

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
APRIL 27, 2009
6:30 P.M.
COTTER ROOM

Members present: Tom Corbett, Rich Cunningham, Jerry Corcoran, Chris Aiello, Andy Burbine

Selectman Corcoran presented Mary Lane with Abington's Best.

1. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen --- M/Cunningham to appoint Mr. Corbett as Chairman
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to appoint Mr. Cunningham as Vice Chairman
S/Corbett
Voted 5-0

Public Announcements:

Chairman Corbett thanked all candidates who ran in the recent election and thanked Bob Wing for his many years of service on the Board. Chairman also mentioned that the Little League Parade was also held this weekend

Assistant Town Manager stated that there is an Ice & Dice Night to be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Abington VFW, and to contact Alex Bezanson for details. She also announced that yesterday was the ceremony in honor of Vietnam Veterans Day, and she read the proclamation on behalf of the Selectmen.

6:35 P.M. -- Police Chief Majenski -- Justice Assistance Grant -- Chief Majenski addressed the Board and stated that they are eligible to receive funding for the Justice Assistance Grant. The grant amount, minus 10% to the District Attorney's Office is \$24,946.00. The funds will be used to purchase a Quantar Radio Repeater for the station in the amount of \$33,869.00. The remaining amount of \$8,923.00 will most likely be paid from the monies received from the Motor vehicle citation revolving account.

Chief Majenski also stated that tonight at 11pm on WBZ channel 4, there is going to be a broadcast of a story regarding a rape that occurred in Town to one of our residents in 1990, and she also has a website, www.voicebychoice.org.

6:40 P.M. – Change of Manager, VFW, 30 Central Street –
Mr. William T. McDevitt addressed the Board and requested a change of Manager for the Abington Old Town Post 5737. There are no objections from the inspectors.
M/Corcoran to approve William T. McDevitt as the Manager for the VFW.
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0

2. Approval of Minutes – M/Cunningham to approve the April 6, 2009 open session minutes
S/Corcoran
Selectman Aiello abstains
Selectman Burbine abstains
Voted 3-0-2

3. Discussion on Appointments -- Town Manager asked whether the Board would prefer to make appointments as they are requested, or prefer to ask for a recommendation for the specific committee, as has been done in the past. The Board will keep the existing process in place.

Green Committee – M/Aiello to appoint the members of the Green Committee as presented, and to keep membership open as there may be additional interested individuals.
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

Resignation from Council on Aging from Kate Kelley
M/Burbine to accept resignation with regret and send a letter of thanks
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0

Liaisons:
M/Aiello to appoint Selectman Burbine as School Bargaining Liaison
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

M/Aiello to appoint Selectman Corcoran as Plymouth County Advisory Board Liaison
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to appoint Selectman Aiello to Old Colony Planning Council Committee
S/Cunningham
Voted 5-0

M/Corcoran to appoint Selectman Aiello as Power Plant liaison
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

4. Articles of Incorporation for local cable access -- Town Manager reviewed the articles of Incorporation for local cable access and recommended a committee be appointed of two members from the Cable Advisory Committee, one member appointed by the School Committee, and two members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

M/Corcoran to appoint Selectman Corbett to committee
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

M/Aiello to appoint Selectman Burbine to committee
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0

M/Cunningham to appoint Henry DiCarlo and Beth Golden from Cable Advisory Committee
S/Corcoran
Voted 5-0

School Committee appointment to follow.

5. South Shore Tri Town Advisory Board Letter – Town Manager reviewed letter from Joseph Shea, Chairman, Advisory Board to the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation. Intent of letter is to request support of the recent application of the Board of Directors of the South Shore Tri Town Development Corporation for up to \$53 million in credit enhancement.

M/Cunningham to support this request
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0

6. Town Manager Report – FY2010 Budget – Town Manager presented two budget cut scenarios to the Board and discussed the postponement of Town Meeting

M/Burbine to recommend to postpone Town Meeting to June 8, 2009
S/Aiello
Voted 5-0

M/Cunningham to adopt the 4.8 budget cut scenario of May 11, 2009 is the date of Town Meeting.
S/Corcoran
Burbine, no

Aiello, no
Corbett, no
Voted against motion 3-2

M/Burbine if Town Meeting is held on May 11, 2009 to adopt 7.39 budget cut scenario
S/Aiello
Cunningham, no
Voted 4-1

M/Cunningham to post a meeting for next week, May 4, 2009 and to invite the Finance
Committee and the School Committee to attend.
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

M/Corcoran to enter into executive session for the purposes of strategies pertaining to
non-union personnel, and not to reconvene.
S/Aiello
Burbine, aye; Aiello, aye; Corcoran, aye; Cunningham, aye; Corbett, aye
Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager