



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

Board of Selectmen Minutes
May 22, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Cotter Room

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

- Pledge of Allegiance

Public Appointments:

6:00 p.m. – Nancy Reid – provided a schedule of Summer Concerts. This will be repeated at Town Meeting, June 10, 2013.

6:05 p.m. – Kyle Johannessen, T.Frog Films – Request to film at Island Grove on Memorial Bridge, May 24, 2013. This is a film with no swearing nor violence. The safety departments did not have any issue with it.

M/Burbine to approve contingent of receipt of a liability waiver

S/Coyle

Voted 4-0

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of minutes – April 8, 2013 open session –

M/Burbine to approve

S/Dion

Voted 4-0

April 8, 2013 executive session

M/Burbine to approve as amended

S/Dion

Voted 4-0

May 1, 2013 open session

M/Burbine to approve as amended

S/Dion

Voted 4-0

2. Discussion on Payment In lieu of Taxes with the Town of Rockland –

For the first time, the Town of Rockland has issued the Town of Abington a payment in lieu of tax for parcels acquired by the Town of Abington on May 5, 1999, and are located in Rockland. The amount is \$1,371.24.

After discussion, it was decided to turn it over to the Deputy Assessor and to contact Rockland to file for an abatement.

M/Burbine to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining related to the Abington Managers Association, as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board of Selectmen; and to discuss contractual obligations with the former Town Manager as it relates to the severance agreement intent, as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board of Selectmen; and to return to open session.

S/Dion

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

Voted 4-0

(See May 22, 2013 Executive Session Minutes)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

7:00 P.M. – Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the Special and Annual Town Meeting Articles.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously the consensus budget, which is now labeled the Finance Committee recommended budget. Selectman Coyle asked if we could show the Town Manager's original budget, but the deficit, to show that the Departments have made cuts. It was agreed to do that.

Selectman Burbine stated he felt the snow and ice budget is not realistic, and to take \$25,000 from departments to add to snow and ice. The Chairman of the Finance Committee stated we tried that, but it brought us into lay-offs. We have worked for three weeks with the department heads and the Finance Team making cuts. There is no way to do that this year, but agrees in theory, and we need to find a way to do that. Look towards setting up a snow and ice stabilization account.

M/Coyle to take \$10,000 from the Selectmen's budget and \$10,000 from the legal budget, as they appear to be the largest increase.

No second.

M/Dion to support the Finance Committee recommended budget, along with the School Committee, the Board of Library Trustees, and the Finance Team, and thanks the group for the time and energy spent on balancing this budget

S/Franey

Burbine, no

Voted 3-1

M/Burbine to adjourn

S/Dion

Voted 4-0

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  Dori R. Jamieson, Assistant Town Manager