

AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Town Building

Public Input

Chairman's Comments

Town Administrator's Report

Meeting Minutes

Visitors

- 7:10 pm Land Use Task Force
- 7:30 pm Stow historic musket – Stow Minutemen
- 7:40 pm Appointment to Council on Aging
- 7:50 Appointment to SpringFest Organizing Committee
- 8:00 pm Permits
 1. May 9 Use of Lower Common for volunteers doing town-wide clean-up
 2. May 15-17 Use of public ways for Just Cause Walk for Breast Cancer
 3. May 16 Use of public ways for SpringFest Parade
 4. May 17 Use of public ways for SCT Run for the Woods

Action/Discussion

- Nancy's Airfield Café liquor license
- Sign for Snow property recreation area

Selectmen's Master Planning

Liaison Reports, if any

Correspondence

Adjournment

Posted 4/10/09

Correspondence

Town:

Lake Boon Commission letter re lake drawdown, rec'd 3/27

Gov's Office notice on Ch 90 aid, rec'd 3/30

Resident letter and CC of Building Commissioner's reply re occupancy permit, rec'd 3/23 and 4/3

Building permits report for March, rec'd 4/3

Veterans Services Officer advice on proclamations, rec'd 4/6

Tax Title Accounts report, as of 3/31/09, rec'd 4/7

Cc of Pulte Homes letter to Planning Board and \$78,802.66 payment for housing, rec'd 4/7

Comm of Mass bridge inspection reports, rec'd 4/10

Littlefield Antiques, LLC
Richard Littlefield, Prop.

PO Box 9
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
03452
July 15, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The subject is an Improved 1766 French Charleville military musket of the pattern previously referred to as the Model 1768. However, the changes undertaken in the development of this arm were progressive between 1768 and 1773.

This particular piece appears in excellent original condition with no sign of any attempts to modify, convert or restore. The only markings on the gun are the "Charleville" on the lock plate, above which is a star over the capital letter "D". The letter "D" on the left side of the butt stock near the butt plate is also extant. The numeral "1" is also struck into the wood on the rear of the left plateau. The inside of the lock plate is signed "T. G." which are the lock maker's initials. The lock is a perfect fit into the wood cavity even to the extent of the rear pan screw having impressed itself into the wood inside the cavity.

It is apparent that the barrel has not been disassembled from the gun in 100 years or more. The accumulation of old compacted dust in all the join area and around the two rear barrel bands only occurs when something has not been disturbed for at least that length of time.

The front barrel band has been removed a few times without damage to the gun. I would not recommend any attempt to remove the barrel. Doing so would disturb the seal which age has put on the gun. The same is true for the trigger guard, butt plate and the side plate.

This is one of the finest examples of this weapon as can be found.

There is a small amount of moisture or heat damage to the toe of the stock where it joins the butt plate but this is insignificant.

The musket comes with an original bayonet, which fits this arm perfectly from muzzle to nose. These bayonets are typically not interchangeable without either fitting too tightly or too loosely. When one is found that perfectly fits, it is considered original with the piece.

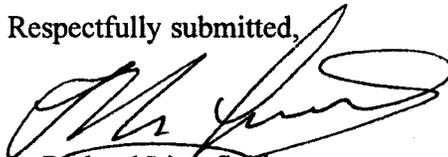
About 100,000 pieces of this model and its predecessor the Model 1766 were shipped to the American Colonies by France to help fight the British in the War of Independence. A few of these had acceptance marks from New Hampshire, and some had US surcharges. The majority likely had not such markings.

This exceptional quality musket and bayonet would stand in their own right without any historical association at a current value of \$8,500.00 to \$9,000.00. However, in this case, this musket comes with a family history tracing it back through the Stow family of Stow, Massachusetts and in particular to Steven Stow who was a resident of Stow from 1756 onward. Steven Stow served in Captain William Whitcomb's company, Col. James Prescott's regiment, April 19, 1775 at Concord (see ref. Stow, Massachusetts 1683-1933). Steven's son Ichabod Stow was present with a company of Stow men at Burgoyne's surrender in Saratoga 1777.

