

**Board of Selectmen
October 15, 2018
Town Hall**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas, Vice-Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Michael Suprenant
Chase Kaitbenski
Ted Kozak, Interim Town Administrator
Jeneé Lacy, Admin Assistant

Also Present:

Cynthia Zayas – Zyacorp Cinemagic GM
John Mooradian – Lucky Mart
Dharmesh Patel – Lucky Mart
Mukash Patel – Lucky Mart
William Haggerty – TA Search Committee
James Waddick – TA Search Committee
Heather Weston – COA Director
Patty Sullivan – MA Council on Aging
Greg Morse – DPW Director
Shane Moody – Water Department Director
Bob Briere

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Service Announcements

M. Dowling thanked everyone who helped with the Town table during the Harvest Festival and thanked Kevin Filchak and the volunteers.

M. Blanchard read the public service announcements from agenda.

- November 13 at 10AM, the Principal Assessor, Ann Murphy will be speaking at the Senior Center about tax exemptions for residents of Sturbridge.

M. Blanchard announced that the Special Town Meeting will be October 29 and that Sturbridge Trick of Treat will be on Halloween, October 31st from 5 – 7 pm to be followed by the Horribles Parade on the Town Common.

Department Head Updates

DPW

Greg Morse came forward and discussed DPW updates and the FY2019 Plowing & Sanding Equipment Bids.

Motion: To approve the recommended award list for plowing and sanding equipment bids by the DPW for the winter 2018-2019. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

M. Blanchard brought up a raised sewer cover that rattles on Farquhar Rd.

G. Morse stated that he would take a look at it.

Water/Sewer

Shane Moody came forward and discussed the Water/Sewer updates.

M. Suprenant asked about the meeting on October 18th regarding the pilot to reduce zinc in the water. S. Moody talked about the October 18th meeting and the continuation and direction of the pilot.

Vote to Accept Resignation of Lieutenant Mark G. Saloio from the Police Department

Motion: To accept resignation of Mark G. Saloio from the Police Department. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Accept a Donation of \$100 to the Memory Café

Motion: To accept a donation of \$100 to the Council on Aging Memory Café. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Public Hearing: New Liquor License – Zycorp Entertainment II, LLC /Cinemagic

M. Dowling read the legal ad that was placed in the Southbridge Evening news regarding the public hearing for Zycorp.

Cynthia Zayas, the General Manager of the Cinemagic in Sturbridge, came forward and explained that Cinemagic wanted to be able to sell beer, wine and sangria, that they would sell the beverages at the concession stands and would have security in place, including, checking IDs and only employees over 18 could sell the alcohol.

P. Gimas asked how well trained the staff would be and how important it is to make sure only people over 21 are being sold alcohol.

M. Blanchard stated that she doesn't think there is enough security at the Sturbridge Cinemagic to have a liquor license.

P. Gimas asked if there can be a more secure area to sell alcohol instead of selling it at the concession stand.

M. Dowling stated that she might be okay if the sale of alcohol was separated into a bar area, but not okay if people are able to take beer or wine into the movie theater. She stated concerns about giving

alcohol to under 21 and making sure that everyone that would be serving should be tip certified. M. Dowling also asked if the GM would always be there and if they are over 21.

C. Zayas stated that not all the employees at the Sturbridge Cinemagic were 21 or over and that the GMs aren't always on staff but they are all over 21.

M. Suprenanatt stated that he is concerned about the employees being tip certified and suggested continuing the hearing at a later date because he doesn't think the Board has the proper information to make a decision.

M. Blanchard stated that she doesn't think Cinemagic having a liquor license is a good idea and she wouldn't support approving it.

M. Dowling stated that she would be interested to know if any of the other Cinemagic locations that sell liquor have ever had liquor related violations.

Motion: To close Public Hearing. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaibenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion: To not approve a liquor license to Zyacorp Entertainment II, LLC /Cinemagic. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Lucky Mart

John Mooradian, Dharmesh Patel, Mukesh Patel representing Lucky Mart came forward prior to Public Hearing.

M. Blanchard stated that she doesn't think the public hearing for their liquor license application is needed because it was already approved regarding legislature and was approved and voted on at Annual Town Meeting. M. Blanchard also brought up that there was a drafting error in the liquor license addition law for the Town and it is pending correction.

J. Mooradian, attorney for Lucky Mart, stated that he would still like the public hearing to go forward since Chapter 131 requires a hearing for a liquor license.

Correspondence

M. Dowling read the correspondence to the Board of Selectmen.

P. Gimas asked why Sturbridge doesn't have a Commission on Disability and asked if it can be put on a future meeting agenda. T. Kozak said that he would look into it.

M. Blanchard read a letter from SCL Elder Bus Inc. regarding the invitation for Sturbridge to create a representative for the Elder Bus organization. M. Blanchard asked H. Weston if she would be willing to be a representative to the SCL Elder Bus Inc. H. Weston agreed.

Town Administrator's Update

- T. Kozak talked about a letter that was drafted to be sent to the FCC regarding Small Cell Wireless Infrastructure Deployment and asked if the Board was in agreement. The Board agreed.
- T. Kozak talked about a letter that was drafted to be sent to the EEA regarding a change in Land Acquisition Notification and asked if the Board was in agreement. The Board agreed.
- T. Kozak discussed the Memory Café put on by the COA that he had attended
- T. Kozak discussed the consultant for the TA Search Committee that would be coming into the Town Hall to meet with members of the Board and Department heads.

