



Town of Abington

OFFICE OF
TOWN MANAGER
500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Hearing Room

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

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Announcements:

Chairwoman made the following statement. "As part of our Public Announcements this evening I will be making a statement. I will not be entertaining comment on it.

At the September 12th meeting of the Board of Selectmen the Board heard public comment after an update about Police staffing was delivered. During that public comment section the Board was asked by residents and the President of the Police Union to take action and investigate, or hire a third party to investigate why officers are transferring off the force.

As follow up to that request members of the Board have received emails from residents and from the President of the Police union seeking the same action.

On September 22nd, a letter was sent to the offices of the Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Healey and our District Attorney Timothy Cruz asking them to review the request and take whatever steps, investigative or otherwise, they deem necessary.

Anyone seeking additional updates on this matter should direct those inquiries to the Office of the Attorney General and/or the District Attorney."

Selectman Manning announced the upcoming Flu vaccine clinic, October 18, 2016, 2pm to 4pm, Abington Town Hall (attached)

Selectman Bezanson announced the events of Friday and Saturday during Oktoberfest, October 14-15, 2016. (attached)

Selectman Coyle announced the events of Sunday during Oktoberfest, October 16, 2016. (attached), and Strawberry Valley Golf Appreciation Day, October 16, 2016 (attached)

- Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of August 16, 2016 open session minutes
M/Coyle to approve
S/Manning
Jansen abstains as was not present
Voted 4-0-1
2. Appointment to Griffin's Dairy Committee – Tom Peck. Mr. Peck addressed the Board stating the reasons why he is seeking appointment
M/Bezanson to appoint Mr. Peck
S/Manning
Voted 5-0
3. Appointment to the Conservation Commission vacancy, full voting member, term expiring 2018, Jim Connolly. Mr. Connolly addressed the Board stating the reasons that he is seeking appointment.
M/Manning to appoint Mr. Connolly
S/Bezanson
Voted 5-0
4. Appointment to SAGE Committee – Krista Manna. Ms. Manna addressed the Board stating the reasons that she is seeking appointment.
M/Manning to appoint Ms. Manna
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0
5. Approval of one-day liquor license, October 15, 2016, Oktoberfest, Tenth District – Mr. Patrick Eddy and Mr. Dana George addressed the Board seeking a one day pouring permit from 11 am to 7pm.
M/Burbine to approve permit
S/Bezanson
Voted 5-0
6. Approval of one-day liquor license, October 16, 2016, Oktoberfest, American Legion – Vice Chair stated that this is in case the venue is taken outside, it may not even be needed if the events are held inside. This will be on Legion property.

M/Manning to approve
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

7. Approval of one-day liquor license, October 30, 2016, fundraiser, Polish Club – This is for a fundraiser for the Carterman Family, outside dining an drinking post softball game fundraiser from Noon to 11:00 p.m. (attached)

M/Manning to approve

S/Coyle with this would be a good dry run to see how it goes as the proponent may be asking for outside dining/drinking in the future on a permanent basis.

Selectman Bezanson abstains

Voted 4-0-1

8. Summary of Town Manager Review – This has been tabled until October 24, 2016, until the complete Board has had an opportunity to meet with the Town Manager
9. Board of Selectmen goals and objectives – This has been tabled to October 24, 2016, to coincide with Town Manager review.

10. Town Manager Report (attached). Town Manager also stated that the DCR land purchase status is that January 3, 2017 will conclude the comment period, and a scheduled closing date is expected thereafter. The Town has also obtained a new \$800,000 grant from the FY2016 MCDBG to continue the Abington-Whitman Housing rehabilitation program and to provide funding to the Abington and Whitman food pantries. If any resident is interested in applying, please call 781-982-2145. (attached). This notice will also appear on the website and local cable. Lastly, there is no additional information regarding the time table that EAP will approve the NPDES permit regarding the signed agreement between Abington and Brockton for increased sewer capacity for the Town of Abington.

11. Public Comment – none

M/Coyle to enter into executive session for the purposes of annual litigation update and not to return to open session. Executive session will be held in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to the following litigation because an open session will have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating positions and the Chair so declares:

Board of Health v. Dawn Kotapski

Glazer v. Planning Board

Daniel Strautman v. Chief of Police

Board of Health v. Charles Fitts

Board of Health v. Marly Montrond

Board of Health v. William and Dorinda Moriarty

Delaney v. Town of Abington, et al.

