

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Not present: Wayne Phillips

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum being present. Mr. Phillips was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, August 13, 2009 (Regular Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, August 13, 2009 (Executive Session) as written. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

A donation was received from Costco for the Board's acceptance. A refrigerator was donated to the Board of Health for the storage of vaccines, test samples, etc. as necessary. The value of the donation is \$449.00.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the donation from Costco to the Board of Health. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to reappoint the following individuals to the By-Law Committee, term to expire: June 30, 2012:

Anthony Padavano	By-Law Committee	June 30, 2012
George Clark	By-Law Committee	June 30, 2012

The Board discussed the timing of traffic lights on Harrison Blvd. at the West Main Street intersection. It appears the lights when traveling southbound are cycled differently

during the day. Police Chief Warren Phillips is requesting that Mass. Highway checks and adjusts the timing of the traffic lights. Mr. Rose suggested sending a copy of the request to the traffic engineer at Mass. Highway Department.

A request for a curb cut was received from Heap Paving & Sealing to move a driveway from its existing location at 297 West Main Street approximately 40-50 feet closer to the house. Chairman Hegarty stated that Police Chief Phillips has some public safety concerns at this location; it appears the location of a new driveway may create a blind corner.

Chairman Hegarty suggested tabling the item and requesting the owner to meet with the Board at its next meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. Rose discussed the Highway Superintendent's stipulations for the curb cut, emphasizing item #2 which states the "new driveway must be installed with proper grade ramps and granite curb."

After further discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to table the item and bring the applicant in to discuss the matter at the September 17<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request was received from Bay State Gas Company for a curb cut to install gas service into 2 East Main Street.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the curb cut at 2 East Main Street with the following stipulations from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Must have approval from Mass Highway
2. Must repair concrete sidewalk properly

Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**7:45 p.m.—Public Hearing on the application of Valcy Araugo, D/B/A Supreme Pizza for a Common Victualler's license at 17 North Main Street**

Mr. Araugo appeared before the Board. Chairman Hegarty asked several questions regarding the new business. Mr. Araugo stated he purchased the business and would operate the same hours as the previous owner. Mr. Araugo reported there would be no renovation to the property. A copy of his food permit from the health agent was received.

After some additional questions, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the Common Victualler license for Mr. Araugo, D/B/A Supreme Pizza at 17 North Main Street. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board signed the All Alcohol Restaurant license for Avon's Generations, reflecting the change in manager from Lisa Rappoli to Adam Silver as approved by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission on August 11, 2009. Mr. Silver is the current manager of record.

## **Public Announcements**

Chairman Hegarty made the following public announcements:

A reminder to all Avon citizens: a Special Town Meeting would be held on September 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Middle/High School. Residents would vote on articles to finalize the operating budget for the Town.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2009 a Special Town Election would be held for voters to approve a debt exclusion question to appropriate \$800,000 for architectural design work for a public safety building. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McCue reported he attended a seminar at Holy Cross College in Worcester to obtain further information and education in terms of regionalization for the Town. He will continue to look into the matter of shared services and would report back to the Board.

Mr. McCue received a letter from Water Superintendent John Tetreault recommending Robert Bullock be made Secondary Treatment Operator of the new water filtration plant and the three (3) water treatment plants currently in operation. Mr. Bullock's increase in responsibility would justify a step increase from PW1/6 to PW 2/5.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the recommendation of Water Superintendent John Tetreault and appoint Robert Bullock as Secondary Treatment Operator of the new water filtration plant with an upgrade from PW 1/6 to PW 2/5. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. McCue stated he attended a meeting with Elizabeth Hahn of the Mass. Downtown Initiative. Mr. McCue is looking at some small grants to revitalize the downtown Avon square.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and litigation. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye  
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

Secretary

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