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Town of Abington

OFFICE OF
TOWN MANAGER

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**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

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

- Moment of Silence – Vincent Griffin (attached)
- Public Announcements:

A proclamation was given to Jack Bailey for his recent retirement of Bailey's Garage, and for the numerous fund raisers that he held. (attached)

Selectman Bezanson announced that on January 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rockland Hockey Rink, the Bruins alumni will be playing the Ice Huggers, sponsored by the HUG Foundation.

Selectman Coyle announced that there will be a diabetes clinic on January 19, 2016 from 6pm to 7pm and a meat raffle on January 30, 2016 at 2pm.

Selectman Burbine announced that nomination papers are available for the upcoming Town election on April 30, 2016.

Selectman Jansen announced the Adopt a Fire Hydrant program (attached)

Chairman announced that the Board of Health was recently recognized for its commitment to curbside solid waste program enforcement (attached)

- Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. -- Jan Prall – Appointment of Associate Member to Council on Aging
M/Burbine to approve appointment
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. – Ellen Killian, Wendy Happel – Appointments to Abington Surplus Land Committee
M/Burbine to appoint Ms. Killian and Ms. Happel
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0

6:45 p.m. – Transfer of Common Victualer License, Portofino’s Italian Kitchen, 396 Brockton Avenue to Mervat Zaghdad
M/Burbine to approve contingent upon worker’s compensation certificate
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

6:50 p.m. – Change of Manager, Abington Ale House, 1235 Bedford Street -- Request to change manager from Richard Barrett to Michael Costa
M/Bezanson to approve
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0

7:00 p.m. – Shaun Provencher, DCR, discussion to purchase 41 acres, Chestnut Street (attached)
M/Burbine to support placing this on the warrant for Town Meeting for approval.
S/Bezanson
Voted 5-0

- Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of December 7, 2015 open session minutes
M/Burbine to approve
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0

2. Discussion on implementing late fees for licensing renewals (attached) After discussion, it was decided to move forward in this direction.

3. St. Vincent De Paul – Request to file for grant assistance (attached)
Chairman abstains as he is a member
M/Andy to approve this request
S/Coyle
Voted 4-0-1

4. FY2017 Budget update – (attached)

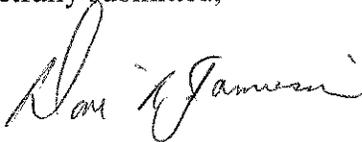
5. Town Manager Report – Town Manager reminded the Board that there is a Metro South Luncheon this Friday at Noon. We are deliberating on an election location and will get back with a recommendation. We are working with the Finance Committee to set up a budget hearing schedule.

6. Public Comment – Selectman Bezanson stated the Congressman Lynch’s office is working both with EPA and DEP go move the NPDES permit forward for the Town of Abington and the City of Brockton.

7. M/Jansen to adjourn into executive session for the purposes of non-union contractual discussions (Police Chief) and not to reconvene to open session
S/Burbine
Bezanson, aye; Coyle, aye; Burbine, aye; Jansen, aye; Franey, aye
Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dori R. Jamieson".

Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager

Moment of Silence

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for Vinnie Griffin. Vinnie was a lifelong resident of Abington who recently passed away. Vinnie was the co-owner of the family farm, Griffin's Dairy. Vinnie was a founding member of the Abington Citizens Scholarship Foundation, and a founding member of the St. Patrick's Day Committee and Grand Marshall. Vinnie will be deeply missed by his loving family and many friends.

**PROCLAMATION
JACK BAILEY
JANUARY 11, 2016**

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY TOOK OVER EDDIE BAILEY'S GARAGE FROM HIS FATHER IN 1976 AND HAS EARNED THE WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION AS A HARD-WORKING, HONEST BUSINESS OWNER;

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY;

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY STARTED THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN THE TOWN 37 YEARS AGO ON A \$10 BET, A TRADITION THAT STILL CONTINUES, WITH JACK PRESIDING AS ST. PATRICK, AND WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE TOWN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF ORANGE AND WASHINGTON STREETS AS 'ST. PATRICK'S SQUARE';

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY STARTED COLLECTING BOTTLES AND CANS IN 1989, RAISING OVER \$118,000 TO FUND LOCAL PROGRAMS, AND WE THINK HE MAY HAVE RECYCLED SOME KEGS ALONG THE WAY;

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY HAS SPONSORED 14 CAR WASHES A YEAR SINCE 1989 TOTALING 378 FUND RAISERS TO SUPPORT CLASS PROJECTS, SPORTS AND MUSIC PROGRAMS AT THE ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN SELLING DAY LILY'S SINCE 1998 AS A FUND RAISER;

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY HAS SOLD OVER 300 CHRISTMAS TREES EACH YEAR SINCE 1990 WORKING WITH MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ABINGTON MUSIC PARENTS, GREEN WAVE BOOSTERS & BOY SCOUTS;

WHEREAS: JACK BAILEY IS RETIRING AND CLOSED THE DOORS OF EDDIE BAILEY'S GARAGE OFFICIALLY ON DECEMBER 31, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE ABINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF ABINGTON AND ITS RESIDENTS, RECOGNIZE JACK BAILEY FOR HIS TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF ABINGTON OVER THE YEARS. WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR RETIREMENT. ATTACHED IS AN APPLICATION TO SERVE ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE WHENEVER YOU'RE READY!

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MICHAEL W. FRANNEY, CHAIRMAN

R. ANDREW BURBINE

MAUREEN JANSEN, VICE CHAIR

KENNETH M. COYLE

ALEX A. BEZANSON

Public Announcement



Abington Fire Department
1040 Bedford St
Abington, MA 02351

ADOPT A HYDRANT PROGRAM

The town of Abington is conducting a program that will allow residents and businesses to adopt a fire hydrant. The goal is to get 5" reflective hydrant markers on every fire hydrant in the town. Abington needs over 600 markers. The markers are fiberglass and will be maintained by the water department. This program is being run with the approval of the fire department, the water department, and the board of selectmen. A list of individual and business owners will be posted to recognize all those willing to contribute. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Date: _____

Donation Made By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address of Hydrants to be Adopted (e.g. in front of 123 Main Street):

Cost of Each Marker **\$20**

No. of Hydrant Markers Purchased: **X** _____

TOTAL: = _____

Cash Check # _____ (Checks made payable to Town of Abington) Received by: _____

Donations made by / at: Mail Fire Station Online: www.hyviz.com/abington

Once a group of orders have been placed, the Fire Department will locate the adopted hydrants and place the reflective markers. In the event there are multiple requests for marking the same hydrant, we will place the marker on one of the many critical hydrants that we have in town that may be overlooked. We will notify residents or businesses of our placement once the marker is installed.

This program is made possible by the Hy-Viz Company, Abington Fire Department, and the local support of residents and businesses of Abington.

Thank you for your support!

Public Announcement

Abington is faring well in its environmental efforts.

The town was recently recognized for its commitment to curbside solid waste program enforcement at MassRecycle's December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificate of Recognition.

Lorraine Mavrogeorge, a dedicated waste reduction enforcement coordinator in Abington, has been educating residents about proper trash and recycling procedures, as the town authorizes her to enforce Abington's recycling rules. Her position was initially funded in part by a MassDEP grant. Mavrogeorge accepted the certificate for the town.

Abington was also recognized as the Southeastern Massachusetts curbside town earning the most MassDEP "Recycling Dividend Program" points in the region for its comprehensive waste reduction program. The RDP rewarded Abington with a \$4,800 grant this year.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Abington is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household

7:00 pm

Parcel Information Sheet for Board of Selectmen

Owner: Town of Abington (Book 45669/Page 36, acquired 6/15/2015)

Parcels: Map 50, Lot 43 and Map 50, Lot 59

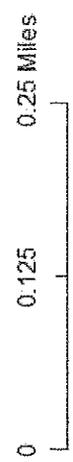
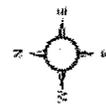
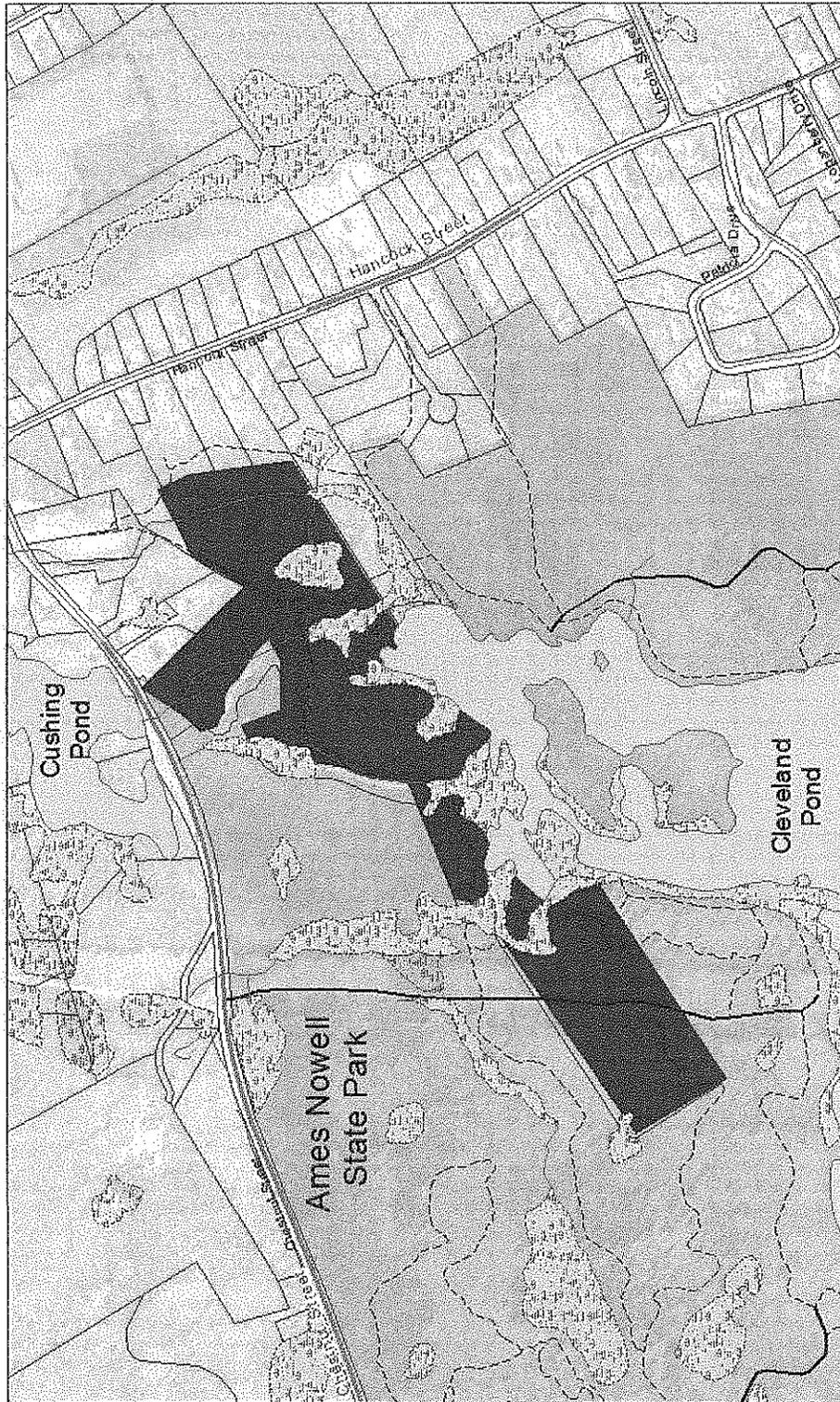
Acres: 41 +/-

Frontage: none

The above referenced parcels were acquired by the Town in lieu of back taxes from the Pohorecky Estate in June of 2015. Combined, they are a spectacular piece of landlocked property with very high multiple resource values. They abut Cleveland Pond, south of Chestnut Street and contain beautiful mixes of forest, meadow, cherry orchard, wetlands and shoreline – and are habitat for three turtle and insect species of special concern. Also on the land are the historic 18th C Richards Family cemetery (MHC #ABI.901) and Ford-Richards-Cobb Mill site (MHC #ABI.904). The parcels represent a glaring omission in the park boundary and acquisition would also move DCR one critical step closer to having a loop trail completely encircling Cleveland Pond. This parcel has been a DCR protection priority for over 20 years.

Proposal: The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) proposes to work with the Town of Abington, through its Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting processes, to allow DCR to purchase Map 50, Lot 43 and Map 50, Lot 59 (41+/- acres) for permanent protection and inclusion in Ames Nowell State Park.

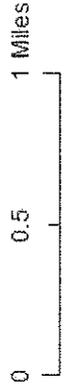
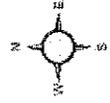
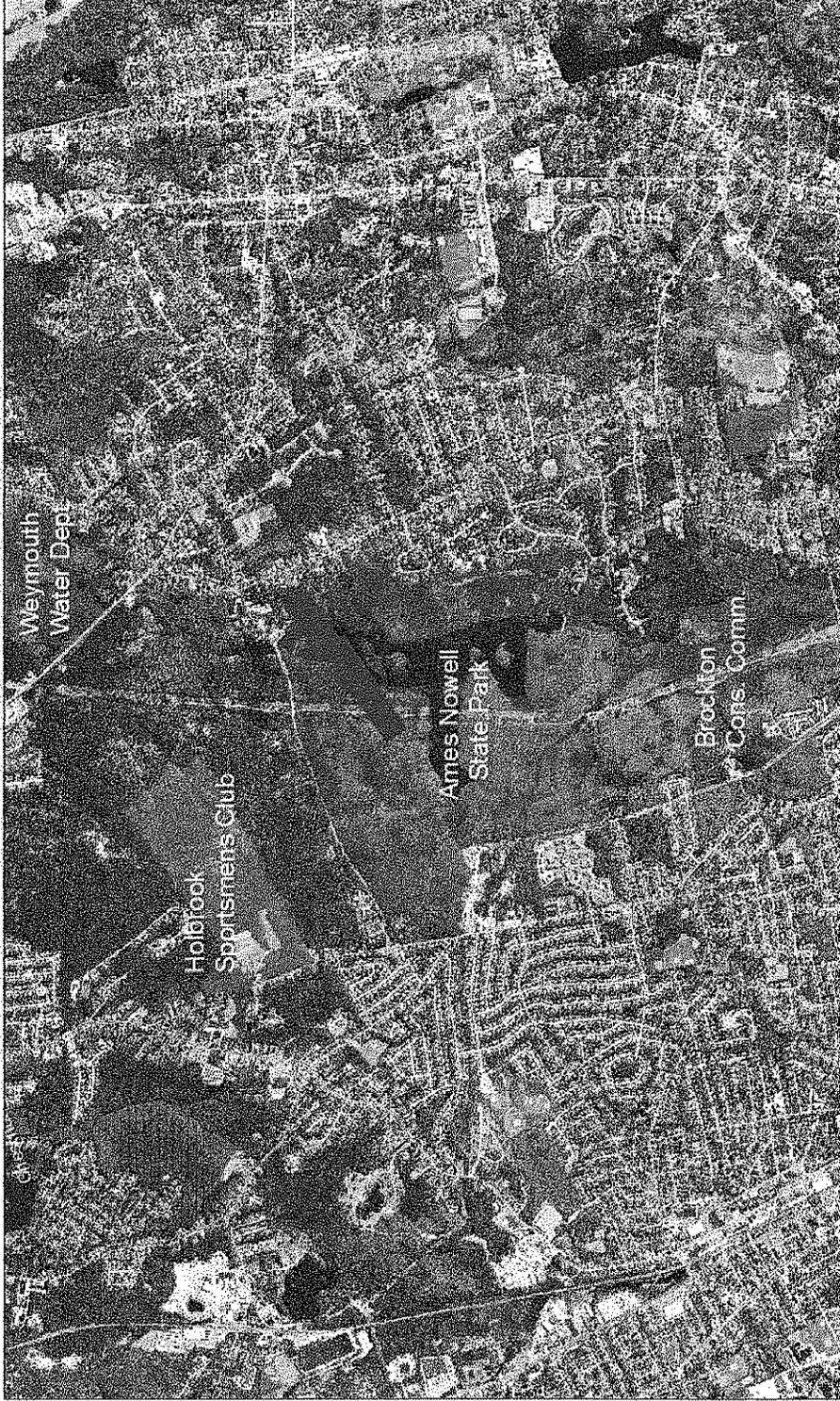
**Town of Abington Parcel
(Former Pohorecky Estate) @ Ames Nowell**



