



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
December 8, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scouts Pack 41
- **Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was held for Woodrow Hickey, 95 years old, passed away on November 27, 2014, who worked as a custodian for Abington High School for many years. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Chairman also stated that Lester Bradbury, an Abington Firefighter from 1966 to 1996, passed away this morning.

Public Announcements:

- Selectman Dion congratulated the Abington Greenwave Football Team for defeating the Northbridge Rams at Gillette Stadium this Saturday, with a score of 36-6, making them Superbowl Champions.
- Selectman Dion thanked the businesses that donated the street banners and the school and highway departments for installing them, along with Ron Mortimor.
- Selectman Dion announced that the new sign is underway at the beginning of Gliniewicz Way and this will be a digital message Board, and thanked the Booster along with all the groups who donated funds to make this possible.

Selectman Franey announced that the Town Moderator is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Finance Committee (attached)

Selectman Burbine announced that this Saturday at the Senior Center will be the annual breakfast with Santa from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Chairman Coyle announced that the library has won a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (attached), and an evening of Holiday music will be held on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (attached)

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of November 24, 2014 open session minutes
M/Burbine to approve
S/Franey
Voted 4-0
2. Approval of annual license renewals –
M/Burbine to approve the first page of license renewals as presented contingent upon the receipt of all paperwork, taxes being up to date, and satisfactory inspections
S/Franey
Voted 4-0

M/Dion to approve the second page common victualer excluding Trucchi's Supermarket
S/Franey
Voted 4-0
M/Burbine to approve Trucchis Supermarket
S/Dion
Selectman Coyle abstains
Voted 3-0-1

M/Burbine to approve Lodging licenses
S/Dion
Voted 4-0

M/Franey to approve Livery licenses
S/Dion
Voted 4-0

M/Dion to approve Class I, II and Commercial Garage excluding Borderland and Bailey's Garage
S/Franey
Voted 4-0
M/Dion to approve Borderland
S/Franey
Selectman Burbine abstains
Voted 3-0-1
M/Dion to approve Bailey's Garage
S/Burbine
Selectman Franey abstains
Voted 3-0-1

3. Discussion on financing the new ladder truck – Selectman Dion presented options on financing the purchase of the new ladder truck (attached). Much discussion took place, and a decision will need to be made by March regarding whether to exclude the debt or pay for it or part of it within the levy.
4. Vote to authorize the proceeding of the Frolio Middle School Project and any agreements with the MSBA
M/Dion to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with respect to the “Frolio Middle School Project and to execute necessary agreements with the MSBA.
S/Franey
Voted 4-0
5. Discussion on December 15, 2014 Selectmen’s meeting regarding Griffin’s Dairy – It was requested that the abutters be notified, the meeting notice is placed on the website, and to provide a list of those requesting to speak to the issue. A notice was sent to town departments and various organizations alerting them to the forum planned for December 15th. The purpose is to receive feedback, not necessarily to take a vote at that meeting.
6. Public Comment: The Cub Scouts Pack 41 leader explained that the cub scouts are working on a citizen’s activity badge, which is why they have attended the Board of Selectmen’s Meeting. Chairman wished Jonathan well in his future endeavors.
7. Town Manager Report – Town Manager provided a general update. (attached).

M/Dion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible pending litigation and not to return to open session

S/Franey

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

Voted 4-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager

Dori Jamieson

From: Shawn P. Reilly [sreilly@reillylawoffice.com]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 11:08 AM
To: Rick LaFond
Cc: Dori Jamieson
Subject: Public Announcements

Can you please announced at your BOS meeting:

Town Moderator Shawn Reilly is looking to fill two vacancies on the 9-member Abington Finance Committee. All members of the Finance Committee are volunteers, and must be registered voters of Abington. The Finance Committee is responsible to review each annual Town Budget and to issue recommendations to voters for all articles to be debated at Town Meetings. Interested residents should contact Shawn Reilly at 781-878-2568 or by calling the Town Manager's Office.

