



# Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY  
ABINGTON, MA 02351

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2015

Cotter Room

6:30 p.m.

Members present: Ken Coyle, Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Tom Dion, Maureen Jansen

- Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Announcements:

Selectman Franey announced that the AEF Derby Night of the Races will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, and thanked SAGE for hosing E-Waste Day on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Jansen stated that the HUG Foundation is sponsoring a silent auction at JP Ryan's on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m.

Selectman Dion stated that registration for Youth Football will be April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. and the rabies clinic will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to Noon.

Chairman announced that Flag Day Weekend is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and will be a civil war encampment, and the Lions Club is having their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Emerald Hall, and announced the Abington Historical Commission Designation of Honor (attached)

Chairman read a very heartfelt proclamation (attached) for Selectman Tom Dion's last meeting. Many kind and humorous words were offered. Selectman Dion was thanked for his dedication and service for the last three years.

### Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. – Congressman Stephen Lynch – Washington Update – Congressman Lynch provided a Washington update as well as congratulating Selectman Dion for his years of service and dedication to the Town and presented Selectman Dion with a proclamation and an inaugural pair of cuff links.

**Action/Discussion items:**

1. Approval of March 23, 2015 open session minutes  
M/Burbine to approve  
S/Franey  
Dion abstains  
Voted 4-0-1
2. Approval of Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015 – (attached)  
M/Burbine to approve  
S/Jansen  
Voted 5-0
3. Approval of St. Bridget’s School Road Race – October 17, 2015 – Kelly Kennedy addressed the Board with the details of the race. (attached) Safety officials have approved.  
M/Dion to approve  
S/Burbine  
Voted 5-0
4. Approval of Abington Little League Opening Day Parade, April 25, 2015 (attached)  
M/Dion to approve  
S/Burbine  
Voted 5-0
5. Board of Selectmen Policy Review
  - a. Polices & Procedures
  - b. Financial Policies – to be reviewed to placed on the next agenda for possible revisions.
6. Town Manager Report – Town Manager provided a general update (attached)
7. Public Comment – None

M/Burbine to adjourn  
S/Franey  
Voted 5-0  
Meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dori R. Jamieson  
Assistant Town Manager

Announcement by the AHC for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Selectman's meeting

The Abington Historical Commission takes great pride in preserving Abington's history as part of our ongoing mission. To that end, we have designated three worthy places of honor; Loud's Corner, Harwood's Corner and the Musterfields. The Musterfield and Loud's Corner signs were installed in the fall. The Harwood's Corner sign will be installed in late spring due to the unexpected Old Mans winter fiery.

The three signs were produced by Mass Sign of Rockland.

**A PROCLAMATION FOR  
THOMAS J. DION III  
April 6, 2015**

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion has served the Town of Abington in many capacities for over three decades;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion served on the Finance Committee from 1985 to 1988;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion was elected to the Abington School Committee from 1993 to 1999;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion was elected to the Board of Assessors from 2002 to 2008;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion was elected to the Board of Selectmen from 2012 to 2015;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion has devoted many hours and evenings attending meetings and speaking with residents, always concerned with the issues facing the Town;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion has demonstrated his commitment to his community repeatedly, with his involvement in Abington sports with Abington Youth Basketball, Baseball and Soccer as a coach, referee, umpire and director; the South Shore Eagles Youth Hockey as Treasurer; with the Abington "Green Wave" Football as a public address announcer; and Abington High School Hockey as cable TV play-by-play announcer;*

**WHEREAS:** *Tom Dion has also been a parent volunteer with the Abington Boy Scouts and a Communicant and Usher with St. Bridget's Parish;*

*Now, therefore, we, the Abington Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Abington and its residents, recognize Thomas J. Dion for his many commitments to the Town, giving of his time and talents so generously. His dedication, hard work and commitment are acknowledged by the Town of Abington with pride.*

*Board of Selectmen*

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*Kenneth M. Coyle, Chairman*

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*Maureen Jansen*

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*R. Andrew Burbine, Vice Chair*

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*Michael W. Franey*

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF ABINGTON

ABINGTON MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

AMERICAN LEGION POST #112, VFW POST #5737,  
USV-VE POST #2

March 25, 2015

Mr. Kenneth Coyle, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
500 Gliniewicz Way  
Abington, MA 02351

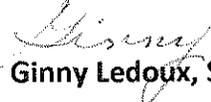
RE: Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2015

The Memorial Day Committee for the Town of Abington hereby requests permission to have a Memorial Day Parade with the Parade Route as follows:

Participants form at the Beaver Brook Elementary School, take a right onto Washington Street leaving the back entrance of the school. Stop at the War Memorial for a brief service, continuing down Washington Street bearing right onto Adams Street, turn right onto Pearl Street and take a right into Mount Vernon Cemetery. Final stop the Veterans Lot.

Please respond to me at [gledoux205@comcast.net](mailto:gledoux205@comcast.net).

Sincerely,



Ginny Ledoux, Secretary  
Memorial Day Committee

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(781) 878-8482

March 5, 2015

Kelli Kennedy  
Saint Bridget School PTO Secretary  
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Town of Abington Board of Selectmen  
500 Gliniewicz Way  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Saint Bridget School Parent Teacher Organization to request permission to hold a 5k Road Race on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The *SBS PTO Second Annual Freaky 5k Road Race* will follow a 3.1 mile route starting and ending on Central Street. All pre and post race activities will occur on the grounds of Saint Bridget School. The race will begin at 8:30am and be completed by 10am. I have reached out to the Chiefs of Police and Fire and they are in support of us holding the race again.

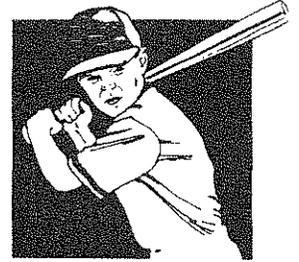
Our goal with this event is for a fun, community, family oriented event that promotes health and wellness to our school community as well as the community at large. We have a dedicated team of volunteers prepared to make sure this event is a success. Last year we had almost 400 participants and raised over \$5,000 for our school, we hope to make it bigger and better this year. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kelli A Kennedy

# Abington Little League

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF ABINGTON

March 31, 2015

Town of Abington  
Board of Selectmen  
500 Gleniewicz Way  
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Dear Board Members,

The Abington Little League officially begins its season each year with a parade and opening ceremonies involving over three hundred participants. The purpose of this letter is to formally request that the Abington Board of Selectmen approve a parade permit for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM. The parade will begin at the Abington Police Station parking lot on Central St. and proceed up to Plymouth St. to the Plymouth St. Field.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any Board Members to join us along the parade route and to say a few words at the opening ceremonies.

Very Truly Yours  
Abington Little League

  
Robert M. Darsin  
President

*Abington Little League*  
139 Colonial Road  
Abington, MA 02351

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# Town of Abington

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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FROM: TOWN MANAGER  
DATE: APRIL 3, 2015  
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

***The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.***

1. FY 2016 Budget Process – The Finance Committee has concluded initial meetings with all departments with the exception of the Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works. In light of various factors including but not limited to: the snow deficit; possible financial and/or legislative relief for snow over-expenditure; state aid; health insurance rates still to be determined; and, short term debt requirements that may impact FY 2016; the financial team is working to provide a recommendation to maintain services as whole as possible for FY 2016. Some of this critical information will be clearer as early as this coming week.
2. Procurement – This week Dori has successfully completed the LAST of three educational sessions offered by the Inspector General’s Office at Ashburton Place. Upon completion of the final exam application can be made by the town for Dori to obtain procurement certification.
3. Town Meeting Warrants – A draft of the ATM and STM warrants has been prepared for review by town counsel and should be available in draft form by the end of next week.
4. Griffins Dairy – As stated in a previous email the contractor hired to demolish and remove the house and barn is moving equipment in this week and doing some minor preparation in order to begin the main project next week.
5. Business Association – The Route 18 Update from state officials that the Planning Board has been attempting to schedule has now been solidified for Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. We had envisioned that this may be a good opportunity to more formally discuss the organization of the association or “roundtable” with the attendees. As it happens this coincides with the scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen so it may be worth considering a joint or simultaneous meeting with the Planning Board on that night as

forming this business group and monitoring the Rt. 18 project are clearly interests and/or goals of both bodies. This is a discussion for the coming weeks but I think worth consideration.

6. Election Budget – I am attaching a legal opinion requested by the Finance Committee pertaining to use of the Reserve Fund. They had questions as to its use as it pertains to a transfer that they did approve this past Wednesday to pay for the upcoming annual election. This was necessary in light of the fact that budget line item for elections was used for the special election in the fall that approved the school building project. This may help in addressing similar questions to either the Finance Committee or the Board of Selectmen in the future as to the appropriate use of the fund.