The family history is very indicative that this musket came down with the Stows to the last Stow, Basel Stow and his stepson Alexander Gray the author of the family history and the last family member to own the gun.

Regarding provenance from this period, firearms in the time period were not serial numbered nor were they photographed. In very rare circumstances an owner or user could have carved a set of initials into a gun he carried or owned, but for the most part all we have to traced the history of a particular weapon is the oral or written history of the family as it passes through the generations. While none of this is 100% definitive it can lend great authority in the research of the history of a particular weapon. As a general rule, any information that leads with some probability to a specific weapon's use by a specific person in events of the War of Independence will enhance the value a great deal. In this case, I believe that the current value of this piece is approximately \$15,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,



L. Richard Littlefield



Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Stow, Massachusetts 01775
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NOTICE OF VACANCY

COUNCIL ON AGING

One member

Duties: To coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the needs of the senior population in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs as established under the Massachusetts General Laws.

Qualifications: Registered voter of Stow. A sincere interest in the welfare, health and well being of senior citizens. A willingness to accept and carry out assignments in that regard. A commitment of time and attendance at monthly meetings held the second Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

Term: Appointment by Board of Selectmen to fill an indefinite term.

Application: The Board of Selectmen will accept letters of application until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

Posted March 12, 2009

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Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ruth A. Delmonico
309 Taylor Road
Stow, Massachusetts 01775

Stow Selectmen
Town Building
Stow, MA 01775

March 15, 2009

Dear Selectmen:

I am writing to express an interest in becoming a member of the Board of the Council on Aging. I have been an Associate member for nearly a year and would like to become a voting member and further my involvement.

I'm very impressed with the Council and its commitment to the residents of the town. I have learned so much about the dedication of the Director, Alyson Toole, and her staff being a weekly volunteer.

I hope that you will consider me for the recent vacancy on the Board.

Sincerely,



Ruth A. Delmonico



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NOTICE OF VACANCY

SPRINGFEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
One member

Duties: Plan and oversee SpringFest, the town's annual festival held in May. Identify and schedule events for the weekend. Recruit and organize participants and volunteers. Promote and publicize festival. Supervise site set-up and clean up.

Qualifications: Registered voter of Stow. Energy and enthusiasm to create an enjoyable community-wide celebration for all ages. Ability to commit time to planning and event management. Team player with a good sense of humor.

Term: Appointment by the Board of Selectmen to an indefinite term.

Application: The Board of Selectmen will be accepting applications until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

Posted March 12, 2009

12 Canterbury Road
Stow MA 01775
e.sturgis@gmail.com
978/460-0883

March 13, 2009

Board of Selectmen
380 Great Road
Stow MA 01775

Dear Tom et al—

I would like to apply for the open seat on the Springfest Committee. I was involved in the 2008 Springfest and feel very strongly that this upbeat community institution should continue to include more and more folks in both its planning and execution. With my connections to different groups and ages in town, I think I have something to contribute.

I have already started helping Karen out, given that time is short, but would welcome a more “official” role.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Sturgis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ellen S. Sturgis

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Mom Cushing [momcushing@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 10:26 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Re: selectmen's email address

To The Board of Selectmen,

RE: Springiest Committee

I would like to enter my name as a candidate to the Springfest Committee. I have currently been assigned to several areas of responsibility.

In the past I have served on several committees and with several events. Including Blood Drives, Recreation, Community Chest and most recently formed the Stow Decoration Team responsible for securing all funding, designing each decretive area (Town Hall, Town Building, Lower Commons etc.

Professional experience includes Product Development manager for Digital Equipment Corporation, Chairman of the South Shore Y.M.C.A. chapter in Lakeville where we constructed a new facility with NO mortgage through aggressive fund raising.

I have started two business, currently a Home Furnishing and Accessories Shop in Sudbury and a partner in a women's clothing shop in Dennis, Ma.

I'm extremely efficient, well organized and results oriented.

Please consider me for this position.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Stow Selectmen's Office
To: momcushing@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 3:06 PM
Subject: selectmen's email address

Hi Penny,
See if responding to this message works.

I'll confirm your message when I get it.

Happy Spring!
Susan

3/24/2009

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Marie Guiles [mguiles@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 10:40 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Cc: sandytaft@verizon.net
Subject: Stow Clean Up Day

Dear Susan McGloughlin and Town of Stow Selectmen,

I am part of a group of Stow residents that is organizing a Stow Clean Up Day to clean up the trash and litter on the roadsides of our town. We would like to use the Lower Common (near the Shaws Shopping Center) to hand out plastic bags and gloves to Stow residents interested in cleaning up the roadways. I was told that we need a permit to use the Lower Common. We would like to use it on May 9 from 9AM to noon. Please put us on your schedule so that we can discuss our plans with you and obtain a permit.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Marie Guiles

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: tlima.stowpd@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 1:09 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Charity Walk

Hi Susan,

Nice to see you this morning. The "Just Cause" walk for breast cancer will be May 15, 16 and 17. I spoke to the coordinator Susan Taeuber (978-779-5420). There will be fifty walkers, they will be walking on back roads in the north end of town. Specifically Taylor, Boxboro, Harvard etc. They will be stopping for lunch at the airport. Could you pass this along to the Selectmen and let them know that I do not see any problem with their presence, nor do I see anything that will prohibit the traffic flow or create safety concerns. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sgt. Lima

4/10/2009

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: SpringFest [springfest@stow-ma.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Susan McLaughlin
Cc: Chief Trefry
Subject: SpringFest Permits, Insurance, Etc.

Hi Susan,

Just a reminder that the SpringFest will need a permit for the SpringFest Parade. *YES*

Chief Trefry also reminded me that we will need a permit to use town properties (Town Building/Center Common, Crescent Street, Etc.) *} NO*

Also, please let me know if you need any details for insurance purposes.

Karen Kelleher
Planning Coordinator
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Stow, MA 01775
978-897-5098
978-897-2321 (Fax)
www.stow-ma.gov

\$2200 annual fee -
for 3/4 year (Apr-
Dec) fee is
\$1,650.

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MAR 12 2009

Town of Stow
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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NOV 13 2008

Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FORM 43

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License Number

Stow

City/Town

11/13/08

Date

Type of Transaction (Please check all relevant transactions)

- New License
- New Officer/Director
- Pledge of License
- Transfer of License
- Change of Location
- Pledge of Stock
- Change of Manager
- Alter Premises
- Other _____
- Transfer of Stock

THE AIR FIELD CAFE, INC

Name of licensee

01-0623232

FID of Licensee

NANCY'S AIR FIELD CAFE'

D/B/A

NANCY R. MYRTON

Manager

302 BOXBORO RD. STOW MA 01775

Address: Number

Street

Zip Code

ANNUAL

Annual or Seasonal

ALL ALCOHOL

Category: All Alcohol, Wine & Malt

RESTAURANT

Type: Restaurant, Club, Package Store
Hotel, General on Premise, Etc.

Premises:

Description of Licensed Property: SEE ATTACHED DIAGRAM

Application was filed: 11/13/08 2:30 pm

Date & time

Advertised: 11/19/08 STOW INDEPENDENT

Date & Publication

Abutters Notified Yes No

Person to Contact regarding this transaction: Owner/President NANCY R. MYRTON

978-897-3934

DEC 23 2008

The Local Licensing Authorities

By: Jane R. ...
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...

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

NEW LICENSE

Ellen ...
Executive Director

Remarks:

APPROVED

D. M.

WM -> AB

Quota OK
12/23/08

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