



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen
May 13, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

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

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Announcements: Cares for Troops will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion.
- Special Citation from the Massachusetts Park and Recreation Association to honor Mark Chirokas. A citation was presented to Mark's family, and Paul Mollica provided a very moving speech to honor Mark. He is deeply missed by his family and friends.

- Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen:
M/Donovan to appoint Mike Franey as Chairman
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to appoint Ken Coyle as Vice Chairman
S/Donovan
Voted 5-0

Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. – Approval of a Commercial Garage License, 164 North Avenue, Stop 'n Gas – Essam Ahmad addressed the Board. The hearing has been advertised and the abutters have been notified.

M/Donovan to approve the commercial garage license upon final inspection by the Building Inspector
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. – Approval of a one day liquor license, Sunday, June 2, 2013, Senior Center – Deb and Hank Sumner are requesting the license. They have obtained a licensed tip-certified server, and have insurance through Slattery Insurance.

M/Donovan to approve
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

6:45 p.m. – Continuation of the hearing of the entertainment license to Wipeout, LLC, 1437 Bedford Street. Patrick Tarmey addressed the Board for the continuation. The Board had concerns with the nature of the entertainment license being a foam event. The concern is for safety. Selectman Donovan read some reports from patrons who were injured, and unable to obtain medical attention at the establishment, along with concerns from Representative Geoff Diehl. Selectman Dion, Coyle, and Franey stated their concerns. The Board still had the concern of the age groups socializing together. Selectman Burbine stated that they had completed many tasks, but the task of approval from the Chief of Police is missing.

M/Donovan to close the hearing

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

M/Donovan to deny the entertainment license based on public safety concerns by the Chief of Police.

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

1. Approval of minutes – April 8, 2013 open session, April 8, 2013 – to be discussed in executive session
2. Annual Reappointments – M/Coyle to reappoint all those who have submitted paperwork as presented
S/Donovan
Voted 5-0
3. Review of Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants
M/Donovan to add the article from the cultural council, the three additional petition articles, and to remove the planning board zoning article and replace it with the moratorium article concerning medical marijuana.
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0
4. Review of FY2014 budget –
M/Donovan that the policy of the Board of Selectmen is to have two columns. One Finance Committee consensus budget, and one full deficit, should the 2/3 vote not occur to take funding out of stabilization
S/Dion
Voted 5-0
5. Town Manager Report – Interim Town Manager reported on the email received from the Highway Superintendent able to accomplish some road work at no cost to the Town. The Finance Team has been at all of the Finance Committee meetings and will continue to do so this week.
6. Public Comment – none

M/Burbine to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation specifically with regard to pending litigation with the City of Brockton in regard to the intermunicipal agreement as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the board; and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relating to the Abington Managers Association as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the board; and to discuss litigation, specifically with regard to the former Town Manager, John D'Agostino, and his contract, and to reconvene to open session.

S/Dion

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

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager