



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, August 10, 2015 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman G. Woodbury, Vice Chair Stevens, Clerk C. Woodbury, Members Fritze & Pepe. Administrator Gaudette was on vacation.

At 6:02 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to approve the Workshop of June 15th, Business Meeting and Executive Session of June 8th & July 13th, and Workshop and Executive Session of July 20th, 2015 (C. Woodbury/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input

None

Communications:

Chairman Woodbury announced that the 4th Annual Prouty 5K Challenge and 1-Mile Family Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Participants may register online or the day of the event.

New Business

Public Hearing 6:05 pm – Class II Auto Dealer's License Application of Gary Woodbury & Leonard Robinson – 324 Main Street

Chairman G. Woodbury and member C. Woodbury recused themselves as Mr. G. Woodbury is the applicant.

Vice Chair Stevens opened the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

Applicants Gary Woodbury and Leonard Robinson were present. Mr. G. Woodbury reported that they are looking to open Central Auto Sales at 324 Main Street in Spencer; the business is currently located in Leicester. He has been in the auto sales business for 40 years. Mr. Leonard Robinson has been in the business for over 20 years. This business will be in addition to the three existing businesses currently operating at that location.

Mr. Pepe asked how many cars they plan to have and where they will be parked. Mr. Woodbury said the request is for a 50 car license and the plan is to park vehicles across the front and side of the lot by the bowling alley as shown on the sketch presented with the application. It was noted that George Ragsdale, the current holder a 100 car license for that location will not seek renewal.

The hearing was opened to the public at 6:10 pm.

Cynthia Prouty, 333 Main St., asked about signage, towing, repairs, and hours of operation. Mr. Woodbury said existing signage near Village Pizza will be used. They will not perform repairs or owing; repairs will be done by the business in the back. The proposed hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays.

Ms. Prouty mentioned that between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. every day, there are numerous vehicles speeding and revving their engines when leaving one of the businesses at that location. Mr. Fritze suggested having Chief Darrin speak to the business owner about this issue.

The hearing closed at 6:17 pm. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the Class II Auto Dealers License for Gary Woodbury and Leonard Robinson for Central Auto Sales, located at 324 Main St., for 50 cars (Pepe/Fritze) passed 3/0.

Not: G. Woodbury and C. Woodbury recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.

Award Presentation: Council on Aging Community Partnership Award

Selectmen Fritze presented the Community Partnership Award to Council on Aging (COA) Director Pam Woodbury, and COA members Pat Corson and Christine Alessandro. The award was presented to the COA for being an outstanding example of leadership in building better communities, both public and private.

Action Item: Request of Robert LeDuc for a One Day Alcohol License for Rice-O-Rama to be held on September 13, 2015 at the Spencer Fairgrounds

Robert LeDuc and Dan Hayes were present for the discussion. Mr. Hayes explained that Rice-O-Rama is a Japanese motorcycle show which was held at the Spencer Fairgrounds last year. They would like to hold it there again and also have a license to sell beer. Mr. LeDuc, who is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Southbridge, submitted an application for a One-day Malt License.

Mr. Pepe confirmed that a police detail will be hired and all servers will provide a copy of their TIPS Certification. He suggested cordoning off the area with the beer to prevent people from walking around with alcohol or issues with minors and asked that they reach out to Chief Darrin to ensure he is aware of the plan.

A motion to grant Robert LeDuc a One-day Alcohol License for the Rice-O-Rama to be held on September 13, 2015 at the Spencer Fairgrounds, with the condition that proof of TIPS certification for all servers and a copy of liability insurance are provided, and the Police Chief is contacted to discuss the event. (Pepe/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Request of the Spencer Agricultural Association to Hold a Fair at the Spencer Fairgrounds from September 4-7, 2015

A motion to approve the request of the Spencer Agricultural Association to Hold a Fair at the Spencer Fairgrounds from September 4-7, 2015 (Fritze/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Request of the Spencer Agricultural Association for a one-way traffic pattern on Smithville Road and Smithville Cross Road for Labor Day Weekend at the to be held on Spencer Fairgrounds (September 4-7, 2015)

A motion to approve the Request of the Spencer Agricultural Association for a one-way traffic pattern on Smithville Road and Smithville Cross Road from September 4-7, 2015 for the Spencer Fair (Pepe/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Request of the Spencer Agricultural Association for a Sunday Entertainment License for the Spencer Fair on September 6, 2015

A motion to approve Request of the Spencer Agricultural Association for a Sunday Entertainment License for the Spencer Fair on September 6, 2015 (Pepe/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Old Business

Policy Introduction: Property Reuse Committee

Chairman G. Woodbury read the draft Building and Property Reuse Committee Charge and noted this is an introduction only and will be voted on at future meeting. It was agreed that the document will be revised to indicate two members of the Board of Selectmen will serve on the Committee as opposed to only one.

Policy Introduction: Landfill Solar Development/Lease Committee

Chairman G. Woodbury read the draft Landfill Solar Development/Lease Committee Charge. This will also be revised to indicate two members of the Board of Selectmen will serve on the Committee as opposed to only one. This is also an introduction only and will be voted on at future meeting.

Discussion: Use of Maple Street School as the Senior Center

Chairman G. Woodbury reported that after further research, it was determined that the cost to move the Senior Center to Great Hall was too high. The installation of air-conditioning was estimated at \$150,000. After discussion with the Administrator, it was decided that Maple Street School is the best option and is expected that the existing budget of \$30,000 will cover most of the expenses. The boiler has already been installed and the generator is working with the furnace, making it possible to act as an emergency shelter. Funding to bring heat to the upper floors was previously approved at Town Meeting and will provide an opportunity for income through rental space.

Mr. Stevens wants to verify with Administrator Gaudette that the move will not impact other services, noting the deep cuts previously made and the District provided a budget a number of \$90,000 in annual operating expenses for the building. Mr. Fritze noted that number was based on the entire building along with an inefficient oil heating system.

Mr. G. Woodbury asked the Board to vote to authorize the move of Senior Center to Maple Street School building and for the Administrator to work the number into the budget. Mr. Pepe wants to hold off voting until the Administrator returns next week and provides details on where the funds are coming from.

A motion to support the concept of moving the Senior Center and COA to Maple Street, pending a final presentation from the Administrator (Stevens/Pepe) passed 5/0

Board Liaison Reports

Chairman Assignments

The Chairman reviewed the updated list of Board Liaison assignments. Each member was assigned to assist with six different departments/committees.

Appoint Steven Tyler CMRPC Delegate and appoint a BOS Member as an Alternate Delegate

A motion to appoint Steven Tyler as CMRPC Delegate (Pepe/Fritze) passed 5/0.

A motion to appoint Chairman G. Woodbury as CMRPC Alternate Delegate (Stevens/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input

Al Atchue, Meadow Rd., asked if the \$30,000 Senior Center budget will cover the cost for an entire year's worth of operating expenses. Mr. Fritze and Mr. G. Woodbury believe it will cover sewer, water, electric, and all operating expenses and will confirm with Mr. Gaudette.

Board Member & Staff Comments

Mr. Stevens reported:

- He will meet with 6 residents to review details for a Town-wide yard sale.
- The Mass Memories Road Show is generating interest in local history.
- He represented the Board at retirement for Sergeant Agnew and Dispatcher Donna Anderson and appreciates their many years of service.
- The Fish & Game is celebrating their 100 year anniversary and will have activities from 9-4 on August 22nd free to the public.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶2, for purposes of discussing contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and §1, for the purposes of discussing the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual

At 7:26 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a), ¶2, for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, as the chair has decided that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (C. Woodbury/Pepe) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury -yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Mr. G. Woodbury announced the meeting will reconvene in open session.

At 7:55 pm the meeting reconvened from executive session.

Action Item: Employment Agreement with Administrator Gaudette

A motion to approve the Employment Agreement with Administrator Gaudette for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (Fritze/Pepe) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury -yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials

Class II Auto Dealer's License Application
Property Reuse Committee
Landfill Solar Development/Lease Committee
Administrator Gaudette's Employment Contract