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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room

Members present: Maureen Jansen, Ken Coyle, Andy Burbine, Alex Bezanson, Bob Manning

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Announcements:**

The Board presented a proclamation to Chris Mason, South Shore Vo Tech Student (attached)

Selectman Manning announced that the Eagle Scouts are hosting a car wash on June 18th from 9am to 3pm at Bailey's Garage (rain date June 25th)

Selectman Bezanson announced that the U15 girls soccer team is holding a fundraiser for their trip to Disney in July, and is selling tickets for \$50.00 for June 1st from 7-9 pm at the Senior Center.

Selectman Burbine announced the Abington High School is hosting an art exhibit at the Library at the end of May, and June 6th is Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

Selectman Coyle announced that there are lots of festivities on Flag Day weekend, June 10th through the 12th. (Attached)

Chairwoman announced that this past Sunday at 3pm in front of Abington's War Memorial was a ceremony to dedicate our Gold Star street signs in Honor of Abington's War Dead.

- **Public Appointments:**

6:35 p.m. – Public Hearing, Change of Manager, Abington Liquors, 585 Washington Street – Attorney Porter addressed the Board with a request for a change of manager, transfer of stock, new officer/director, and pledge of license for Shiva Kisha Corp., d/b/a Abington Liquors, 585 Washington Street.

M/Manning to approve change of manager, transfer of stock, new officer/director, and pledge of license for Shiva Kisha Corp, pending final inspections and approval from the Board of Health

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. – Public Hearing, Layout of the roadway known as Mayflower Avenue (Public Hearing Notice attached)
M/Burbine to open the hearing
S/Manning
Voted 5-0
Mike Palani, 6 Mayflower, and Don Johanson, 30 Pilgrim Street spoke of the need to getting the road repaired
M/Burbine to close the hearing
S/Manning
Voted 5-0
M/Burbine to accept the layout of Mayflower Avenue as shown on a plan on display in the Selectmen’s Office and the Town Clerk’s office.
S/Manning
Voted 5-0

6:50 p.m. – Reduce number of parking spaces, Abington Auto Works, 225 Brockton Avenue, Jackson Botelho requests reduction in spaces from 17 to 7.
M/Manning to change total number of spaces to 7, four for repair, two customer, and one employee
S/Bezanson
Voted 5-0

6:55 p.m. – Colonial Power Group, discussion on municipal aggregation article – Mr. Mark Capadonna provided a synopsis of the program (attached). This is an article on the Town Meeting Warrant

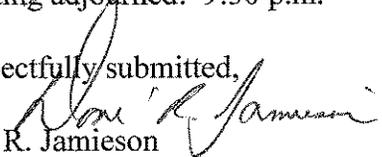
7:10 p.m. – Powers & Sullivan – FY2016 audit review – Mr. Craig Peacock provided a thorough update of the financial statements ending June 30, 2015.

Mr. Matt Barry provided a power point presentation with regard to the status of LStar Southfield, (attached) and the proposed zoning article on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Joe Murray and Mr. Sean Reynolds provided a power point presentation on the proposed bylaw changes as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals (attached)

M/Coyle to enter into executive session for strategies pertaining to collective bargaining of the following units: Library, Clerical, and Fire, and not to reconvene to open session.

S/Manning
Manning, aye; Bezanson, aye; Burbine, aye; Coyle, aye; Jansen, aye
Voted 5-0
Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ABINGTON

May 10, 2016

Town Clerk,
Mrs. LeAnne Adams
500 Gliniewicz Way
Abington, MA 02351

Dear Mrs. Adams;

The Planning Board held a public hearing on proposed zoning changes on Monday, May 2, 2016. The Board heard input from Shawn Reynolds, the Zoning Board member representing the Zoning Board of Appeals, several other Zoning Board members and members of the public. Giving due consideration to everyone's opinions, the Planning Board took the following action on the proposed Zoning Changes as follows:

Deleting the text of Article IX, Signs 175-56B(2) from "For any sign requiring a special permit under Article IX the Planning Board will be the special permit granting authority" to "For any sign requiring a special permit under Article IX the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will be the granting authority."

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend to Town Meeting "pass over" this article. The Board members felt that this authority was best left with the Planning Board as part of the larger site plan approval process.

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-56E Definitions:

Moving Sign that reads "any and every sign, any part of which moves, is designated to move, or to be moved, by any means" to read "any and every sign, any part of which moves, is designated to move, or to be moved, by any means including but not limited to flag style/wind-waver signs."

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-56E Definitions:

Promotional Banner: Any lightweight plastic, fabric or other material sign that contains identifiable sale advertisements or a commercial message.

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-56E Definitions:

Strings of Bulbs: Any string of lighting or lighting fixtures.

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-56E Definitions:

Window Sign. "A sign affixed to the surface or a window (inside or outside)..." to read "A sign affixed to the surface or a window (interior or exterior) illuminated or non illuminated..."

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-58F Prohibited Signs (14) to change from "Pennants or feather signs" to read "Pennants or feather signs and moving signs".

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-58F Prohibited Signs to add section (15) Promotional Banners.

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-59E to change from "Where a structure is set back at least 30 feet from the curb line, a freestanding sign ..." to read "Where a structure is set back at least 30 feet from the curb line, a single freestanding sign ..."

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-59G(2) from "Limits the change to a complete message to one change not more than per minute" to read "Limits the change to a complete message once every 15 minutes."

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-58F Prohibited Signs - to add section (16) Window Signs.

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-59 to add the following section 175-59(H) "Window signs. In excess of 50% window viewable surface are subject to special permit."

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

To see if the Town would vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws Article IX 175-60 by removing the section A.

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to "Take no Action" unless the Zoning Board of Appeals brings the article before Town Meeting, in which case the Planning Board would recommend that Town Meeting "pass over"

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Smith,
Chairman

cc Board of Selectmen
✓ Zoning Board of Appeals