

Minutes  
Stow Board of Selectmen  
Stow Town Building – Warren Room  
Thursday, March 15, 2018

(rescheduled from Tuesday 3/13/18 night due to inclement weather)

**Present:** Brian Burke, Jim Salvie and Tom Ryan. Don Hawkes and Ingeborg Hegemann were absent.

Also present was Town Administrator Bill Wrigley. Administrative Assistant Maureen Trunfio was absent.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Burke called the meeting to order

**Chair comments:** Mr. Burke reminded the public that the Pompo Community Center is the warming center and location to charge cell phones, etc. during power outages. Mr. Ryan added that during such an event, the public should call the Police Department's business line with questions and reserve using 911 for true emergencies.

**Discussion/vote re: Appointment to SpringFest Committee**

The Candidate was not able to attend, but the SpringFest Committee recommended her appointment. The Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Jussaime to the Committee.

*On the recommendation of members of the SpringFest Committee, Mr. Salvie moved to appoint Sherry Jussaime 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.*

**Appointment of Call Firefighters**

Fire Chief Joe Landry requested that the six apprentice firefighters be re-appointed as call firefighters. He confirmed in a letter dated February 23, 2018 that all had completed the training required. Fire Chief Landry was present but the firefighters were not present at this meeting

*Mr. Salvie moved that Shamos Fenton, Jonathan Beharrell, Matthew Lowe, Matthew Tufo, Kevin Shepard and Yuris Mangolds be appointed as Call Firefighters. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Highway Department New Hire**

Superintendent of Streets Mike Clayton recommended that the Selectmen appoint Nicolo Antonelli to the Highway Department to fill a vacancy for a Truck Driver/Laborer position created by the retirement of Albeo Duguay. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Antonelli.

*On the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Mike Clayton Mr. Salvie moved to authorize the Town Administrator to hire Nicolo Antonelli for the Truck Driver/Laborer position at the Stow Highway Department. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Addition to Town Clerk's Election Ballot**

Town Clerk Linda Hathaway stated that the Library Trustees have requested that a vacancy of the Library Trustees be added to the upcoming election ballot. The Trustees have requested a joint meeting with the Selectmen at the Selectmen's second meeting in March and the Chair plans to add that item to the agenda so that an interim member can be appointed.

*Mr. Salvie moved to add one position to the 2018 Annual Town Election Ballot Randall Library Trustees for an*

*unexpired three-year term expiring in May 2019. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Discussion/vote re: Revision of Special One-Day Liquor License for Nashoba Regional High School After-Prom Committee fundraiser at Pompositticut Community Center, Thursday, March 8**

Mr. Burke explained that due to inclement weather, he offered to retroactively approve the change of date for the Nashoba After-Prom fundraiser.

*Mr. Salvie moved to modify the previously-approved Special One-Day Liquor License for the Nashoba Regional High School After-Prom Committee fundraising event at the Stow Town Hall and sign a new one-day liquor license for Thursday, March 14, 2018, between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. with Maureen Hogan and Julie Fish being responsible for the event and the serving of alcohol. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Certificates of Recognition of Two Eagle Scouts**

Candidates for Eagle Scout status Eli Bachtell and Garrett Magnusson were not present but the Board was happy to sign Certificates of Appreciation for their March 24, 2018 Court of Honor.

*Mr. Salvie moved to recognize Boy Scouts Eli Bachtell and Garrett Magnusson for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and to sign and authorize Selectman Brian Burke to present the letter and proclamation for their recognition ceremony on March 24, 2019. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Discussion re: Commercial Marijuana Regulations**

**Town Planner Jesse Steadman was present and discussed with** the Board the Town's options with regard to the Town's option regarding recreational marijuana. More discussion will take place at the Board's next meeting.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Wrigley provided a status report on the developing FY-19 budget; highlighting the substantive changes from the preliminary FY-19 budget he presented at the Board's meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The total estimated FY-19 budget increase is 2.28% above the current fiscal year. It is important to note that the FY-19 non-school budget is currently estimated to DECREASE by approximately 1.22% or \$144,821 compared to the current year.

He said he is estimating the total expenditure budget at \$30,325,214 at this point in the process. He added, however, that he will be making a few additional minor adjustments to this iteration of the budget and said he had not made final decisions on a few specific departmental budget requests. Also, he added that he expects to increase the fuel account and possibly the legal account by some amount. He said that he still intends to present a level-funded budget at a future meeting.

*Mr. Wrigley left the meeting at 8:41 pm.*

**Eversource Petition**

Mr. Burke said that the Eversource brief reiterated their position. He thought the brief should state more strongly that the Town strongly opposes the over ground option.

Resident Laurel Cohen of 481 Gleasondale Road stated her preference for the option of running the line under the roads to remove the chance of herbicides seeping into ground water and wells. Eve Fischer, a Gleasondale Village resident, asked for clarification whether the Selectmen were against the option of running the line under the roads. Mr. Burke said he could be persuaded that the option of under the roadway might be a good option. Mr. Salvie mentioned that the concern regarding herbicides is a legitimate concern.

**Liaison Reports**

Mr. Salvie spoke briefly on the Capital Planning meeting. He said that the Complete Streets Committee has been meeting 2-3 times a week to decide on a list of possible projects and is working on prioritization.

Mr. Burke stated that he had been attending Cemetery Committee and Finance Committee meetings.

**Adjournment**

*At 9:14 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 revision

Draft Eversource Brief from Town Counsel

Certificates of Appreciation for Eagle Scouts

Town Administrator's Report

**View meeting at YouTube link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb1V8jtZaA0>