



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA  
Present: Chair Pepe, Vice Chair Fritze, Clerk G. Woodbury, Members Stevens & C. Woodbury and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> and the Workshop of August 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 with a small correction requested by Mr. Stevens (G. Woodbury/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.*

### **Citizen Input**

Aaron Keyes, Spencer Cable Access (SCA) Station Manager, announced that the SCA Food Pantry Drive is on September 20, 2014 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. They will have music and other events and will be seeking donations for the Spencer Food Pantry.

Al Atchue, 98 Meadow Road, told the Board that he has issues with a crack in Meadow Road in front of his house that is a noise nuisance when the car carriers and sand trucks drive over it. He has tried to work with U&F over several Superintendents to no avail. Mr. Gaudette stated that he would talk with U&F and ensure that Mr. Atchue get a call in return.

State Representative (R) candidate and former selectmen, Donnie Berthiaume, spoke on behalf of the Celebrations committee informing the Board that the Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. following Trick-or-Treat hours. Also, the Christmas Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday December 6, 2014 at 7 pm.

Finally, Mr. Berthiaume, who had won the Republican Primary the day prior, asked the Board about State issues that were a concern to them. Mr. Gaudette advised that Chapter 70 funding, Chapter 90 Funding, Chapter 74 legislation, and Local Aid Distribution are ongoing concerns for the Town. Mr. Pepe advised of his concerns with Pension Reform and Mr. Stevens mentioned efforts to attract new businesses to Town.

Carl Kwiatkowski, Meadow Rd., asked what survey crews were doing on Meadow Road. Mr. Fritze and Mr. Gaudette stated that they were surveying in preparation for doing design work or for inventorying drainage and other infrastructure.

### **Communications**

Mr. Pepe mentioned that on Saturday, September 13, 2014 MHPI is holding their annual road race and that information is available at their website [www.mhpi.net](http://www.mhpi.net). Also, on Wednesday, September 14, 2014 there will be a Senior Fair held at the Fish & Game Club.

## **New Business**

### **Common Victualler License Transfer for Kostas Breakfast, Pleasant Street**

Alexsandro Mihali informed the Board that he plans to take over Kostas. He has worked for Kosta for 2 of the last 4 years that Kostas has been open and prior to that worked at Tony's Pizza in Sutton. He expects no changes to hours or the menu and there is no alcohol to be served.

*A motion to approve the Common Victualler License Application of Alexsandro Mihali, for Kostas Breakfast (G. Woodbury/ Fritze) passed 5/0.*

## **Old Business**

### **Wheelabrator Contract for Waste Disposal**

Mr. Gaudette explained to the Board that the Town's contract with Wheelabrator is a 20 year contract that has a 10-year out on January 1, 2018 but must be exercised by December 31, 2015. Mr. Gaudette stated that the 36 towns that share this agreement are looking to collaborate with an attorney to explore opt-out options. Each Town would contribute 7% of the previous fiscal year's tonnage which for Spencer would be \$238 (3399 tons). Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to support this effort.

*A motion to contribute the 7% towards an attorney to explore contract options (G. Woodbury/ Fritze) passed 5/0.*

## **Town Administrator Report**

Mr. Gaudette gave an update on the Chapter 70 Regional Forum effort. Mr. Gaudette said the steering committee is looking at a late October date for a meeting with presenters as they work towards making a recommendation to the State's Foundation Budget Study Commission.

## **Board Liaison Reports**

Mr. Pepe informed the Board that Teachers Negotiations were ongoing. He also stated that the Board should consider having a roads funding discussion after the Fall Election and Town Meeting have passed.

Mr. Fritze gave an update as to the Town Hall Boiler Replacement Project.

## **Citizen input**

None

## **Board Member and Staff Comments**

Mr. Pepe noted the public hearing for the RFP for the Sugden Block building will be held at the Board's October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Gaudette  
Town Administrator

Referenced Materials

Common Victualler License Application for A. Mihali (Kostas)  
Wheelabrator Contract Correspondence