Furness v. Abington Public Schools

Araujo v. Abington Police Department (2 matters)

Estates of Franklin Teixeira and Manuela Teixeira v. Town of Abington

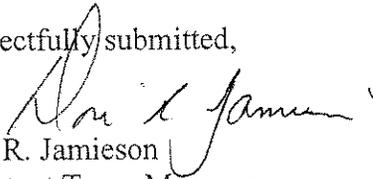
IBPO, Local 393 and Town of Abington, MUP-15-4844

S/Bezanson

Manning, aye; Bezanson, aye; Burbine, aye; Coyle, aye; Jansen, aye
Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager

ABINGTON TOWN HALL

Flu Vaccinations

**In preparation for the upcoming
Flu Season**

**The Abington Health Department
with**

**Home & Health Resources
will hold a Flu Vaccination Clinic at
Abington Town Hall,
Cotter Room, Second Floor**

DATE: 10 / 18 / 16

TIME: 2 - 4

**Open to Abington residents and town employees only.
ID Required. Adults 18+. Bring Medicare Card if eligible**



**South Shore
Health System**

Home Care

Schedule of Events & Locations



Friday, October 14th

German Dinner (5:00-8:00)

at the Polish Club
55 Wales Street
Sponsored by: The HUG Foundation
\$10/person; \$25/family
<https://www.facebook.com/HelpUsGive/>

Evening with Jim Plunket (8:00-12:00)

at Players Sports Bar & Grille
86 VFW Drive Rockland
Sponsored by:
The Abington Educational Foundation
\$20/each advance; \$25 each at the door
<http://www.abingtoneducationfoundation.org/>

Saturday, October 15th

St. Bridget's School Freaky Family 5K Run

and Walk **8:30 AM**
Saint Bridget's School • 455 Plymouth Street
Sponsored by the PTO
www.sbsptofreaky5k.racewire.com

Oktoberfest Marketplace 9:00-2:00

United Church of Christ in Abington
10 Bedford Street
<https://www.facebook.com/Oktoberfestmarketplace/>

Oktoberfest at Tenth District (11:00-9:00)

491 Washington Street
A Special Pouring at the Brewing Company
<https://www.facebook.com/10thDistrictBrewing>

Classic Car Show 2:00-5:00

Lowe's Parking lot • 400 Bedford Street
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 41

Not So Scary Woods 2:00-6:00

Island Grove Park
200 Park Avenue
sponsored by the Abington Lions

Saturday, (continued)

Outdoor Movie Night (6:30-7)

at Riley Field
Gliniewicz Way (beside the Library)
sponsored by the HUG Foundation
FREE
(Snack bar proceeds to the Abington Substance Abuse Coalition)

Sunday, October 16th

Paucake Breakfast 8:00-10:30

at The Legion Building
1027 Washington Street
sponsored by the Abington Lions

Strawberry Valley Golf Course

Town Appreciation Day 8:00-3:00 Tee Times
Free golf and food for Abington Residents Only
Sponsored by Strawberry Valley and Calm Golf
<http://calmgolf.com>

Oktoberfest Family Celebration 12:00-4:00

Sponsored by the Jeffrey Coombs Foundation & the Sgt Daniel Vasselian Memorial Fund
Frolio School/Legion Building • Washington St.
Music, Food, Beer, and Family Fun!
Joe's Crazy Critters & Petting Zoo • Bouncy House • Kids Games • Hayride • Raffles

Double Eagle Oktoberfest

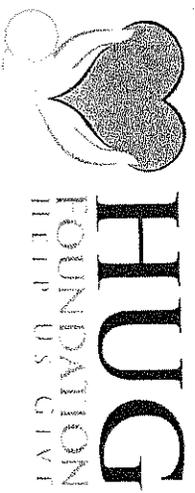
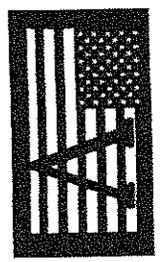
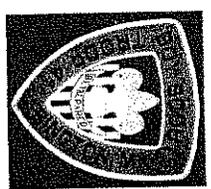
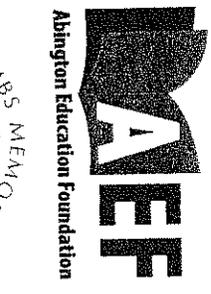
German Band 12:00-4:00

Sponsored by the Abington Summer Concerts Committee • Frolio School/Legion Building

Dog Costume Contest and Raffles 12:00-4:00

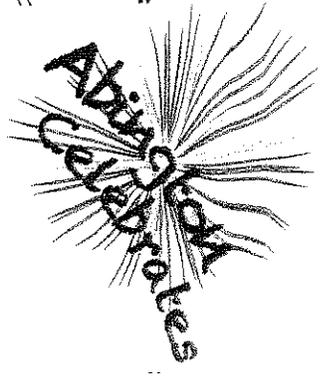
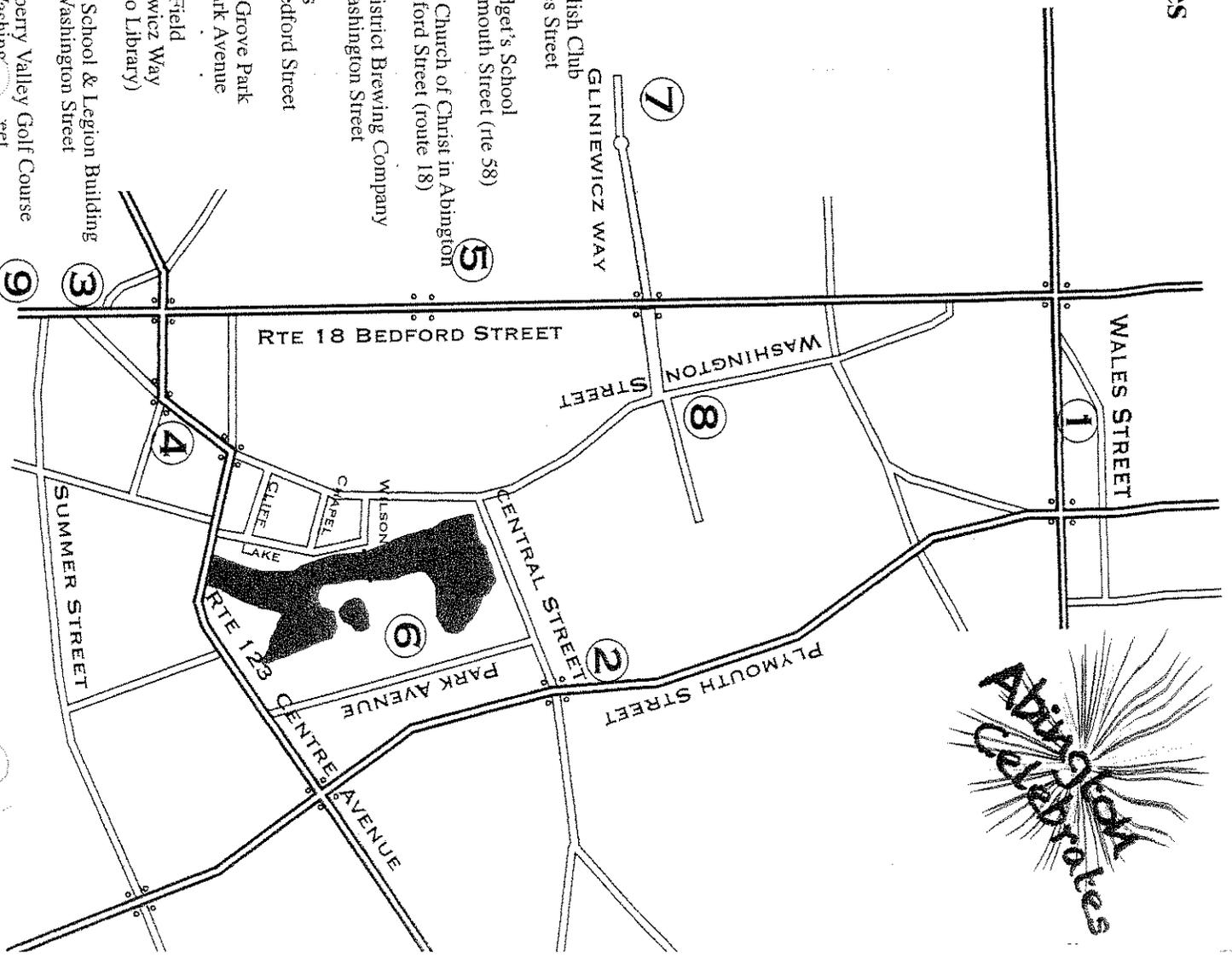
Sponsored by the Abington (MA) Dog Park Committee • Frolio School
Costume Contest at 1:30 • \$3 to enter
Raffles and items for sale.

Oktoberfest Marketplace
 At the United Church of Christ
 In Abington



Venues

1. The Polish Club
55 Wales Street
2. St. Bridget's School
455 Plymouth Street (rte 58)
3. United Church of Christ in Abington
10 Bedford Street (route 18)
4. 10th District Brewing Company
491 Washington Street
5. Lowe's
400 Bedford Street
6. Island Grove Park
200 Park Avenue
7. Riley Field
Gliniewicz Way
(next to Library)
8. Prolio School & Legion Building
1027 Washington Street
9. Strawberry Valley Golf Course
164 Washington Street



ABINGTON

TOWN APPRECIATION DAY



Strawberry Valley Golf Course

Free
GO GOLF 

Sunday, October 16, 2016

8AM- 3PM TEE TIMES

Free To All Abington Residents Only

9 Holes of Golf • Hot Dog, Soda & Chip
Coffee & Donuts



All golfers must have clubs—Golf clubs will be available for rental

MUST Call Strawberry Valley Golf Course
to schedule tee times before they're booked up!!

781-347-4877

Sponsored By Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee and Calm Golf, Inc

www.calmgolf.com

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September 28, 2016

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SEP 30 2016

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ABINGTON

Honorable Board of Selectmen
500 Gliniewicz Way
Abington, MA 02351

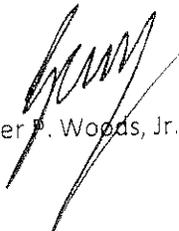
Dear Honorable Board,

The Polish Club would like to request permission to serve food and drink outside, in the fenced smoking area patio in the rear of the building on October 30, 2016, from 12:00pm-11:00pm. I have enclosed pictures of the patio area. This area is completely fenced with exit gates.

We are hosting the post softball game fundraiser for the Carterman family.

Thank you for the board's time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted by:
The Polish Club of North Abington


Roger P. Woods, Jr.

9/30/2016

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Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351



TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
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. Griffins Dairy – We are waiting on the Superseding Order of Condition by DEP in response to the appeal of the ConCom’s Order of Conditions. DEP was on site September 15 doing an inspection and taking soil samples.
2. Assistant Town Clerk – In conjunction with Town Clerk Leanne Adams I am happy to announce the promotion of Barbara Comoletti from Administrative Assistant to Assistant Town Clerk. This has been a goal of Leanne for several years. Barbara can now legally perform duties that otherwise need Leanne’s personal attention (i.e. swearing in elected and appointed officials) and she can also perform all the statutory roles of the Town Clerk’s position in the absence of the Town Clerk. Barbara has worked towards this goal and attended various training over the past two years with regard to the statutory functions (including election administration) of the position. I also applaud the efforts of Leanne Adams in researching those requirements, collecting position descriptions for the same position in the area, and recommending appropriate updates to our position description. One update in particular that I should point out is that the Assistant Town Clerk will also function as one of our designated Records Access Officer’s per the requirements of the updated public records law.
3. Abington Business Association - We have had representatives of over 40 local businesses sign up on Survey Monkey to participate in this group and the next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 9:00 a.m. The Ale House is generous enough to host. At this meeting we intend to have a Route 18 update from a DOT official. We also hope to recruit leadership from those in attendance to promote, and, to ultimately run this organization. I also expect that with the help of Old Colony Planning Council we can present the different organizational options for such a group that are used in other cities and towns. And,

finally, this will be a good opportunity to explain some of the coming issues that we will likely seek their input with (sign/zoning updates, etc).

4. Health Insurance – Our underwriting review is ongoing as well as conversations with other communities in the Mayflower Municipal Health Group as possibly forming smaller joint purchase groups. As previously reported Rockland has voted to leave the MMHG and Hingham is likely also going to leave. I will be meeting with our employee groups in mid-October to review the status of MMHG as well as the financial opportunities that may exist for Abington. Another major increase in rates will clearly impact our ability to meet other obligations and pursue goals. This has become the biggest issue that I am facing in terms of the need to work both internally (employee groups and financial team) and externally (with MMHG and other individual towns) to try to minimize the possible impact of major increases in health insurance rates.
5. Lighting Upgrades – We are in the final stages of lighting retrofits at the Senior Center, Library and Town Hall. The project is designed to save energy and will pay for itself over an average of 5 years through NGRID billing offsets. This was a project that had been researched by SAGE and has finally moved forward.

The Towns of Abington and Whitman have a new \$800,000 grant from the FY 2016 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program (MCDBG) to continue the Abington-Whitman Housing Rehabilitation Program *and* to provide funding to the Abington and Whitman food pantries.

This is the third time that the two towns have joined in a regional effort, competing with other communities in a competitive funding application. The new grant will allow the communities to continue to serve low and moderate income residents of the Towns by assisting homeowners to make repairs to their properties and by supporting the Abington and Whitman Food Pantries.

The funding will provide deferred payment loans to an estimated 20 homeowners in the two communities. These loans carry *zero interest, require no payments, and are forgiven after 15 years*, allowing eligible homeowners to make repairs they could not otherwise afford, including but not limited to repair or replacement of heating, plumbing and electrical systems, making handicapped accessibility modifications, repairing siding, removing lead paint hazards, and making energy efficiency improvements.

The program is also a vital resource for eligible homeowners needing emergency repairs to address failed heating systems, badly leaking roofs and other serious health and safety repairs.

The Abington and Whitman food pantries will *each* receive \$30,000. These funds will allow the two food pantries to purchase an *additional* \$60,000 of food to be distributed to residents of the two communities who are struggling, especially in the wake of cuts to federal food assistance and to fuel assistance programs.

The grant will continue to be operated from the Community Development Office, located at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer Street in Abington. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and residents with questions or who wish to apply for housing rehabilitation assistance may contact program staff by calling 781-982-2145. Housing Rehab applications will also be available at both the Abington and Whitman Senior Centers.