

Minutes
Stow Board of Selectmen
Stow Town Building – Warren Room
February 13, 2018

Present: Brian Burke, Ingeborg Hegemann, Tom Ryan, and James Salvie. Don Hawkes was absent.

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

At 7:00 pm Mr. Burke called the meeting to order and he appointed Mr. Salvie to act as Clerk in Mr. Hawkes' absence.

Chair comments: Mr. Burke thanked Ms. Hegemann for presenting at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor. He announced that the Stow Cultural Council is seeking art for the March 16, 2018 art show to be held at Pompo Community Center. He said that there would be a Community Housing Fair at Pompo on April 5th from 5-8 pm. He said that an Off-Road Vehicle Safety Course would be held at Devens on April 21st at 10 a.m.

Meeting Minutes: *Mr. Salvie moved to accept the meeting minutes of January 9, 2018 as drafted. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

Mr. Salvie moved to accept the meeting minutes of January 23, 2018 with amendments. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed. Mr. Salvie abstained.

Pole Hearing for Walcott Street – Correction of document error - Hudson Light & Power

At 7:15 p.m. the Chair read the public hearing legal notice and re-opened the hearing to correct a typographical error in the original petition for Pole Location, which was approved at the July 25, 2017 meeting. The original petition had an incorrect number for one measurement, now corrected. No abutters were present.

Mr. Salvie moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board approve and sign the amended application by Hudson Light & Power to relocate an existing pole and also install new pole on Walcott Street at location specified in the Order for Joint or Identical Pole Locations received by the Selectmen's office December 28, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote re: Appointment to SpringFest Committee

The Board thanked Maura Hyland for volunteering to serve on the SpringFest Committee. They voted unanimously to appoint her based on the recommendation of the SpringFest Committee.

On the recommendation of members of the SpringFest Committee, Mr. Salvie moved to appoint Maura Hyland as a member of the SpringFest Committee, to complete an unexpired two-year term expiring June 30, 2018. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Board of Selectmen Annual Report

The Board agreed to review the draft version of the Annual Report and to vote to approve the Report at the next meeting.

Discussion/vote re: Special One-Day Liquor License for Nashoba Regional High School After-

Prom Committee fundraiser

Co-Chairs Maureen Hogan and Julie Fish of the Nashoba High School After Prom Committee were present and requested a one-day liquor license for a fund raiser they would be holding at the Pompo Community Center on March 8th.

Mr. Salvie moved to approve and sign a Special One-Day Liquor License for the Nashoba Regional High School After-Prom Committee fundraising event at the Pompo Community Center at a date and time to be specified before the Board's next meeting. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously

Discussion/vote re: Special One-Day Liquor License for Stow Cultural Council Grant Awards

Chair of the Stow Cultural Council Rick Lent was present to request a one-day liquor license for their First Annual Stow Arts Exhibition at Pompositticut Community Center, Friday, March 16

Mr. Salvie moved to approve and sign a Special One-Day Liquor License for the Stow Cultural Council's Grant Awards Ceremony and First Annual Stow Art Exhibition at the Pompo Community Center with the applicant Rick Lent being responsible for the responsible distribution of alcohol on Friday, March 16, 2018, between 6 and 9 p.m. and to waive the fee for this license. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting resident Richard Reynolds of Walcott Street came in said that they had gone to the Planning Board meeting in error and wanted to speak about the Hudson Light & Power pole. He stated that the pole would be moved onto his land and he was curious about his liabilities as it will be on his property. Poles belong to the power company and they belong to Hudson Light & Power and they are responsible for them. He was given the information on the project and advised to speak with Hudson Light & Power to determine the municipal right of way and whether an easement would be necessary.

Presentation/discussion of Town Administrator's preliminary FY 2019 budget

The Town Administrator updated the Board on the progress of his preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year.

At 8:45 p.m., the Town Administrator left the meeting.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Salvie reported that CPC has before them several items such as a SMAHT proposal, a planned conservation purchase, the Town Hall Renovation and a final phase of landscaping to the Pine Bluff Recreation project. Capital Planning is meeting frequently to discuss submissions. Economic Development and Industrial Commission (EDIC) will meet tonight with Planning Board re: proposed changes to the sign bylaws.

Ms. Hegemann reported that SMAHT put forward a lot of articles proposed for Town Meeting. They are looking at reducing the membership of SMAHT to 5 instead of 7 members to more easily enable a quorum to be present. She said SMAHT has a joint effort with open space for affordable housing in the works. Recreation Committee is working to finish the Pine Bluff project.

Mr. Ryan reported that he's been speaking with the Fire Department and realized that Captain Benoit has been writing wonderful grant proposals and has again won the Senior Safe Program and the Fire Safe Program. He mentioned that it's been over a year since Lt. Evers was named as Training Officer. Chief Landry said that his men and women are more prepared than ever to meet the challenge. He stated that Captain Benoit has just completed a 13- week Chief Fire Officer Program and he congratulated him for getting into the program and completing it. Ms. Hegemann asked if Mr. Ryan would speak to the Fire Department to learn what resources are available for residents who require Mental Health Services.

Adjournment

At 9:09 p.m. Mr. Salvie moved to adjourn. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Trunfio
Administrative Assistant

Documents used/referenced in the meeting

One-day liquor license for NRSD After Prom

One-day liquor license for Stow Cultural Council Art Show

HL&P Pole Hearing Legal Notice & documents

View meeting at YouTube link: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=kO4kCHH61M>