Legend

41 +/- Acre Town Parcel (Map 50-Lot 43)

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Legend

41 +/- Acre Town Parcel (Map 50-Lot 43)

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To: Board of Selectmen
From: Town Manager
Date: January 7, 2016
Subj: License Renewal Late Fees

For several years now there are several establishments licensed by the Board of Selectmen that tend to submit renewal paperwork well after the deadline. These tend to be Class 2 and Commercial Garage establishments. While it would be easy to simply not follow up with these establishments the result would likely be unlicensed establishments operating in town, further resulting in the need to expend resources for inspection, documentation, possible hearings before the Board of Selectmen, etc.

It is common for licensing authorities to utilize late fees with the goal of reducing expenditure of unnecessary time and resources – not as a revenue enhancement opportunity. If the Board members are not opposed to this concept we will do further research and propose an appropriate late fee for further consideration. Since the licensing season has just passed there is no rush to decision but if we move in this direction we would want ample time to update our renewal forms to ensure that licensees are notified.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Abington Food Pantry
455 Plymouth Street
Abington, MA 02351
(781) 878-1194

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ABINGTON

12/17/15

Dear Abington Board of Selectman,

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has been the sole sponsor of the local public food pantry for 31 years. Known as the "Abington Food Pantry", we are completely dependent upon donations and volunteers from the residents of the Town of Abington and other surrounding businesses.

We primarily service our town residents for subsistence. Those in need receive free access to fresh foods, produce, and meats along with canned and dry goods. Whenever possible, we offer clothing, housing and utility assistance as evaluated.

We are in the process of reapplying for the 2016 Community Opportunities Group (HUD) grant to obtain funds to continue our family support.

We seek a decision for approval by the Board of Selectman to file for grant assistance from HUD in support of Abington.

Very truly yours,



Michael Colotta President

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Abington

Cc: SVDP Executive Board
Community Opportunities group, Inc....Katherine Kelleher

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To: Board of Selectmen
From: Town Manager
Date: January 7, 2016
Subj: FY 2017 Budget Process Update

I will be forwarding to the Finance Committee the draft budget document that I provided the Board in December. Unfortunately there isn't much to update just yet. Major factors such as health insurance are still to be determined and the status of local aid will not be known until at least January 22 when Governor Baker will be speaking at the MMA Conference and plans to outline what he plans to submit to the legislature in his FY 2017 budget proposal. Shortly after that I will feel more comfortable concluding a balanced budget proposal.

Related to this topic we will need to consider the appropriate time for the Annual and Special Town Meeting this year. We will begin to cross reference schedules with the school department, etc. to provide a recommendation to the Board consistent with recent history for a decision in February.