



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 25, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

Members present: Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Kevin Donovan, Ken Coyle, Tom Dion

Moment of Silence – A moment of silence was held for Mary Donlan who recently passed away at age 84. Mary was the Assistant Librarian for 20 years and will be deeply missed by her loving family and friends.

Public Announcements: Proclamation for Jennifer Lee, SSVT Student of the Year Jennifer was recognized for her culinary accomplishments.

Vacancy for the Community Development Advisory Committee – Town Manager suggests if no one requests appointment, that we appoint someone from the Zoning Board, the Planning Board, and a member of the Finance Committee.

Public Appointments:

6:30 p.m. – Transfer of Louie's Pizza, common victualer license, 988 Bedford Street – Harry Georgouloupoulos is requesting transfer with no change in hours.

M/Franey to approve

S/Donovan

Voted 5-0

6:35 p.m. – Application for the sale of used articles license, 1195C Bedford Street – Nerys Ortiz is requesting new license to sell clothes, shoes, small furniture

M/Franey to approve

S/Dion

Voted 5-0

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of minutes, March 11, 2013 open session

M/Donovan to approve

S/Franey

Voted 5-0

2. Renewal of used article licenses
M/Donovan to approve as listed (attached)
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

3. Vote the date of the Special Town Meeting
M/Donovan to set the date of the Special Town Meeting to April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Abington High School gymnasium.
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

4. Review of the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant

M/Donovan to move the planning board zoning change article #7 to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant
S/Franey
Voted 5-0

5. Discussion on salary changes for Park & Recreation duties – Selectman Donovan feels it is within the Town Manager’s prevue to do what he feels is necessary to move the department forward. Selectman Dion requests an opinion from Counsel as to what trumps what with regarding to setting policy. Town Manager states the Board cannot set a policy that changes the Charter.
6. Discussion and appointment of Town Manager – There are four finalists. Selectman Franey requests an extension, as this is such an important decision, and would like additional time to make up his mind.

M/Donovan to hold a special meeting on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of appointing the Town Manager, then enter into executive session for contract negotiations.
S/Franey
Voted 5-0

7. Town Manager Report – Town Manager updated the Board on the renovation of the Arch and presented a picture that was given to the Town from the granddaughter of the Sculptor, that was taken a few days after the arch was originally completed.
 - FY2014 revenue budget estimates – Town Manager reviewed estimates, we are being conservative at this point.
 - Revolving Accounts – Town Manager will be aligning those amounts in the revolving fund to be more reflective of what is actually collected.
 - Request from the SAGE Committee to extend the Community Garden.
M/Franey to approve the extension of the gardens
S/Donovan
Voted 5-0

8. Public Comment – Selectman Dion asks that if there are any residents with comments from the “meet and greet” to email TMSearch@Abingtonma.gov . Selectman Dion states he cannot make the Plymouth County meeting on Thursday, if anyone is interested in attending.

M/Donovan to enter into executive session for the purposes of strategies pertaining to Health Care Plans for FY2014; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining involving the Managers Association, as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board; discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation involving the Town Manager contract as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board; conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, specifically the Town Manager’s position.

S/Franey

Dion, aye; Coyle, aye; Donovan, aye; Franey, aye; Burbine, aye

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson

Assistant Town Manager

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THE FOLLOWING USED ARTICLE LICENSES ARE UP FOR RENEWAL EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2013. PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE PENDING RECEIPT OF PAPERWORK, INSPECTIONS AND TAXES PAID.

- **Susie's Selections, 1501 Bedford Street**
- **Olde Abington Country Store, 1148 Bedford Street**
- **Linda's Consignment Boutique, 171 Brockton Avenue**
- **Electric Planet, 1347 Washington Street**
- **Passion for Fashion, 170 Bedford Street**
- **The Eclectic Collection, 714 Bedford Street**
- **Déjà vu Home Thrift Shop, 27 Brockton Avenue**