. Mr. Belanger advised that the Board would take a stern look at violations. He also reiterated that all employees must have TIPS training and be certified and his concerns with youth employees. Mr. Brennan wanted to be assured that Crossroads Inc. intent is not to have consumption on premises. Mr. Belanger noted that the license does state that alcohol is not to be drunk on premises. With that Mr. Brennan wanted to show support for Crossroads Inc. Mr. Belanger advised the board to approve license with the agreement in writing from the landlord of 1060 Main St. to approve of the sale of wine and beer at Crossroads Inc. Mr. Brennan advised that to extend the hours of operation, Mr. Schreckinger would have to appear before the board to amend the license. The hours of operation will be 8:30am to 10:00pm on the license.

MOTION: Mr. Zagorski moved to approve Wine & Malt Package Store License for Crossroads Inc. Ms. Provencher seconded. The Board was polled: ALL AYES

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

Correspondence

1. Notice from the Personnel Board announcing Employee Appreciation Day to be Tuesday June 10, 2008 at the Town Hall Auditorium at 12:00 noon where lunch will be served.
2. Letter from the Leicester Police Department, regarding towing contracts. The letter serves as notice that the LPD will be terminating all current tow contracts effective June 30, 2008. Prior to that date, the LPD will exercise its option to reissue new contracts to vendors and/or undertake a competitive bid process to establish a tow list. Any questions to please contact Chief Hurley at the Police Station.
3. Invitation from St. Vincent's Hospital for the Town Administrator and/or Chairman of the Board of Selectmen regarding the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Department of Public Health on June 9, 2008 at 2:00pm to discuss the new hospital affiliation agreements. Would like to include TA and others, Fire Chiefs and EMS Coordinators for the EMS Services. Mr. Reed is planning on attending.
4. Letter from State Representative John Binienda updating the Board on the Massachusetts Turnpike and Route 56 Interchange in Oxford. He notifies us that he is keeping this on the front burner and included a letter from the Executive Office of Transportation Mass Highway which recommends that we work with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission and that the Mass Highway will be there to help guide us. Mr. Belanger and Mr. Brennan thank Mr. Binienda for working on this project.

Town Administrator's Report

1. An item from EOT mentions the mobility study being done through the CMRPC. Mr. Reed was at CMRPC last Thursday to review and evaluate the consultants for the mobility study. This is moving forward. Those who are on the evaluation committee will also be on the technical committee that will continue and work with the consultants in the idea of the mobility or transporting people from the outskirts of Worcester, particularly the west. Mr. Reed will follow the process and try to keep it a priority.
2. We have been contacted by Hillcrest Sewer regarding the connection. Mr. Reed has plans from Quinn Engineering that are completed for the hookup which allows us to contact licensed drain layers. We had meetings with the Sewer District and Commissioners. An agreement has been worked out and the connection fee has been worked out. Mr. Reed asked the Board for approval of this agreement. Mr. Belanger has some facts that the District wanted to be clear to the Board and to the public. The District paved 14 streets, over 1.5 miles of Pleasant Street including grinding the road and approximately 1 mile of Pine Street at a cost to the District of over \$380,000.00 and without a cost to the community. The District collaborated with the Highway Department for the purchase of asphalt which resulted in approximately a \$.15/ton savings to the town for asphalt the town purchased in 2004 for public streets. The District is a municipality and by law does not make a profit. The majority of the Country Club is not in any sewer district and the town missed the opportunity to have the previous owner pay for the whole connection including construction when we purchased the property. The property is in Title 5 failure since 1999. The District undertook and ran the successful, on time, on budget project without investment from the community. Mr. Belanger noted the meeting they had was productive and cordial. They agreed to cut their cost in half and will go after the other house owner and developer for the other half. Mr. Reed and Mr. Belanger, representing the Board, thought that was reasonable. Mr. Belanger felt the District was concerned that people thought they weren't contributing to the community in ways that were just stated and wanted to notify people of that.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to approve agreement and go forward.
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

3. On the subject of plans, Mr. Reed met with Sgt. Antanavica about some building issues at the Police Station, one of which is a sewer problem. Plans have been completed to do the sewer line repair. This is being brought forth because the Construction Committee has been disbanded so these construction decisions and using the remaining balance for that project would come before the Board of Selectmen. The plans are \$750.00, it's anticipated that the construction work will be \$17,000.00, there's the issue of updating a Road Opening Permit which will have to go to the Highway Dept., and there are two additional construction issues, \$1,100.00 to complete the camera system at the Police Dept. and \$400.00 to fix the air and filtration system at the Police Dept. These are not new items, they should legitimately come under the construction process and are legitimate uses of the remaining balance of the article. Mr. Reed recommends the Board's approval for these construction plans. Mr. Brennan was concerned with doing the repairs and then finding out we could save money by holding off on these negotiations and the health of the occupants and the children in the fields down below. Mr. Belanger wanted to keep discussions open between the Sewer District and Developer. Mr. Zagorski asked for a final statement showing these are the last items on the article. Ms. Provencher was concerned with the total of \$19,250.00. Mr. Reed advised that the smaller items could be more accurate and the construction was an estimate but there was certainly enough money in the article to take care of it. Mr. Belanger advised that there was a balance left from the committee that dissolved and Sgt. Antanavica's report will be helpful and knows that this is related only with building construction. Mr. Rick Antanavica expressed concerns of health problems with the air and filtration system and the sewer system, that these issues be taken care of.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to approve subject to Chairman Belanger and TA Robert Reed agreeing talks are not going to be approved here and that we are going to go forward with the best interest to the community. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

4. Library Commissioners have been in discussions with adjacent landowner about getting some additional property for the purpose of their grant. Negotiations have been completed. The Design Committee met to discuss the additional scope of work that would be necessary with this project in order to take account for this change in the layout of this property and the availability of the new property. The Trustees have volunteered to pay the \$7,500.00 for the additional scope of work. The architects Joanne Van Voorhis and Charlie Van Voorhis attended this meeting. This is a contract with the Board of Selectmen which requires amendment with the stipulation that the scope of work would be paid for by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Reed has a letter from the architect explaining the scope of work. Mr. Reed recommends to write up an amendment to the contract that would include the architect's letter and the stipulation that the scope of work would be paid for by the Library Trustees.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to approve Mr. Reeds recommendation.

Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

5. Mr. Reed passed around a list of Chapter 90 projects that the Highway Dept. is ready to begin. Mr. Brennan wanted to be sure to talk to any Water and Sewer Districts and utility companies to be sure they don't have any work in these areas slated in the next coming years.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to accept Highway Department's list of Chapter 90 projects.
Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANMOUS

MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to direct Mr. Reed to research how long utility companies are responsible for patchwork on the roads and if it has to go to the Bylaw Committee and to put them on notice of this possible change to the Road Opening Permit. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Taxi Cab Survey Results

Mr. Belanger handed out results of the survey done by Sue LeChasseur and Robert Reed. This is in response to a couple gentlemen inquiring about a license for a taxi cab in town. No action will be taken tonight but open to discussion. Need to do two things: 1) adopt rules and regulations, and 2) establish a fee. Mr. Belanger recommends for all to read through survey so as to be able to handle this at next meeting. Mr. Zagorski inquired about the company operating out of Rochdale. Mr. Belanger believes they started as a supplement to our bus service and private bus service. After discussion we need to contact the company in Rochdale to review what their license says and to advise we are working on rules and regulations for a taxi cab license, and to contact the parties inquiring about a license to let them know we are working on this and to invite them to our next meeting.

Board Reports/Other Business

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to approve April 28, 2008 Regular Session minutes.
Ms. Provencher seconded. 4-0, Mr. Belanger abstained.

Mr. Zagorski inquired about correspondence regarding outside furnaces. Mr. Reed will check with the Board of Health on the regulations. Mr. Antanavica noted that the Board of Health had their first hearing to establish guidelines and they sent them to the Selectmen for their input. There are issues to be addressed

Mr. Antanavica extends a thank you to State Rep. John Binienda and State Senator Edward Augustus for getting the school roof approved.

Mr. Antanavica would like to ask Dr. Dubrule to attend the next meeting regarding disability insurance. Mr. Reed doesn't feel this issue is ready to be acted on yet. Mr. Belanger will continue to follow through and give a final report at the end of month.

Mr. Antanavica discussed the RFP (Request for Proposal) on Hillcrest. He would like to see a survey on the website for the community to have their input as to what they would like to see on the property, such as driving range, mini golf, go carts and batting cages. Similar to what used to be on Route 20 near the Blackstone Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Brennan has no problem entertaining options for RFP as long as price is right. Mr. Belanger was concerned with what the go carts impact would be on the reservoir and conservation. Ms. Provencher asked if this includes acreage across the street from Country Club, not necessarily. Mr. Brennan has concerns with online survey, that people may vote more than once and this would not be accurate. Mr. Belanger feels this is a responsibility to our town and will have more discussion on it.

Mr. Antanavica would like to direct Mr. Reed to send a letter to the school department on \$88,000.00 on deferred maintenance and asks for a schedule for it to be done.

Mr. Antanavica advised the work has started today on Route 56.

Mr. Antanavica advised of an application from Mr. Peter Antanavica for appointment to Capital Committee. Application not available, will wait for application to appoint.

Ms. Provencher received a letter from DCR on Waite's Pond dam. Mr. Reed has letter, asked for an extension. We do own the dam at Waite's Pond.

Ms. Provencher advised that the Burncoat Park project is moving along. She has asked the Highway dept. to help clean up debris at 1601 Main St. There is a Burncoat Park meeting June 5, 2008.

Mr. Brennan extends a thank you and wants a letter to go out to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for all the work that they do and to the 3 veterans organizations in town. (The two legions and the VFW).

Mr. Brennan expressed concerns regarding the condition of Route 9 heading west near St. Joseph's Church being a public safety hazard. Mr. Belanger has asked to Tom Wood to reach out to the Mass State Highway and include Chief Hurley in the memo.

Mr. Brennan inquired about the configuration of Leicester Center. Mr. Reed advised that Barry Lorean from the mobility study group would have that.

Mr. Brennan noted the dam at Rochdale Park breached. Mr. Reed advised of clean up the last couple days.

Mr. Brennan inquired about delineation at Rochdale Park, can we get that back up?

Mr. Belanger sends congratulations to Mr. Brennan for doing a fine job emceeding our Memorial Day Activities.

Mr. Belanger asked Mr. Reed to stay in touch with Moose Hill.

Mr. Belanger, as Chairman, advised the Board will meet Monday, June 30, 2008 at 6:00pm. On the agenda will be approval of various contracts and appointments.

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to go into executive session.
Ms. Provencher seconded.
The Board was polled: ALL AYES

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Henderson
Highway/Parks & Rec. Clerk