Public Hearing: New Liquor License – Lucky Mart

J. Mooradian, D. Patel, and M. Patel representing Lucky Mart came forward. J. Mooradian explained their request and application for a liquor license.

M. Blanchard discussed the letter that would be sent to the Governors office to help change the wording error in the legislature.

M. Dowling explained to Lucky Mart why she hasn't been voting in support in this process. M. Dowling stated that she is not in favor of seeking special legislature to increase the number of liquor licenses in town.

Motion: To close Public Hearing. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion: To approve a liquor license for Lucky Mart subject to the correct language in the legislature. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: 3-2 (M. Dowling & C. Kaitbenski Opposed)

Motion: To send letter to the Governor's Office regarding correction in wording to legislature. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: 4-1 (M. Dowling Opposed)

Robert Briere – Old Burial Ground

B. Briere came forward and welcomed new interim and offered to give him a tour of Sturbridge. B. Briere explained that he has come to the Board to talk about the Old Burial Ground and putting metal markers on the graves of Revolutionary War Veterans. They are having a special event to put flags on the graves by Sturbridge children and he invited Board to the event.

Motion: To reopen Warrant for Special Town Meeting. By P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant
Vote: 5-0

Vote to Support Amount for STM Warrant Article 34

T. Kozak explained the amount for transfer from Free Cash for the purpose of paying unpaid bills for Article 34 would be \$910.21.

Motion: To support the amount of \$910.21 on Warrant Article 34 for Special Town Meeting.
By: P. Gimas
2nd: M. Suprenant
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Discussion on Transferring Funds from the Reserve Fund for a Consultant to Assist the TA Search Committee – Warrant Article 35

B. Haggerty and J. Waddick came forward to discuss the TA Search Committee and why they would like to use a search firm to help recruit a new Town Administrator. They requested a transfer of \$11,800 to cover expenses of the search.

M. Dowling stated that the transfer has been recommended by T. Kozak and B. Barry and that Warrant Article 35 is only on the Warrant in case the Finance Committee rejects the transfer.

Motion: To support the amount of \$11,800 for Warrant Article 35 for Special Town Meeting.
By: M. Dowling
2nd: C. Kaitbenski
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion: To approve Reserve Fund transfer of \$11,800 to the TA Search Committee. By: P. Gimas
2nd: C. Kaitbenski
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote on Warrant Article 36 – Town Administrator Salary

B. Haggerty and J. Waddick stated that they received recommendations from different search firms regarding the average salary for a Town Administrator and found that between \$140,000 and \$160,000 would attract a good pool of candidates.

T. Kozak explained the amount for transfer from Free Cash to the Town Administrator Salary would be \$20,000.

The Board discussed the salary range for the Town Administrator. P. Gimas stated that she had concerns about increasing the salary of the Town Administrator.

Motion: To place and support Warrant Article 36 for Special Town Meeting. By: M. Suprenant
2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: 3-2 (P. Gimas & C. Kaitbenski Opposed)

Motion: To approve salary range of \$140,000 - \$160,000 to be advertised for a new Town Administrator as recommended by TA Search Committee. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: 3-2 (P. Gimas & C. Kaitbenski Opposed)

Vote to Amend and Support Amount for Warrant Article 40

T.Kozak discussed with the Board the recommendation of \$242,640 for Warrant Article 40.

Motion: To support the amount of \$242,640 for Warrant Article 40 for Special Town Meeting.

By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Support Amount for Warrant Article 49

The Board of Selectmen discussed Warrant Article 49 and determined that the explanation of the use of funds was confusing and they would need more detail to vote in support.

T. Kozak stated he would get clarification on Article 49.

Motion: To close Warrant for Special Town Meeting. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Department Head Updates Continued

Council on Aging

H. Weston came forward with Patty Sullivan and gave updates on COA, Senior Center activities and functions, and the Dementia Friendly Community Action Plan.

P. Sullivan also discussed the Dementia Friendly Community program.

M. Dowling asked if it was a three year project. H. Weston stated that it would always be an ongoing project but her action plan is a rough draft so she gave the Town three years as a goal.

Motion: To sign pledge for the Dementia Friendly Community. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Old Business

M. Blanchard read that the Declaration of Friendship from Stourbridge, England and thanked M. Suprenant for attending the Skype meeting with Stourbridge in her absence.

New Business

M. Suprenant discussed his attendance of a Public Works meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve Board of Selectman minutes from October 17, 2016 as amended. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: 4-0-1 (C. Kaitbenski Abstained)

Motion: To approve Board of Selectman minutes from November 21, 2016 as amended. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: 4-0-1 (C. Kaitbenski Abstained)

Motion: To approve Board of Selectmen minutes from December 19, 2016. By P. Gimas

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: 2-0-3 (C. Kaitbenski, M. Suprenant & M. Dowling Abstained)

Motion: To approve Board of Selectmen minutes from October 1, 2018 as amended. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion: To adjourn at 8:47 p.m. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board:



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Date approved: Nov 19 '18
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