

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 13, 2001
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APPROVED

Present: Chairman Peter Cunningham, Clerk Dann Chamberlin and Member Thomas P. McCuin, Jr.,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER-FOUR CORNERS

Joseph Wong , owner of the Four Corners Restaurant was present to support the transfer of the liquor license from the Four Corners Restaurant, Inc. to Amesbury Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Groton Jade Restaurant, license to expire 12/31/01: contingent upon ABCC approval. He is aware of the state's plan to redesign this intersection. This will have an impact on his plans to remodel. Mr. Cunningham stated that the state has not notified the town regarding a specific plan. Mr. Chamberlin made a motion to accept the application. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION

James Cullen has resigned from his position due to relocation. Members of the Board of Trustees were present to nominate Zoa Guernsey for this position. The combined vote of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Selectmen was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF-MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, STATE ACCREDITATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Town of Boxboro initiated a mutual aid agreement between the two towns. Chief Mulhern explained the advantages of this action ; this would provide backup and support for both parties. There appears to be no downside, it is open ended.

Peter Cunningham made a motion to set and sign a mutual aid agreement between Boxboro and Groton. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Chief Mulhern's goal is to move toward state accreditation, as this would benefit the town, He is investigating the state program and working to meet the standards.

The Chief reported the check to begin the accreditation process was sent back. Mr. Cunningham stated that it is critical to go forward; senators and representatives need to be contacted. Chief Mulhern feels that progress is being made and that this project will take time. The application has been submitted to the Accreditation Commission.

Chief Mulhern discussed the Municipal Police Institute Policy and Procedure Manual which is standard for the State of Massachusetts. Groton has added local policies such as legal issues, domestic violence and discretion. All officers are required to review the policies. There will be forthcoming Rules and Regulations which will be shorter. The Policy and Procedure Manual will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and a formal vote will be required

COA APPOINTMENT

The COA has recommended the name of Dr. Elbert Tompkins to assume the remaining term of Aldo Luca who resigned effective July 31, 2001.

Mr. Chamberlain made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Dr. Tompkins to fill the remaining term through June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

REVIEW STM ARTICLES

The selectmen reviewed 13 articles, which will be on the agenda for the STM on September 24, 2001. Articles include amending the personnel bylaw wage and classification schedule, position of a new police captain, the purchase of the Squannacook Sportsmen's Club, and development of 4 Corners which includes property for the Electric Light Department.

OTHER BUSINESS

MBTA Designee

Mr. Chamberlain is the chief elected official and has a seat on the board. An alternate is needed; any interested party is asked to contact the Board of Selectmen

Grant 20B exemption Paula Martin-revoke special municipal employee status.

Mr. Cunningham made a motion to grant a 20B exemption to Paula Martin. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Appointment- Weigher of General Commodities, Capital Planning Committee, LRTA

Mr. Chamberlain made a motion to appoint David A. Elliott as the Weigher of General Commodities term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mr. McCuin made a motion to appoint Steven H. Webber to the Capital Planning Committee term to expire June 30, 2003. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlain made a motion to appoint Paul Routhier to the LRTA term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Closing of Willowdale – October 13, 2001

The members of the Union Congregational Church have asked permission to close Willowdale Road between Rte. 119 and Hollis Street between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm so that they may set up, hold and clean up after their annual Harvest Fair.

Mr. Chamberlain made a motion to close Willowdale Road as requested . The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes-Regular Session-July 30, 2001

There were several amendments to the minutes. Mr. Cunningham made a motion to accept the minutes of July 30, 2001 as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Administrative Officer Report

Report deferred to next meeting. Jean Kitchen is on vacation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 PM, Mr. Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Approved: _____
Dann Chamberlain, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted
Anna Kopec

