

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008
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, January 3, 2008 (Regular Session) as written.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 3, 2008 (Executive Session) as submitted.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Chairman Hegarty read the warrant for the Presidential Primary scheduled for February 5, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Rose made a motion to sign the Presidential Primary Warrant of February 5, 2008. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The following individuals submitted a letter of interest for reappointment as a Constable for the Town of Avon for 2008, term to expire: December 31, 2008:

1. William Geary 16 Highland Ave. West Bridgewater, MA 02379
2. Michael Williams 31 Remington Lane Plymouth, MA 02360
3. Thomas Farmer 5 Junior Terrace Randolph, MA 02368

Mr. Rose made a motion to reappoint the above-mentioned individuals as Constable for the Town of Avon for 2008. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A letter was received from School Superintendent Margaret Frieswyk requesting the Board's vote to declare 200 outdated textbooks as surplus material.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve Ms. Frieswyk's request and declare the textbooks surplus. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Lynne Freedman requesting the Board's approval to hold the thirteenth annual Janet McDonald Memorial Walk Against Cancer on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the thirteenth annual Janet McDonald Memorial Walk Against Cancer on Saturday, April 5th. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

It was unanimously voted to approve one-day special alcohol permits for Avon Fish & Game Association on the following dates: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 (Friday night suppers) and 2/9 (Club Function-Birthday) and 2/23/08 (Graduation).

The Board discussed a Class II license issued to 41 North Main Used Cars that was not picked up by the owner for 2008 renewal. Chairman Hegarty asked the Board how they wanted to proceed since the Class II license became effective on January 1, 2008.

Mr. Rose made a motion to rescind the license issued to 41 North Main Used Cars for 2008 and the owner would need to reapply for a new Class II license. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7:45 p.m.—Public Hearing on the application for a Common Victualler's license for Apollo Pizza & More—17 North Main Street

Mr. Demetrios Tsitsirigos, owner of Apollo Pizza & More, appeared before the Board.

After some questioning by the Board, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the application for a Common Victualler's license for Apollo Pizza & More at 17 North Main Street. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

It was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Chairman Hegarty announced that William O'Donnell, Register of Deeds for Norfolk County, would hold office hours in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Any residents with questions or concerns regarding any Registry of Deeds matter is invited. No appointment is needed.

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to recess until 8:00 p.m. at which time a joint meeting with the Personnel Board would be held. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Personnel Board members Sherry Madore, James Neault and Margo Mansur appeared before the Board.

Ms. Madore reported the last time there was an active Personnel Board for the Town was in 2002. She stated the Personnel Board's task was to update salary schedules for non-union employees. The members surveyed the area towns of Stoughton, Holbrook, Raynham, Norton and West Bridgewater, comparing salaries. They found that some salaries were higher and others lower and many salaries were comparable to Avon. Some of the positions discussed included Park and Recreation summer help, COA cooks, Library Director, Water Department secretary and Town Accountant.

A handout was presented to the Board with the Personnel Board's recommendation for salary increases which would bring the non-union employees up to 2007 salaries.

Chairman Hegarty stated he would reserve an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the Personnel Board's salary increase recommendations.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Phillips left the meeting.

Town Administrator Michael McCue reported he would meet with the Personnel Board within the next few weeks to assist them in firming up figures for updated salary schedules.

The Board thanked the Personnel Board for their hard work and efforts.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary