

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2012
APPROVED**

Present: Stuart M. Schulman Chairman; Peter Cunningham, Vice Chairman; John G. Petropoulos; Joshua A. Degen; Anna Eliot

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and made some brief announcements.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad noted disclosures for Craig Auman and Marshall Gigerer, as member of the Conservation Commission, were enclosed. [Document 1: Disclosure C. Auman & M. Gigerer] Mr. Auman and Mr. Gigerer recently contacted the State Ethics Commission to determine if there is a conflict with them serving on the Conservation Commission and their relationship with the Light Department as a purchaser of electricity. The disclosures (Section 19), requires approval by the Board of Selectmen. The Board will need to decide that since the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which Groton may expect from Mr. Auman and Mr. Gigerer, that they are not prohibited from acting on the permit request. Mr. Cunningham asked if other disclosures from the rest of the Conservation Commission were expected to be submitted. Mr. Haddad stated he cannot stop members from contacting the Ethics Commission. Mr. Degen stated that he would abstain because he felt all members of Boards and Committees purchase electricity from GELD.
Mr. Cunningham moved to approve disclosure stating that no financial interest would affect Mr. Auman and Mr. Gigerer hearing the GELD application for permit. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2 abstention (Mr. Degen and Ms. Eliot).
2. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to approve the appointment of Father Paul Ring to the Housing Partnership.
Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the appointment of Father Paul Ring to the Housing Partnership to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify his appointment of two Special Police Officers.
Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointments of Daniel Hyde of Lowell and Daniel Leone of the Middlesex Sheriff's office as Special Police Officers. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Mr. Haddad stated that at the last meeting the board was to consider sending a letter to the Community Preservation Committee in support of Robin Kane's proposal for a Historic Preservation Grant. The board had requested more information concerning Ms. Kane's proposal, as well as a draft of the support letter. Enclosed is the preliminary application, along with a draft letter of support for review. [Document 2: Ms. Kane application and Selectmen Letter of Support] John Straus, a Vice Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Board, was present to read a brief statement. Mr. Straus stated that the remainder of money being requested was coming from the CPC Unallocated bucket and that would affect applications for parks and recreation. Mr. Straus stated that there is \$90k in the Historic bucket and that money could be borrowed from the Historic bucket to fund the rest of the Tarbell Project. Mr. Straus suggested this as an alternative way to fund the renovations at Tarbell. It was noted that Ms. Kane was offered to attend the meeting. Mr. Cunningham asked if there were any projects that recreation was seeking funding. Mr. Straus stated that there were discussions but nothing solid.

PUBLIC HEARING-Approve Liquor License Transfer-Clover Farm General Store

Mr. Cunningham read the legal notice into the record.

Ms. Eliot moved to continue the public hearing until the completion of the CPA funding discussion. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Hearing Continued.

CPC Discussion

Ms. Eliot pointed out that the applicant, Ms. Kane, was not present for this discussion and should be here for it. Ms. Eliot stated that Tarbell has been a high priority of the selectmen and was in favor of supporting the application. Mr. Degen needed to know the terms of the lease before voting to support the application. Mr. Petropoulos stated that he could not support the letter. Mr. Petropoulos added that if the RFP was advertised with money included in renovations the response could have been different. Mr. Schulman suggested nailing down the terms of the lease and to look for alternative funding for Parks and Recreation. *Mr. Cunningham moved to send of letter of support to the CPC for the Application of Robin Kane for the Tarbell School. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 2-no Mr. Petropoulos and Mr. Degen.*

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Mr. Cunningham moved to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. Hearing opened.

Mr. Haddad stated that all of the paperwork was in order and recommended that the Board approve the transfer.

Mr. Degen moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing closed.

Mr. Cunningham moved to transfer the Liquor Store Package Store License for Beer and Wine from Nine West Properties to Janet Shea d/b/a Clover Farm General Store. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

MEET IN JOINT SESSION WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RONALD PECK TO THE AUTHORITY

Mr. Haddad introduced Ronald Peck, the only applicant. Mr. Schulman asked Mr. Peck about his background. Mr. Peck gave his background and noted that he works in the mortgage field as well as nonprofits.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Ronald Peck to the Housing Authority to serve until the next election in May 2013. Mr. Emerson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS CONTINUED

5. Mr. Haddad stated that the Public Hearing for the Fall Town Meeting Warrant has been rescheduled to Monday, September 10th due to Rash Hashanah.
6. Mr. Haddad reminded the Board that their goals session is scheduled for August 22nd at 7am.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham noted that the Wetland Bylaw committee was seeking answers from Town Counsel. Mr. Degen asked if the recent letters to the editor from selectmen regarding the fire station was given for feedback.

Mr. Haddad updated the Board on a recent meeting of the Building Committee and corrected some misinformation that was out in the public. Mr. Petropoulos urged residents to go to the town website for fire station answers. Mr. Petropoulos stated that the Conservation Commission is reviewing the GELD application and is nearing an ending. Ms. Eliot noted that the Underground Utility Committee has met and is working on a solution.

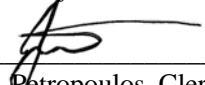
MINUTES

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the executive session meeting minutes of July 23, 2012, and not to release. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried. [Document 3: Meeting Minutes 7/23/12]

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 6, 2012, as amended. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 abstention Mr. Cunningham. [Document 4: Meeting Minutes 8/6/12]

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Approved: 
John G. Petropoulos, Clerk

respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 9-4-12