

**Minutes
Stow Board of Selectmen
December 11, 2018**

Present at the meeting that was held at Town Building were James Salvie, Ingeborg Hegemann, Tom Ryan and Donald Hawkes. Brian Burke was absent.

Also present were William Wrigley, Town Administrator and Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Salvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Chairman's Comment: Mr. Salvie congratulated the Nashoba Regional High School Football Team on their win at the State Super Bowl in Foxboro.. He said that the Stow Citizens' Police Academy is still accepting applications. He announced that Stow's Recreation Department is now offering only an electronic version of their program offering booklet. If people wish to be added to Rec.'s email distribution list, they should email or call the Recreation Department. The Board congratulated Tom Ryan on his daughter's recent marriage.

Correspondence: None.

Minutes: *Mr. Ryan moved to accept the meeting minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting with amendments. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

Discussion/vote re: Certificates of Appreciation –Tim Gray

The Chair, on behalf of the entire Town and the Board of Selectmen, wished Tim Gray an enjoyable retirement. Mr. Gray worked for the Highway Department for over 20 years and also served the Town as a member of the Stow Fire Department as a call firefighter/EMT.

Mr. Hawkes moved to approve and sign the Certificate of Appreciation for Tim Gray for more than 20 years of service to the Town of Stow, in both the Highway Department and the Fire Department. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote re: Conservation Restriction – Apple Blossom Way – Kathy Sferra

Conservation Coordinator Kathy Sferra was present to request that the Board execute documents for a Conservation Restriction (CR) for approximately 10.1 acres of land owned by Richard Bolton and located off Apple Blossom Way. The Board unanimously agreed the CR would be in the public interest and signed the required document.

Mr. Hawkes moved that the Selectmen accept a Conservation Restriction from Richard Bolton on 10.1 acres of land off Apple Blossom Way, shown in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 21538 Page 258, and execute the restriction as being in the public interest. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote re: 2019 Liquor License renewals

All Licensees have returned their completed paperwork, and inspections have been completed satisfactorily for all establishments.

Mr. Hawkes moved to renew the Town's 2019 Liquor Licenses for the following businesses. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

<p>Stow Food & Beverage LLC</p> <p>58 Randall Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>J. Melone & Sons d/b/a</p> <p>Stowaway Golf Course</p> <p>121 White Pond Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>Nickrosz Spirits, Inc.</p> <p>d/b/a Colonial Spirits of Stow</p> <p>117 Great Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>Ken's Liquor Shoppe, Inc.</p> <p>8 Hudson Street</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>Robert Page III LLC</p> <p>d/b/a Butternut Farm Golf Club</p> <p>115 Wheeler Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>Wedgewood Country Club of Stow, Inc.</p> <p>215 Harvard Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>

<p>Russell's Convenience Store of Stow</p> <p>390 Great Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>The Air Field Café, Inc.</p> <p>d/b/a Nancy's Air Field Café</p> <p>302 Boxboro Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>
<p>Red River Rock, Inc.</p> <p>Red Ginger Restaurant</p> <p>117 Great Road</p> <p>Stow, MA 01775</p>

Discussion re: Strategic Planning Follow-up

Mr. Salvie discussed with the Board the potential for a plan for discussions to analyze and prepare for change in Town departments, committees, commissions, etc. The Town Administrator recommended perhaps starting with a review of the Governance Agreement and the Town's masterplan. This item will be revisited at the Board's January 8, 2019 meeting.

Discussion/vote re: Additional December 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

It was the consensus of the Board not to hold a second meeting in December this year, as that meeting would fall on Christmas Day.

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator gave an update on roadway work in Lower Village. The area has been prepared for the winter season. He stated that he expected all substantive work to be completed by the end of business today and any remaining construction work will be concluded next spring.

Mr. Wrigley told the Board that the preferred police officer candidate scheduled for appointment by the Board of Selectmen this evening has decided to remain with his current employer. Also, our second ranked candidate informed the Town that he prefers to wait until he hears from any of the other communities he is interviewing with for hire as a police officer before making a commitment to Stow. Necessarily, the Town has decided to re-post the position.

Mr. Wrigley left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Hawkes reported that the Tree Lighting garnered 25% more turnout than the prior year. He thanked Karen Stams and the Lions Club who adopted the event. He also thanked the Fire Department for the

delivery of Santa Claus and the Highway Department for the organization of lights on the property. He said that the Lake Boon Commission met the prior week. He said they spoke of the lack of authority to do something especially concerning a new class of lakes boats that intentionally create wakes to allow riders to ride the wave of the wake. He said that there are only 5-6 of them now, but disproportionally affect the lake and the Lake's Rules and Regulations don't allow for banning them. He said they're working on the changes to the Lake Regulation revisions so that they will be ready to appear as a warrant article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Finally he reported that the December Tri-Town Meeting had been postponed until January. He noted that the three towns in the District might be in a situation where there's wonderful cooperation between the Town Administrators and the School Superintendent so Tri-Town may not be needed as badly.

Mr. Salvie reported that he had attended the presentation by the Lower Village Subcommittee. They had hired a consultant to do market analysis. He summarized the results stating that many people utilize the shops and services at Lower Village, but many also leave town for various purchases and services. The issue of water comes up repeatedly, and he said that it might be time to address that issue again.

Mr. Ryan mentioned that the Town Hall Restoration Committee is moving forward slowly and will continue their work in 2019.

Ms. Hegemann mentioned that the Town's Social Worker is leaving for full-time work in Boxboro. She stressed the critical nature of services like this for Stow.

Adjournment

At p.m. 8:25 Mr. Hawkes moved to adjourn. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant

YouTube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUbgcauGtx8&t=0s&index=2&list=PLIeWzm30B26OGK_uon_rPJCPqcfbFnejl

Documents addressed at the Selectmen's 12/11/2018 Meeting

11/27/18 Draft minutes

Certificate of Appreciation for Tim Gray

CR signature sheet for Apple Blossom Way

2019 Liquor Licenses for renewal