

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2013

Members Present: James DeVellis, Chairman
Mark Sullivan, Vice Chairman
Lorraine Brue, Clerk
Lynda Walsh
Ginny Coppola

Others Present: Town Manager Kevin Paicos
Jeff Siena of MIIA Insurance
Atty. Frank Spillane
Manager Joseph Lathrop of Waxy O'Connor's
Steve Sacco of Invensys
Lynn Tokarczyk of Business Development Strategies, Inc.
Ed Tartufo of the Chamber of Commerce
Rep. Jay Barrows

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by James DeVellis, Chairman. Chairman DeVellis reviewed the agenda.

Jeff Siena of MIIA Insurance met with the Board. MIIA Insurance covers property liability, health insurance and workman's comp claims for the town. They represent three hundred towns. Every year they recognize a few towns that do a good job managing their risk and control losses. This year they are recognizing nine towns and Foxboro is among them. Foxboro has established a Loss Control Committee who reviews every claim and seek ways to reduce the same type of claim in the future. Mr. Siena presented a plaque to the Board recognizing their efforts. Mr. Paicos stated that all Department Heads work on this and deserve the credit.

Citizen's Input

Bill Dudley of 36 N. Grove Street read a personal statement in regards to the William Sheehan sexual abuse case. He is coming forward to show support for other victims. He would like answers to the question of why it took so long and would like the answers for closure. Mr. Dudley then read a statement on behalf of the survivors of Bill Sheehan. They are concerned with the procedures while Mr. Sheehan was employed by the town and the consequences of the aftermath. They would like to see transparency on the part of the town. They would like to see policies in place to prevent this in the future. They do appreciate the efforts of the town so far but feel that more information is needed and are requesting an outside agency perform an investigation which would include things such as: re-interviewing the survivors to see if they have any other information, find the missing personnel file, produce any communications between the police department and the DA's office from 2001, review the list of survivors given to the police to see if there may be others involved and find all relevant files from the Recreation Department.

Kevin Corliss who is an employee of the school department then addressed the Board. He is also a victim of Mr. Sheehan who told the School Superintendant and the police department of the abuses he suffered. He met Mr. Sheehan in the 1960's when he was in the second grade and he was abused many times at school, the Cocasset River Park and while he was in the Boy Scouts with Mr. Sheehan. The abuse has had a lifelong impact on Mr. Corliss and he would like to see the present Board of Selectmen take ownership of the situation. He asked that any other

victims with information come forward and contact the police department, the Town Manager or Rev. Bill Dudley.

Another victim then spoke and stated that he came forward in 1998 and asked for justice, an investigation was supposed to happen in 2001 and he would like to know what happened then. He feels that he is owed an answer.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he and Mr. Sullivan spent time with the victims recently and he has no questions that this abuse really happened. The Board of Selectmen is leading the charge on this an Executive Session has been conducted on this matter. There have been reports from Florida that similar situations involving Mr. Sheehan happened there also. The Town has implemented policies which include no retribution for anyone reporting abuses and continued training for town employees. The next Executive Session will be on February 26, 2013.

Chairman's Update

The meeting on February 26th will have a panel discussion on the Town Manager Act; the Mass Gaming Commission will be come to talk about the possible Plainville Casino; the NE Revolution and concert applications for Gillette Stadium and the aforementioned Executive Session.

In March the Kraft Organization will come to talk to the Board about future development at Patriot Place and will have a question and answer session.

Founder's Day will be held this year on June 8th. It is the 25th Anniversary this year and Cyndi from Cyndi's jewelry is the Chairman.

Change of Manager Application for Waxy O'Connor's, 121 Main Street

Atty. Frank Spillane and new Manager Joseph Lathrop came before the Board with an application for the Change of Manager. Mr. Lathrop explained his work history to the Board; he has been an employee of Waxy's since 2009. He also worked at the Cheesecake Factory and the Sunset Grill and Tap in Allston, MA.

The menu at Waxy's has been updated; they have fifteen new menu items as well as new cooks and kitchen managers. They are hoping to get a fresh start when the restaurant reopens this week.

Mr. DeVellis emphasized that if Waxy O'Connor's comes back before the Board again for any violations of their Liquor License they will most likely be shut down.

A motion to accept the Application for a Change of Manager at Waxy O'Connor's 121 Main Street from Ramona Dragone-Hyde to Joseph Lothrop was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Brue. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Invensys Future in Foxboro

Steve Sacco of Invensys came before the Board to discuss Invensys plans for their facilities in Foxboro. Members of the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce were present as well as Representative Jay Barrows. Also present was Lynn Tokarczyk of Business Development Strategies, Inc.

Mr. Sacco explained the history of the former Foxboro Company and their involvement with the town over the past 104 years. They had their division headquarters in Foxboro until five years

ago. They currently have 1000 permanent employees in Foxboro and 21,000 employees globally. They estimate they contribute to the local economy about \$6 million per year through hotels, restaurants, etc.

They currently have three locations in town, Bristol Park on Route 140, one building on Cocasset Street and the other on Neponset. The Route 140 and Cocasset buildings are leased and the Neponset building is owned. The leases are up soon and they are evaluating their real estate options.

One of their options is to stay in Foxboro and improve the Cocasset and Neponset buildings. They would vacate the Bristol Park location when the lease is up. They would like to put up to \$30 million into the remaining facilities and realize that their real estate assessments and taxes would rise. They would like to propose a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) as a tax break.

Lynn Tokarczyk explained the TIF process and the economic benefits to the town. This program was developed to help keep large taxpayers in towns and allow them to still be able to renovate and grow. This program allows the companies to pay for increased assessed values in increments over a period of years. The full amount of existing real estate taxes would continue to be paid, so the town would lose no current revenue.

A TIF team would need to be established of two to four members who would review the application and have a recommendation for the Board to bring to Annual Town Meeting in May. The state would have the final vote.

Ed Tartufo of the Chamber of Commerce stated that other communities are always competing to draw businesses into their towns and cities. TIF programs help to protect communities by assisting businesses.

Rep. Jay Barrows noted that his family has a long history of working for the Company and they also helped establish a YMCA in town. His office is willing to help with the process if needed.

Mr. Paicos stated that he has worked on TIF projects in the past and feels it can be successful under the right conditions. There is an economic development value.

Ms. Brue asked who should be in the TIF group. Ms. Tokarczyk explained that other communities usually include Town Planners, Town Counsel, Finance officials and Assessors.

Mr. Sullivan stated that permitting fees would also generate revenue for the town and help put local contractors to work.

Ms. Coppola feels that the committee should be formed.

Ms. Walsh noted that she and members of her family have worked there and looks forward to the process.

Ms. Tokarczyk explained that the letter would go out this week. They will have a tour of the current facilities and work with Rep. Barrows and the Chamber of Commerce on outreach to the public to help local residents understand the process.

Potential members of the committee were discussed by the Board. It was decided to be the Finance Officer, the Town Manager, the Chief Assessor and the Town Planner.

Discussion in regards to Saturday Town Meetings

Board members stated that they have had no one contact them in support of Saturday town meetings and have had a few object on the basis of religious holidays. No further action is needed at this time.

Town Manager FY 14 Budget

Mr. Paicos reviewed his budget memo with the Board on steps taken toward a balanced budget. Reductions were made to the DPW-Highway department, the Fire department, Library, Recreation and COA/Human Services. Changes were made to the pension assessment and the funding for a landfill engineer has been removed. The net changes total \$134,090 which makes the recommended budget \$210,011 below currently available general fund revenue.

Additional issues were reviewed that include the withdrawal of the fire alarm fee and a survey of local liquor license fees.

Ms. Coppola stated that she feels the Personnel Wage Bylaw needs to be tightened up in regards to tuition reimbursements. Mr. Scollins stated that this could be covered under Article 6 of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Action Items

The Board may have to meet on February 19, 2013 to accept the new floor plan for the Jake n Joe's restaurant opening at the former Piccadilly Pub location. The new floor plan was not included in their liquor license application in error and is required to be approved by the Board before they can open. Mr. Walsh, Ms. Coppola and Mr. Sullivan stated that they would be available.

The minutes of January 15, 2013 were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013 as amended was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The minutes of January 22, 2013 were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013 as amended was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

New Hackney licenses have been received from Salah Almosawi and Robert Loring. They have been reviewed by the Police Department.

A motion to approve the Hackney Licenses for Salah Almosawi and Robert Loring was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Constable Appointments have been received from Nathaniel Greene which is a renewal and from Paul Terrio which is a new appointment. Both have had CORI checks and been approved by the Police Chief.

A motion to approve the Constable Appointment renewal for Nathaniel Greene was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion to approve the new Constable Appointment for Paul Terrio was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Brue. The motion carried 5-0-0.

An application for a 5k/10k road race has been received from the Foxboro Regional Charter School. It will be held on November 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Police, Fire and Highway Departments have all signed off on this application.

A motion to approve a 5k/10k road race at the Foxboro Regional Charter School on November 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Brue. The motion carried 5-0-0.

An application for an Amusement Device has been received from Waxy O'Connor's for a video game machine.

A motion to approve an Amusement Device at Waxy O'Connor's 121 Main Street was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Coppola. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session and not return to regular session at 9:55 p.m. was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

Lorraine Brue, Clerk