

January 18, 2017 Wednesday Selectmen Meeting

Present: Chuck Cardillo, Steve Shatz, Don Chabon, Theresa Zanetti

Chuck opened the meeting and stated that Danielle was out sick.

Highway Department Update:

Lenny began with a response to a question about the dam issue. He said that Mike Kulig is reassessing the dam issue and it may be due to faulty calculations. It would be better to look at once this is determined.

Don inquired about engineering consultation and Len stated that Berkshire Engineering was the consultant and that the Spillway is the issue.

Steve asked if all dams are under the jurisdiction of the state and Len was not sure. There are private dams. Steve suggested that they need to find out.

Don asked if the highway budget is on target and Len responded that they were over budget.

Len said that they were completing the Chapter 90 closeout on paving of Cherry Hill Road and the selectmen signed.

Steve questioned the status of the town highway garage and Len said that he spoke with the building inspector, Ned, and they will possibly condemn. Steve asked if the capital budget for FY 2019 could be in FY 2018 instead. Len said that there is a chance that it could.

Steve stated that as we are currently doing the budget we need to know as soon as possible to get the money for FY 2018.

Chuck said that once we get Ned's report we will know more. Ned explained that he will be visiting with engineer to look it over within the next two weeks.

Don asked to discuss highway staffing and was informed that it was not the appropriate time.

Chuck told Len that he is doing a good job and signed the Chapter 90 form.

BSO:

Jesse Cook-Dubin from Cohen Kinne Valicenti Cook was introduced and was present on the behalf of the BSO to amend the current alcohol license from Wine & Malt to all alcohol, for the Grille (Beer Garden)

Chuck questioned the hours and Jesse said that it would be the same as the other full alcohol, to which Steve added, prior to and during performances. Steve asked if Tanglewood manages this and Jesse said that the BSO is in a partnership with Centerplate (Kim Noltamey)- joint ventures – not owned by BSO but contractual. Steve questioned who supervised the employees and Jesse said that Kim Noltamey is the supervisor. Steve asked if they are alcohol trained and Jesse said that they are all TIPS trained.

Don further questioned our Liquor License Policy and if we have one to which Chuckie responded that Danielle and Ray are looking at it.

Steve moved to approve the amendment to authorize to move to all alcohol licenses and it was seconded and approved.

Police Department Review:

Darrell said that everything is good with the police department and Don inquired if they were looking for personnel.

Darrell said yes, they have two retiring officers, Officer Stringer and Beth McCormick and are looking. Currently the staff is having in-service training: legal updates, youth, CPR, Alzheimer patients, and first responder.

Darrell had the initial meeting last week with the Mercy Sunday players. Dates are April 22nd and 23rd.

He met with Mr. Webber and Danielle last week on budget which is a straightforward budget.

The department is continuing to address selective traffic concerns including South Street, East Main and East Streets.

He concluded that all is good, all moving in a good direction, while a hectic past thirty days.

Building Inspector:

Ned discussed adding a “cantenna”, cell antenna to an existing utility pole by the turnpike bridge on Prospect Hill Road. 46 feet tall, just running by the Selectmen for approval.

Steve asked if there are any zoning issues and it was stated that it is a right of way. There was discussion about equipment at the top or bottom of the pole, some may find offensive, they are however National Grid poles. It was asked if they are nearby any houses where buzzing noise could be a concern and it was noted that there is one home across the street from the turnpike.

Ned stated that if there were to be a policy, these could be located wherever there is a cell phone dead spot.

Steve said that there is not a policy; they are a case by case basis.

All agreed that there are no issues in moving forward.

Steve again questioned the status of the highway garage because of the need to prepare the FY 2018 budget. Ned assured him that he would inspect the garage.

Chuckie delivered good news. In Lieu of taxes the town received donations from St. Paul's Episcopal Church for \$1,500.00 and The Berkshire Taconic Foundation for \$1,000.00

The Selectmen approved a one day alcohol license for the Library.

The Selectmen set their meeting schedule with the following dates: February 6, 2017 at 7:00PM, February 15, 2017 at 8:00AM, February 21st at 7:00PM, March 6th at 7:00PM, March 15th at 8:00AM, March 20th at 7:00PM, April 3rd at 7:00PM, April 12th at 8:00AM, and April 17th at 7:00PM.

The Selectmen reminded residents of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 6:30PM.

It was noted that Craig Whalen did not attend regarding the Mass DOT speed study.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.