Thank you,

-- Shawn P. Reilly, Esq.
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Public Announcement

**Abington Public Library
600 Gliniewicz Way
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Public Announcement

December 2, 2014

The Trustees of the Abington Public Library are pleased to announce that the library has won a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The \$7,500 grant will be used over the next year for the library's "Science is Everywhere" project which will bring hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to the Library. A series of workshops, will be offered to children in the 3rd through 5th grades, through a partnership with the South Shore Natural Science Center. The library submitted the proposal in March, the project was approved in July and funds have recently been received.

Programs will feature owl pellets, catapults, a mock shipwreck, hydroponics and more! Questions may be addressed to Children's Librarian Amy Hindle at 781-982-2139, or via email at abchildrens@ocln.org.

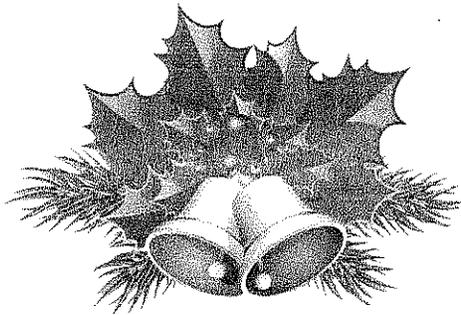
Under federal legislation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996, provides funds to each state using a population based formula. The State agency receiving the funds may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; they may also distribute the funds through grant competitions or cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school and special libraries. Federal funds support primarily activities using technology for information sharing between libraries and other community services. They also fund programs making library resources more accessible to urban, rural or low income residents, or others who have difficulty using library services. For more information about the federal IMLS/LSTA grants, please visit the IMLS Web site at www.imls.gov or visit the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners web site at www.mass.gov/mblc.

Public Announcement

AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY MUSIC

Friday, December 19, 2014 at 7 o'clock pm

*Abington High School
Paul K. Smith Music Room
201 Gliniewicz Way*



Abington Community Band

Abington Town Choir

Island Grove Chorus

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.



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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: January 9, 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. Budget Process – Preliminary budget proposal will be transmitted to the FINCOM and Board of Selectmen on or before January 15 as required. At this point we do not have an indication as to the intentions of Governor Baker as it pertains to local aid so it is my sincere hope that we will have the benefit of additional local aid (we are projecting no growth in that account at this point) as well as much better definition of fixed costs (i.e. health insurance) within 3-4 weeks.
2. Personnel By-Law/Code – Just a reminder that you may wish to review the draft Personnel by-law and code (regulations) that I emailed to the members last week. While there is no major rush I would like to make this an article for the Annual Town Meeting. The overriding concept is to authorize the TM and BOS to promulgate personnel rules/regulations etc. for employees not otherwise covered by collective bargaining. Please let me know if anybody wants another email version or hard copy.
3. TM Evaluation – Reminder – I have met with some of the board members as required. At your convenience please let me know what days/times work for those with whom I have not yet met.
4. Policy Updates – As you see in this week's agenda, the Board's appointment policy is included for review. Please be aware that by addressing the Liquor Licensing policy first we were able to incorporate the updated requirements into the 2015 licensing process. All of our establishments have received their licenses and have signed off on the policy requirements. My thanks to the Police Chief and the department for their diligence in helping to achieve full compliance.
5. Veterans District – The part-time Veterans Service Officer was hired this past week. Some of you may know Mr. Thomas McCarthy who resides on Bedford Street in

Abington. Mr. McCarthy is the current Commander of the Whitman Chapter of Disabled American Veterans and is already a certified Veteran's Claim Officer. We are very pleased to have him on board particularly with his knowledge and involvement in the veterans communities in both Abington and Whitman.

6. Griffins Dairy Demolition - The demolition project should be moving forward in the next couple of weeks. The contractor has completed the asbestos remediation and we are simply waiting for National Grid to disconnect electricity to the three meters on site. This was originally scheduled for this past Monday but has been rescheduled by NG for this coming Thursday. Once this is completed the actual demolition can take place.