



# Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY  
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
August 17, 2015  
6:30 p.m.  
Cotter Room**

Members present: Mike Franey, Maureen Jansen, Andy Burbine, Ken Coyle, Alex Bezanson

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence – A moment of silence was held for Phil Kane who recently passed away. Phil served 28 years as an Abington Firefighter from 1971-1999, performed as the department mechanic, and was an Abington Dog Officer in the days before we employed an Animal Control Officer. Phil will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.
- Public Announcements:
  - Selectman Bezanson stated that there will be a grand opening August 29, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. of the Southfield street hockey rink. The Bruins alumni will be there to play an All Star team of Police and Fire Fighters from Weymouth, Rockland, and Abington.
  - Selectman Coyle announced that the Abington Greenwave Boosters are holding its First Annual Lightly Used Athletic Equipment & Apparel Sale on Saturday, August 22nd at Abington High School Parking Lot. All proceeds will be going directly towards funding sub-varsity sports at Abington High School.
  - Selectman Jansen announced the Summer Concerts are a great success, very well attended and are held every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Field.

**Public Appointments:**

6:30 p.m. – Mary Mahoney – approve the purchase of the MediaMaster IPTV System as a proprietary item (attached)

M/Jansen to approve the purchase of a proprietary item

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

6:35 p.m. – Miranda’s Auto Body, 123 Centre Avenue, Commercial Garage License –Delia Miranda addressed the Board. There is no change in hours nor increase in cars, and no issues with the inspectional departments, and all taxes are up to date.

M/Burbine to open the hearing

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

There are no abutters present

M/Burbine to close the hearing

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

M/Bezanson to approve the license

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. – Diane Burton, appointment to SAGE Committee – applicant withdrew application.

6:45 p.m. – Mary Mitchell, 1347 Washington Street, Fortune Teller’s License

Ms. Mitchell is not currently a resident of Abington

M/Coyle not to approve based on State Statue Ch. 140 S.1851 requiring applicant be a resident of the Town for 12 months prior to applying for a Fortune Teller’s License.

Town Manager to confer with Town Counsel to confirm that there have not been any changes to this statute.

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

6:50 p.m. – Cream Etc., 1209 Bedford Street, Common Victualer License --

Craig Perry addressed the Board and is requesting to expand his current operation to the former location of Patty Jo’s. All inspections are complete and taxes are up to date.

M/Coyle to approve common victualer license

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

6:55 p.m. – Jillian Logan – Approval of Vasselian Memorial Foundation road race –  
Jillian Logan described the route to the Board. (attached) All safety officials are supportive of the race.

M/Burbine to approve road race

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

7:00 p.m. – Continuation of increasing hours of operation for Abington Citgo, 115 Brockton Avenue to 24 hour service – Attorney Whiting addressed the Board stating he felt his applicant has accomplished all that was asked of him from the prior meetings. Abutters Stan Kogut, 27 Rockland Street, Jim Donovan 59 Lake Street, Alicia Rico, 27 Rockland Street, Will Cushing 255 Rockland Street and Richard Hall, 199 Rockland Street are opposed to the 24 hour operation. Ed Toomey, Bedford Street is in favor of it. Fire Chief has no opposition; Police Chief has no opposition and recommends that a condition of issuance be to require a high quality video system that records the entire lot, vehicles traveling both east and west on Brockton Avenue and a cashier room 24 hours a day.

M/Bezanson to approve the license with the lights being softened and dimmed on the Rockland Street sign, and with the recommendation of the condition of the police chief, and not to increase the hours of the car wash.

S/Coyle for discussion but is opposed

Selectman Burbine states the lights are bright and too much of an intrusion on the neighbors

Selectman Jansen cannot approve based on the neighbors concerns.

Chairman is in favor of Selectman Bezanson's motion, as they are properly zoned for this use.

Selectman Coyle, no

Selectman Burbine, no

Selectman Jansen, no

Motion fails 3-2

- **Action/Discussion items:**

1. Approval of July 27, 2015 open session minutes

M/Jansen to approve minutes

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

2. Approval of a gift account for the Board of Memorial Trustees for up to \$5,000.00 annually.– to decorate street signs named after veterans at Memorial Day and the upkeep and maintenance of all war memorials (attached)

M/Burbine to approve gift account

S/Coyle

Voted 5-0

3. Approval of gift account for the Board of Health for up to \$5,000.00 annually – for opioid awareness. The American Legion donated \$1,500 to cover the cost of printing and mailing an opioid awareness pamphlet (attached).  
M/Bezanson to approve gift account  
S/Jansen  
Voted 5-0
4. Appointment of Tax Title Custodial – Suzanne Moquin  
M/Burbine to appoint Suzanne Moquin, Interim Treasurer/Collector as Tax Title Custodian  
S/Jansen  
Voted 5-0
5. Discussion on formation of an addiction task force committee – Selectman Bezanson announced that if a committee is established the opportunity to seek grant funds will be immediate. The Committee would likely be ten to twelve members. Chairman is very much in favor of this group, and feels the makeup of the committee should be grass roots, not driven by Government.  
M/Bezanson to form the Abington Substance Abuse Coalition with ten to twelve members  
S/Burbine  
Voted 5-0
6. Town Manager Report (attached)
7. Public Comment – Lisa Bezanson (attached)

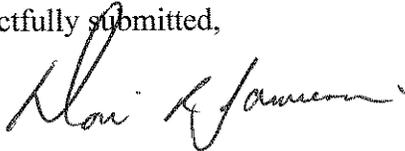
M/Coyle to adjourn

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson

Assistant Town Manager