

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Wayne Phillips

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, December 6, 2007 as written.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Tuesday, December 11, 2007 (Classification Hearing) as submitted.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

At 7:35 p.m. Ms. Tracy Self, Chairperson of the new Building Committee, appeared before the Board. Ms. Self explained the new Building Committee has been interviewing architectural firms for a public safety feasibility study. The committee has narrowed down the search to two firms. Ms. Self explained the committee was looking for architects with both police and fire experience. Ms. Self reported the contract from Tecton Architects, Inc. has been reviewed by Town Counsel.

Mr. Rose questioned the contract's "Scope of Services" and is concerned with protecting the Town in terms of liability. The agreement with Tecton Architects Inc. and the Town of Avon does not mention the other architectural firm involved—"Pacheco Ross Architects." Ms. Self explained both parties came in as a package. Representatives of Tecton Architects would handle the Police side and Pacheco Ross Architects would handle the fire side of the study.

After some discussion, Chairman Hegarty suggested adding the language "in partnership with Pacheco Ross Architects" to the agreement.

After further discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to table approval of the agreement with Tecton Architects, Inc. until the January 3rd meeting, giving the Board sufficient time to review the issues presented. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel, suggested a Procurement Officer be appointed for the Town.

Renewal of Entertainment Licenses for 2008

Chairman Hegarty read the list of Entertainment Licenses for 2008 renewal as follows:

1. Avon VFW Post #8892—263 East Main Street
Eight (8) Video Entertainment Machine Licenses (includes license for one (1) juke box)
One (1) pool table license
One (1) Public Entertainment License for one (1) juke box

2. Shooters, Inc.—36 East Main Street
Three (3) pool table licenses
Eight (8) automatic amusement device licenses (includes license for one (1) juke box)
One (1) Public Entertainment License for one (1) juke box

3. Chester Foods, LLC D/B/A Scofield's Restaurant & Pub—39 East Main Street
Four (4) Megatouch Video Entertainment Machine licenses
One (1) license for one (1) juke box
One (1) Public Entertainment license for one (1) juke box

4. Generations—81 Memorial Drive
Nine (9) automatic amusement device licenses (includes one (1) juke box)
One (1) Public Entertainment License for one (1) juke box

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the entertainment license renewals for 2008 as previously read. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve one day special alcohol permits for Avon Fish & Game Association on the following dates: January 4, 2008 (Friday night supper); January 11, 2008 (Friday night supper); January 18, 2007 (Friday night supper); January 25, 2008 (Friday night supper); and January 12, 2008 (Club Function-Birthday party).

Fire Chief Robert Spurr submitted a list of ambulance bills for abatement for the Board's approval, covering the period from July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, in the amount of \$30,166.42.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve abatement of the ambulance bills as submitted by Chief Spurr in the amount of \$30,166.42 for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Robert Spurr submitted the new ambulance service billing rates for 2008 for the Board's approval.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the new ambulance billing rates as outlined by Chief Spurr, effective January 1, 2008. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to grant a 2:00 a.m. closing time to all On Premise Liquor License establishments in the Town of Avon for New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2007.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to appoint Town Administrator Michael McCue as Acting Town Accountant during Debra Morin's vacation absence from January 11, 2008 through January 25, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Rose to sign a contract with Dyar Sales & Machinery Co. for a Highway articulating vehicle in the amount of \$130,177. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On the recommendation of Town Administrator Michael McCue and Highway Operations Manager Edward Sarni, it was unanimously voted to appoint William French to the position of E-10 Highway Department Laborer at a starting salary of \$16.56, effective December 31, 2007.

Meeting dates for the month of January 2008 were set as follows:

Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Town Administrator Michael McCue announced tax bills would be mailed on Friday, December 28th.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and litigation and the Board would not reconvene in open session. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Phillips voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary