



Town of Abington

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Board of Selectmen Meeting

August 10, 2009

6:30 PM

Cotter Room

Members Present: Tom Corbett, Rich Cunningham, Jerry Corcoran, Chris Aiello, Andy Burbine

A moment of silence was held on the passing of Judge Martha Ware and "Townie" Kate Kelley.

1. Approval of minutes – July 13, 2009, open and executive session.
M/Burbine to approve open and executive session minutes,
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0
2. Discussion on the amendment to the bottle bill, which would include non-carbonated beverage bottles – water, sports drinks, teas.
M/Cunningham to support the amendment to the bottle bill
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0
3. Appointment to the SAGE Committee – Lurane Ryerson, 162 Linwood Street
M/Aiello to approve the appointment of Lurane Ryerson to the SAGE Committee
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0

6:35 p.m. Application for a beer and wine common victualer license, 123 Centre Avenue. Beer and wine license would be for Spencer's Pizza. They had previously been before the Board for an all alcohol common victualer, which the Board didn't think was suitable for the site. The Board was comfortable with a beer and wine license for this location, which has been expanded. They are requesting the hours of 11 am to 9 pm during the week and closing at 10 pm on the weekend.

M/Corcoran to issue beer and wine common victualer license contingent upon Fire Dept. approval.

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. Complaint of light, 50 Thaxter Avenue. Town Manager gave update. Town is going through National Grid to track down who is paying for the light, and to have it shut off. It is on a telephone pole, but not on a public way. Mr. Burbine suggested that the legal department at National Grid be contacted. Mrs. Kelley's issues go back to April

2008. It is in violation of the Town's by-laws. Mrs. Kelley requested to be on the agenda for September 14th to see if there has been any progress made in determining who is responsible for the light. The two parties who had been contacted both deny ownership.

4. Application for automatic amusement license, 213 North Avenue, Ella Butler, Old Town News. Ms. Butler is opening a convenience store and wants to be licensed for two game machines, which the previous store had. She is not applying for a common victualer license.

M/Corcoran to approve the application for automatic amusement license
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

5. Town Manager Search Committee – The Town Manager tendered his resignation effective October 6, 2009. Requirements were discussed regarding the formation of the Search Committee as outlined in the Charter, notifying the School Committee, Finance Committee, Moderator and seeking a citizen at large. It will be advertised on the website, cable, newspapers. Mr. Warren is leaving this week due to personal, furlough and vacation time.

M/Cunningham to hold a Board of Selectmen meeting on August 24th to select a citizen at large for the Committee.
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0

M/Corbett to select Mr. Burbine to represent the Board on the Search Committee.
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

Budget for advertising would be \$1,000 to \$1,500 and should be advertised in the MMA Beacon, ICMA Bulletin, MA Managers Association.

Mr. Corcoran read a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen to Mr. Warren commending him on his accomplishments while in Abington. Chairman Corbett expressed the Board's gratitude for a job well done.

M/Cunningham to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst