



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
March 23, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance – Boy Scouts Troop 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Public Announcements:

Selectman Franey announced that the Lions are hosting an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Selectman Jansen announced the results of the St. Patrick's Day Parade (attached)

Selectman Burbine announced that the Boosters will sponsor a team trivia Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and to contact Mary Rogers 781-223-8281 for information.

Chairman Coyle announced on April 4, 2015 SAGE is sponsoring an E-Waste Day, (Anything with a plug) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Highway Department, 225 Central Street.

Participants are also asked to bring a donation for the Abington Food Pantry. The Police Department Open House will be held on Sunday March 29, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Public Appointments:

6:30 p.m. – Mr. Chris Aiello, Mr. Matt Barry, Mr. Jim Young, and Mr. Bill Ryan provided the Board with an update on Starwood

7:00 p.m. – National Grid – Request for installation of a new 40' class 3 pole at #3 McGeogh Street. (attached)

M/Burbine to open hearing

S/Franey

Voted 4-0

There were no abutters present

M/Franey to close the hearing

S/Jansen

Voted 4-0

M/Burbine to approve the pole installation

S/Jansen

Voted 4-0

7:10 p.m. – SAGE update – Susan Brennan, Chair, provided the Board with an update as to the recent SAGE accomplishments.

7:20 p.m. – Request for livery license – Keith Gutierrez, 1343 Washington Street. There are no objections from the public safety departments.

M/Franey to approve the livery license

S/Burbine

Voted 4-0

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of March 9, 2015 open and executive session minutes

M/Burbine to approve March 9, 2015 open session minutes

S/Franey

Voted 4-0

M/Burbine to approve March 9, 2015 executive session minutes and not to be released until all matters are resolved.

S/Franey

Voted 4-0

2. Selectmen Policy Review – Public Hearing Procedure and Policy/Public Comment Policy (attached)

M/Burbine to re-adopt both policies

S/Jansen

Voted 4-0

3. Annual renewal of used article and pawn broker licenses (attached)

M/Franey to approve all licenses as listed contingent upon all taxes being paid and final inspections.

S/Burbine

Voted 4-0

4. Municipal Website – General discussion – Wayne Norling, Network Administrator, provided the Board with an update to the website. Selectman Franey and Selectman Jansen will form a sub group for input as what to include on the website.

5. Town Manager Evaluation Summary – (attached).

6. Town Manager Report – (attached)

7. Public Comment – A member of the boy scouts asked what SAGE stood for. Saving Abington with Green Energy.

M/Burbine to adjourn

S/Jansen

Voted 4-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dori R. Jamieson

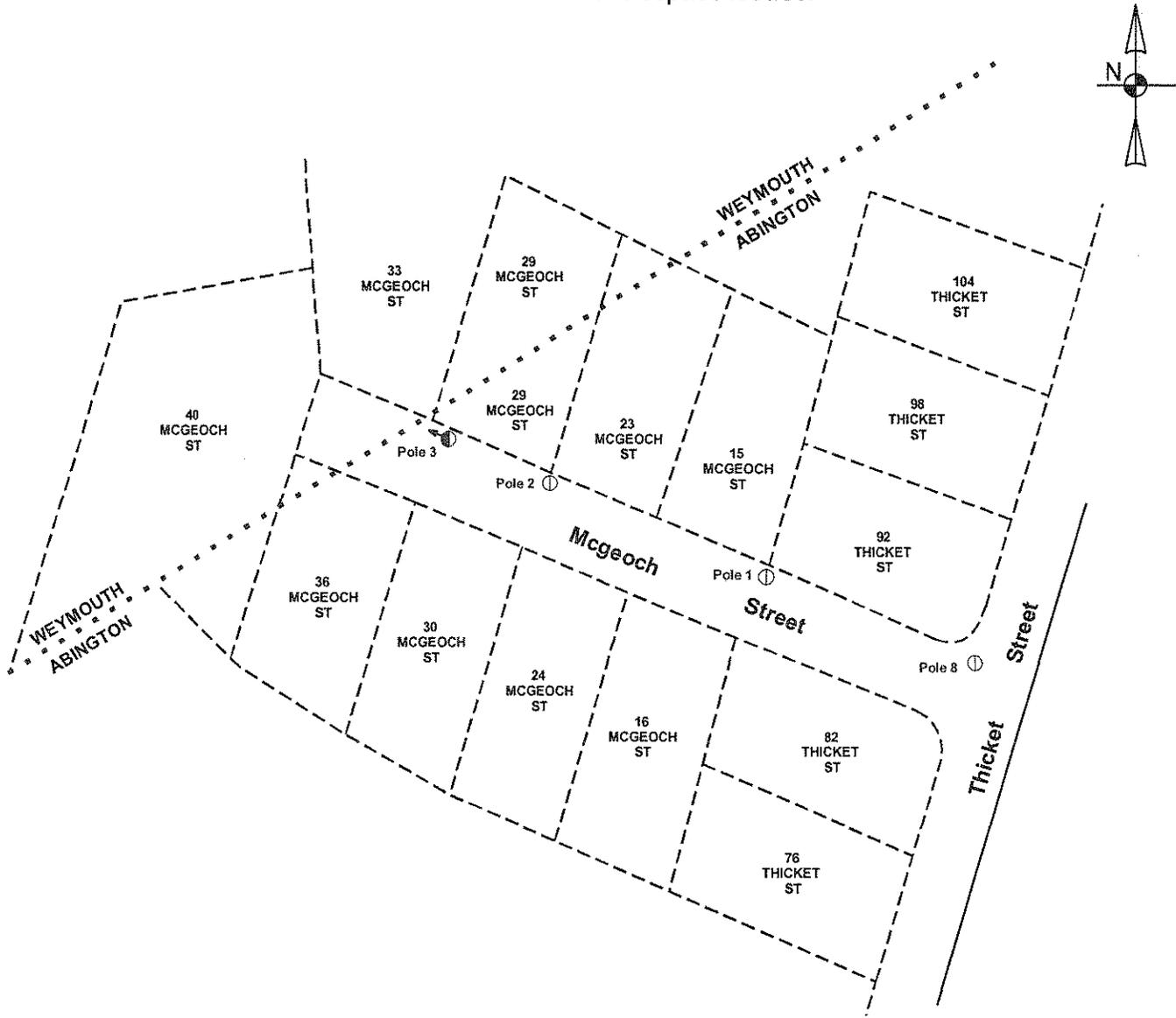
Assistant Town Manager

Town of Abington
Public Hearing

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. , Cotter Hearing Room, Abington Town Hall, 500 Gliniewicz Way, on application of Nationalgrid and Verizon New England, Inc. for installation of a new 40' class 3 pole #3 McGeoch Street with anchor and sidewalk fixture in order to alleviate aerial trespass issues. Please see accompanying sketch.

Ken Coyle
Chairman

Sketch to Accompany Petition for: Installation of new 40' class 3 pole #3 McGeoch Street with anchor & sidewalk fixture in order to alleviate aerial trespass issues.



Drawn By: M. Miranda

JOINT OWNED POLE PETITION		nationalgrid And Verizon New England, Inc.	
● Proposed NGRID Pole Locations	○ Existing NGRID Pole Locations	Date: 1/9/2015	
⦿ Proposed J.O. Pole Locations	⓪ Existing J.O. Pole Locations	Plan Number: 18641438	
⊕ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations	⊙ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.	To Accompany Petition Dated: 1/9/2015	
⊗ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed		To The: TOWN Of ABINGTON	
DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE		For Proposed: Install Pole: 3 Location: McGeoch Street	
		Date Of Original Grant:	

PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE USED ARTICLE AND PAWN SHOP LICENSE RENEWALS LISTED BELOW PENDING RECEIPT OF ALL PAPERWORK, UP TO DATE TAXES, AND SATISFACTORY INSPECTIONS.

- **Susie's Selections, 1501 Bedford Street**
- **Electric Planet, 1347 Washington Street**
- **Passion for Fashion, 170 Bedford Street**
- **The Eclectic Collection, 714 Bedford Street**
- **Deja vu Home Thrift Shop LLC, 27 Brockton Avenue**
- **ABC Tech Squad, 201 N. Quincy Street (used article and pawn shop)**
- **The Designer Diva ~**

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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: MARCH 20, 2015
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.

1. FY 2016 Budget Process – The financial officers met last week and will meet again this week to fully decipher the impact of Governor Baker’s budget proposal. The net loss of state aid primarily due to the large increase in School Choice tuition - combined with the snow deficit is a unique challenge for FY 2016. With that in mind it is still a non-negotiable priority to restore the funds used last year from stabilization in FY 2016 in advance of the issuance of permanent debt for the school project.
2. Used Car Dealer – We will continue to monitor any developments in the situation that was the subject of my email to the Board on March 13.
3. Animal Control – This week I participated in a meeting with my counterparts from Whitman and Hanson regarding the possibility of a regional Animal Control department. Whitman and Hanson are currently without permanent ACO’s and Abington was/is using Whitman’s kennel on an informal, mutual aid basis. While Abington does have an on-call ACO we do not have access to a kennel at this point in time. It is very hard to argue with our current situation whereby we expend approximately \$19,000 per year for ACO services. My concern is sustaining this very effective cost long term and a regional approach may be the best opportunity to do so.
4. Procurement – This week Dori has successfully completed the second of three educational sessions offered by the Inspector General’s Office at Ashburton Place with the goal of achieving the state’s procurement certification.
5. Aerial Truck financing – The ballot question approved by the Board for a Capital Exclusion has been submitted to the Town Clerk. I have been advised by town counsel that the article that was passed at ATM last June will need to be amended if that should pass due to the fact that a successful Capital Exclusion vote will actually result in the

“rising and appropriating” of funds rather than borrowing – which was the result of the vote last June. While this is a technicality I don’t want any surprises when the article appears on the warrant seeking to amend that vote from the 2014 ATM.

6. Town Meeting Postal Notice - Next week the required notice will be mailed to all households informing them of the date of town meeting.
7. Collective Bargaining – I am a bit behind in providing an update pertaining to our collective bargaining processes but I will get that to the Board early next week.

TOWN MANAGER SUMMARY STATEMENT

March 23, 2015

The contract requires the Board of Selectmen to complete an annual performance review of the Town Manager. The mutually agreed upon review includes such areas as supervision, fiscal management, policy execution, and relations with other town government agencies and the community at large.

Similar to last year the board has rated the Town Manager in the "Above Average" category in all evaluation categories as well as in total. The Town manager continues to show strength in terms of maintaining appropriate composure during difficult situations and maintaining strong board and community relationships. Also, based upon last year's evaluation and feedback from the members, Rick has attempted to provide more consistent updates and information to the Board on matters that are important to the Town and the Board of Selectmen.

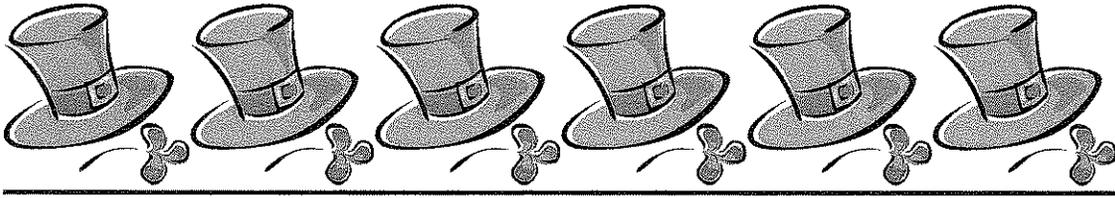
I would also like to commend Rick for the role he has taken in the regionalization of local Veteran's Services and his continued efforts in working towards the formation of a DPW. I believe that members of the Board would like to see Rick continue this trend of innovative solutions to municipal issues and also to become more involved in the Community and events that happen in Abington.

I would like to thank my fellow members for their input and congratulate Rick on his performance.

Kenneth M. Coyle

Chair, Abington Board of Selectmen

2014 TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION CALCULATION							
SELECTMAN	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total	
Individual Characteristics		4.50	3.60	4.20	3.80	4.03	
Professional Skills/Status		4.50	4.00	4.40	4.20	4.28	6 = Exceptional
Relations with BOS		5.20	3.80	3.40	5.00	4.35	5 = Excellent
Policy Execution		5.20	3.40	3.60	4.20	4.10	4 = Above Average
Reporting		5.40	3.60	3.60	5.00	4.40	3 = Average
Citizen Relations		4.83	3.50	4.00	4.30	4.16	2 = Below Average
Staffing		5.20	3.20	4.00	4.40	4.20	1 = Poor
Supervision		4.83	3.10	4.00	5.50	4.36	
Fiscal Management		4.80	3.80	4.00	4.20	4.20	
Community		5.28	3.70	3.70	4.70	4.35	
		4.97	3.57	3.89	4.53	4.24	



BEST DECORATED CAR

1ST place

OFF ROAD ELEMENTS - JEEPERS

2nd place

PARK N' GARAGE - 75 PONTIAC

3rd place

PRINCE QUEEN CORVETTE
~~SPORTS~~

BEST DECORATED TRUCK

1ST place

ATLANTIC ELEVATION

2nd place

4 H CLUB

MOST SPIRITED (ONE PRIZE)

ARINGTON MIDWEST FOOTBALL

BEST USE OF IMAGINATION (ONE PRIZE)

DUNKIN DONUTS

3rd place

ROBINGTON LIONS

4th place

ST. BRUDGETS AFTER SCHOOL

BEST FLOAT

1st place

MARTINS BAKERY

2nd place

HAUNTED MANSION - ABINGTON ALBANY

3rd place

WHITMAN PARK S.G.

4th place

BOB ANDERSON LANDSCAPE

MILITARY COLOR GUARD SCORE

Guard #1 <i>Public</i> <i>Rockland</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>1st</i>
Guard #2 <i>Leicester</i> <i>Plymouth</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>2nd</i>
Guard #3 <i>Leicester</i> <i>Abington</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>3rd</i>
Guard #4					
Guard #5					
Guard #6					
Guard #7					
Guard #8					
Guard #9					
Guard #10					
JUDGE NAME:	APPEARANCE	FORMATION MARCHING	CARRYING THE COLORS AND WEAPONS	TOTALS	
				Please use the reverse side for more than ten color guards.	

Scoring: 1 – 10 (with 10 BEING THE BEST SCORE)