

AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Town Building

Public Input

Chairman's Comments

Town Administrator's Report

Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing

- 7:10 p.m. Annual Tax Classification Public Hearing – Board of Assessors

Visitors

- 7:30 p.m. Appointment to the Recreation Commission
- 7:40 p.m. Appointment to the Cultural Council
- 7:50 p.m. Whitman Street traffic safety plan – Public Safety

Action/Discussion

- 2009 liquor license fees

Selectmen's Master Planning

Liaison Reports, if any

Correspondence

Adjournment

Posted 11/06/08

Correspondence

Town:

Annual Comcast financial report to FCC, rec'd 11/4

Resident letter re Whitman Street traffic, rec'd 11/6



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Notice Of Tax Classification Hearing

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:10 pm in the Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on the issue of tax classification. The purpose of the hearing is to allow taxpayers the opportunity to present their views on whether or not Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Open Space and Personal Property should be taxed with one rate for all property classes, or to use different tax rates for different property classes.

The hearing will include a presentation by the Board of Assessors outlining the options available under Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board of Selectmen shall determine whether or not tax classification shall be applied for the FY 2009 tax rate. Currently the Town taxes at a single tax rate for all property classes. All concerned taxpayers are encouraged to attend to present their views orally or in writing.

If there are questions about the hearing, please contact the Assessors' office at 897-4597.

Thomas H. Ruggiero
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Posted 10/20/08

The Stow Independent
10/29/08 and 11/5/08 issues



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NOTICE OF VACANCY

RECREATION COMMISSION

One member

Duties: To provide and promote recreational services for residents of Stow. To administer current programs, such as town beach, skiing, basketball, etc.

Qualifications: Registered voter of Stow. Interest in recreation for townspeople of all ages. A commitment of time to attend monthly meetings as well as for special assignments.

Term: Appointment by Board of Selectmen for a one-year term, ending June 30, 2009.

Application: The Board of Selectmen will accept letters of application until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Posted October 10, 2008

October 14, 2008

Board of Selectman
Town of Stow
380 Great Road
Stow, MA. 01775

I am writing to volunteer to fill the open position on the Stow Recreation Commission.

My wife and I are going into our 10th year as residents of Stow. We have 2 children that have and continue to benefit from the many recreational programs that are offered in our town. We are very happy with the quality of life Stow provides for its residents. I feel strongly that recreational exercise of any kind is important to a person's health and happiness, at every age. I look at this as an opportunity to help with the recreation challenges of a growing community.

On a personal side, I have always enjoyed recreational activities and been actively involved as a child, adult and now parent. Traveling with my children to other communities for their games has provided many ideas to increase the recreation opportunities provided to all segments of a community's population.

I have been an active member of the Stow Public Safety Committee for the past few years. This has provided an opportunity to recognize how local town governments operate and to become familiar with a good amount of the MGL and the Town of Stow bylaws. Professionally, I am the Chief Pilot for a Fortune 500 company. Although I do not have a set work schedule, I do have some scheduling flexibility and can commit the time needed to do this job correctly.

I would like to be considered for this position and look forward to working with the Board of Selectmen.

Bob Braceland
16 Walnut Ridge Road
Stow, MA. 01775
978 461-4929 Home
781 858-1813 Cell

October 14, 2008

To: Stow Board of Selectmen

Subject: Letter of Support for Bob Braceland Seeking Appointment to the Stow Recreation Commission

I am writing this letter to support Bob Braceland's application for appointment to Stow's Recreation Commission.

Simply put, Bob Braceland is a class act. He is a corporate pilot by profession and has the great calmness and intelligence that you would hope to see when you walk on a plane. He is a hard worker proven by his service to the Stow Public Safety Committee and not a person who is afraid to jump in and roll up his sleeves. His children have been actively involved in many of Stow's recreational opportunities including baseball, soccer and the school ski program. In addition, Bob himself ran on one of Stow's Reach the Beach relay teams which ran a 200 mile relay race in New Hampshire this past September.

I have had the privilege of knowing Bob for several years now. He is a person of great character and would be an excellent addition to the Recreation Commission. Stow would be very fortunate to have someone like Bob Braceland serving our community.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 978-461-0932.

Sincerely,

Jim Henry
Recreation Commission Member



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STOW CULTURAL COUNCIL
One member

Duties: Stow's Cultural Council Program, administered at the state level by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, receives state funds and grants to distribute to projects in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

Council members meet annually to review applications from individuals, schools, and organizations and decide how to fund the proposals, which include field trips, after school programs, concerts and festivals.

Qualifications: Registered voter of Stow. Interest in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Ability to commit time to grant review process and willingness to be involved in other duties pertaining to local cultural needs.

Term: Appointment by the Board of Selectmen to a three-year term.

Application: The Board of Selectmen will be accepting applications until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Posted October 17, 2008

Susan McLaughlin

From: Nancy Maldari [nancymaldari@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 11:47 AM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: council applications-Susan McLaughlin

Dear Selectmen of Stow:

I have become aware of an opening on the Cultural Arts Committee and have attended the last meeting. Being able to bring different cultural activities to the citizens of Stow is very exciting and I would like to take part in choosing the events that would come here. I have always had an interest in the arts and have expanded my opportunities to go to cultural events. I have a season ticket to the Boston Opera and attend Boston Symphony rehearsals and Boston Ballet. I attend plays also. I volunteer at the Fitchburg Art Museum as a docent giving tours to school groups and the public. As a group we visit museums and have private tours. I have an interest in quilting and hand work, spending time to do both and visiting craft shows.

I have a flexible schedule and can attend morning or evening meetings. I would be very honored to be part of a group that was able to bring different cultural events to Stow. I hope you will consider my application favorably.

Sincerely,

Nancy Maldari

Susan McLaughlin

From: Betsy Stepp [betsystepp@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 3:09 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: support for Nancy Maldari's appointment

Hi Susan,

I'd like to officially write a letter of support on behalf of Nancy Maldari, who is applying for one of the open positions on the Stow Cultural Council. Nancy had indicated her interest in becoming a member of the Cultural Council in the past, but due to the declining health and death of her husband, she had to postpone joining us. She was able to join us for our first meeting this September, and quickly appreciated the work that we do, lending a thoughtful and fresh voice. Nancy has worked with the museum in Fitchburg for many years, and has been a long time supporter of the music program at First Parish Church (which is where I first met her). The whole Cultural Council seems very enthusiastic to have her join us, and we welcome the new perspective she'll bring in supporting our mission.

Betsy

Town of Stow Liquor Licenses -- 2009 renewals

Business	Tax ID	Contact	License fee
Nickrosz Spirits, Inc. dba Colonial Spirits of Stow 117 Great Road Stow, MA 01775			\$2,000; package goods, all alcohol
The Air Field Café, Inc. dba Nancy's Air Field Café 302 Boxboro Road Stow, MA 01775			\$880; restaurant, CV, wine & malt
Ken's Liquor Shoppe, Inc. 8 Hudson Street Stow, MA 01775			\$2,000; package goods, all alcohol
NMN, Inc. dba Ye Olde Beef N Ale 108 Great Road Stow, MA 01775			\$2,200; restaurant, CV, all alcohol
Page Family Limited Partnership dba Butternut Farm Golf Club 115 Wheeler Road Stow, MA 01775			\$2,200; restaurant, CV, all alcohol

<p>Russell's Convenience Store of Stow 390 Great Road Stow, MA 01775</p>		<p>\$880; package goods, wine & malt</p>
<p>Stow Food Services, Inc. 58 Randall Road Stow, MA 01775</p>		<p>\$2,200; CV, restaurant, all alcohol,</p>
<p>Stowaway Golf Course 121 White Pond Road Stow, MA 01775</p> <p>Mailing address: P.O. Box 695 Stow, MA 01775</p>		<p>\$880; CV, restaurant, wine & malt</p>
<p>Wedgewood Country Club of Stow, Inc. dba Wedgewood Pines Country Club 215 Harvard Road Stow, MA 01775</p>		<p>\$2,200; CV, restaurant, all alcohol</p>



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January 4, 2008

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
239 Causeway Street, Suite 200
Boston, MA 02115

To Whom It May Concern:

Here is the Town of Stow's report on liquor licenses for 2007:

Type	Fee	Number	Total
Restaurant/Common Victualer, All Alcohol	\$2,200	4	\$8,800
Restaurant/Common Victualer, Wine and Malt	\$880	2	\$1,760
Package Goods, All Alcohol	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
Package Goods, Wine and Malt	\$880	1	\$880

There were no violations.

If you need more information or have any questions, please let me know.

Yours truly,

Susan McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator