



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Cotter Room**

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Public Announcements:**

A proclamation was given to the Abington Cadette Girl Scout Troop 80304 led by Gail Bergen (attached)

Selectman Bezanson announced that the Abington Substance Abuse Coalition will meet on the second Tuesday of every month beginning October 13, 2015.

Selectman Coyle announced the upcoming events being held at the Abington Public Library beginning on September 16 at 7:00 p.m., meet the author.

Selectman Burbine announced that on September 25th there is a Golf Tournament being held at Ridder Country Club.

Selectman Jansen stated that the music parents are sponsoring the 36th annual Fall Craft Fair at the Abington High School on September 20, 2015.

Chairman Franey announced the 2015 Hall of Fame inductions. (attached)

Aaron Christian, Eagle Scout, Troop 41 announced there will be an American Legion pasta dinner fundraiser on September 20, 2015 from 5-8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ.

Public Appointments:

6:30 p.m. – Eric Arbeene – Approval of Adoption Resolution for the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Arbeene presented the attached plan.

M/Jansen to adopt the mitigation plan

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

6:35 p.m. – Approval of Commercial garage license, d/b/a Extreme Auto and Marine, 1420 Bedford Street.

M/Burbine to open the hearing

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

There is no change in hours, or increase in the number of cars. The hearing has been advertised, abutters notified, and no issues with inspectional departments nor unpaid taxes.

There are no abutters present.

M/Burbine to close the hearing

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to approve the commercial garage license

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

6:40 p.m. – Approval of Used Article License, d/b/a Fieldstone Furnishings, 538 Bedford Street.

Selectman Burbine abstains

There are no issues from inspectional departments.

M/Bezanson to approve

S/Coyle

Voted 4-0-1

6:45 p.m. – Continuation of Approval of Fortune Teller License, 1347 Washington Street – after much discussion concerning MGL Chapter 140, Section 185I, residency requirement, and consideration of recommendation by Town Counsel

M/Jansen to approve license

S/Burbine

Bezanson, no

Coyle, no

Voted 3-2

6:50 p.m. – Discussion on accepting withdrawal of resignations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and allow current position member designations to remain in effect.

M/Burbine to accept withdrawal of resignations and Sean Reynolds to continue to hold the alternate member position and Joe Murray to continue to hold the full voting member position.

S/Jansen

Bezanson, no

Voted 4-1

7:00 p.m. – Appointments to the Abington Substance Abuse Coalition:

M/Burbine to appoint Leanne Adams, Cheryl Bailey, Elaine Brophy, Stacy Baker, Kate Casey, Richard Cullinane, Wendy Happel, Charlene Simonetti, Jennifer Whitman, Penny Counter, Daniel Baker, Deborah Rust, William Rust

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

• **Action/Discussion items:**

1. Approval of August 17, 2015 open session minutes
M/Jansen to approve minutes
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

2. Approval of Greenwave Boosters annual door to door drive, Sunday, October 18, 2015
from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
M/Jansen to approve the door drive
S/Coyle
Voted 5-0

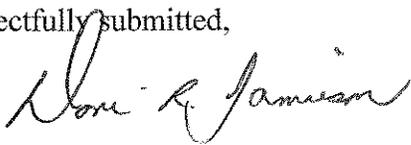
3. Town Manager Report (attached)

Selectman Bezanson requested that the Town Manager attempt to make hiring at the Highway Department a priority

M/Burbine to adjourn
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager

MRS. Ann

PROCLAMATION
Girl Scout Troop 80304
September 14, 2015

WHEREAS: *Girl Scout Troop 80304 earned the Silver Award;*

WHEREAS: *Girl Scout Troop 80304 completed 50 hours of community service;*

WHEREAS: *Girl Scout Troop 80304 donated 25 personal care packages to the Brockton VA Hospital, with a personal thank you card for each box;*

WHEREAS: *Girl Scout Troop 80304 worked very hard collecting donations and putting together the packages;*

WHEREAS: *Girl Scout Troop 80305 made a thank you banner that is proudly hanging at the Brockton VA Hospital;*

Now, therefore, we, the Abington Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Abington and its residents, recognize Girl Scout Troop 80304 for a job well done. Your hard work, dedication and commitment are appreciated and recognized by this community with pride.

Board of Selectmen

Michael W. Franey, Chairman

Maureen Jansen, Vice Chair

R. Andrew Burbine

Kenneth M. Coyle

Alex A. Bezanson



Public Announcement

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If you are a fan of the Green Wave, circle Oct. 4 on your calendars.

That's when Abington High School's Athletic Hall of Fame will hold inductions for 2015.

The induction ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at Emerald Hall (formerly the VFW Hall on Central Street) and is suppose to conclude around 10 p.m.

It should be quite a night with a tremendous fivesome of inductees.

Alphabetically, the new inductees are Gordon W. Bates (AHS '52), Thomas J. Graham, Donna Marrier (AHS '77), Walter F. Paster (AHS '41) and Christopher K. Wells (AHS '75).

All carry a portfolio of success at Abington High School and easily deserve induction.

Bates was the first Abington High School athlete to earn 12 varsity letters, as he started and played four years in baseball, football and basketball.

Voted as the "Best Athlete" in his class, Gordon excelled as a baseball pitcher and was drafted by the Boston Braves.

While serving in the US Army, he pitched for the Army while stationed in Austria, and later returned to Abington to play collegiate baseball and Old Town football.

Graham is the only non- Abington High graduate in the class, but he bleed Green-and-Gold.

He was one of the most popular teachers and coaches at the High School.

Graham coached two sports: football and baseball.

But baseball was his first love. He led Abington to more than 300 victories in his tenure. In 2006, they named the baseball diamond in his honor.

Coach Graham was inducted into the Massachusetts High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001 and Stonehill College's Hall of Fame in 2009.

Marrier was one of the first of many premier female athletes in Abington High School history.

She excelled in field hockey, softball and basketball for the Green Wave and served as a team captain in all three sports.

Marrier scored over 700 points in just two years of basketball, and is considered one of Abington's best-ever high school softball players.

Paster, like Graham, was a teacher and coach at Abington High School.

He served as football coach in the pre-Super Bowl days of the 1950s and 1960s when the Green Wave dominated the gridirons as they do today. He was recognized by the Massachusetts Football Coaches Association and was elected into their Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Abington High School with honors, Paster played football at Brown University where he starred and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He still honors the NCAA collegiate record for most interceptions – five – in a single football game.

Wells was one of the most dominant all-around athletes in Abington High School history, who excelled in basketball, football, baseball and tennis.

6.30pm

Adoption Resolution

Abington

Board of Selectmen

500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA

Adoption Resolution

WHEREAS, The Town of Abington, with the assistance from the Old Colony Planning Council, has gathered information and prepared the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and

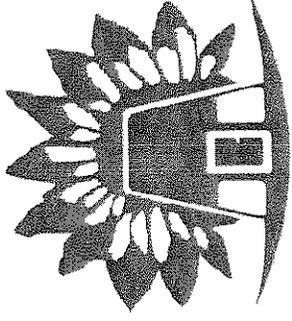
WHEREAS, The Town of Abington is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the action in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Selectmen that The Town of Abington adopts the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2015 at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Michael W. Franey, Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Old Colony Hazard Mitigation Plan

Abington Board of Selectmen

September 14, 2015

Eric Arbeene, AICP
Old Colony Planning Council

Background of the Old Colony

Hazard Mitigation Plan

- In 2010, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) applied for and received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update the 2006 Old Colony Hazard Mitigation Plan for 15 communities in the OCPC region.

- The 15 communities included in the Plan are:

Abington	Easton	Plymouth
Avon	Halifax	Plympton
Bridgewater	Hanson	Stoughton
Brockton	Kingston	W. Bridgewater
E. Bridgewater	Pembroke	Whitman

What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Hazard Mitigation Plans identify policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses. These plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.
- The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) is federal legislation that encourages state and local authorities to plan for disasters before they occur. The DMA requires proactive pre-disaster planning as a prerequisite for certain types of federal financial assistance.

Benefits of a Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Identify cost effective actions for risk reduction that are agreed upon by stakeholders and the public
- Focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities
- Build partnerships by involving people, organizations, and businesses
- Increase education and awareness of hazards and risk
- Communicate priorities to state and federal officials
- Align risk reduction with other community objectives
- Obtain eligibility to apply for hazard mitigation grants

Plan Element: Hazard Identification

The following hazards were profiled in the Plan:

Flooding	Coastal Erosion	Landslides
Hurricanes	Wildfires	Tsunamis
Tornadoes	Urban Fires	Extreme Temps.
Winter Storms	Earthquakes	

Each profile includes a description, potential impacts, locations, history, and a probability of future occurrences.

Plan Element: Risk Assessment

A risk assessment was developed for each community to determine their vulnerabilities and risks from the aforementioned hazards.

The assessments include:

- A Community Profile noting important geographic and demographic data as well as major land uses and natural features.
- An Inventory of Critical Facilities and their relationship to the aforementioned hazards.

Plan Element: Existing Protections

An inventory of existing practices/protections that each community has taken to protect themselves against the threat of natural hazards is included in the Plan. Included is a listing of programs, plans, regulations and efforts in each community.

Plan Element: Mitigation Strategy

After evaluating the hazards, risks and assets in each community, a mitigation action plan was created that detailed a series of actions specific to each community.

Actions include prevention, property protection, public education and awareness, natural resource protection, structural projects, and emergency services protection.

Mitigation actions are categorized by priority and potential cost/benefit.

Plan Element: Plan Adoption

After being reviewed by both MEMA and FEMA, the Plan received the Approval Pending Adoption designation from FEMA on August 14, 2015.

Each community must adopt the proposed resolution for the Plan to be in effect and to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation assistance programs. Once approved, resolutions are forwarded to FEMA for final approval.

The Plan expires 5 years from the date of the first community adoption. (August 25, 2020)

Next Steps

Hazard Mitigation Plans are considered living documents and should be evaluated and revised on a continual basis.

Due to a variety of logistic issues, MEMA recommends that future hazard mitigation plans be completed on an individual community basis and not as part of a regional or multi-jurisdictional plan.

Communities should begin the process of formally updating the Plan three years after adoption. This will give the community sufficient time to update the plan as well as sufficient time for the MEMA and FEMA review.

Next Steps

OCPC is committed to hazard mitigation planning and looks forward to working with your community to update your future plans.

Thank you!!

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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 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. Treasurer/Collector Update – After interviewing candidates I have made an offer to the candidate unanimously supported by the interview committee. I hope to be able to report a conclusion by the middle of next week. I very much appreciate the assistance of Felicia Moschella, Sue Moquin, Jack Pistorino, and Dori for their time, effort, and input throughout the process.
2. Brockton Casino Proposal - On Thursday a group of Abington officials including the Police Chief, Deputy Chief, Atty. Jonathan Silverstein (K&P), Mike Franey and me met with representative of the developer of the proposed casino in Brockton. We did make a verbal request for mitigation should this proposal come to fruition. At an appropriate time it may be advisable for the full Board to meet with Silverstein and I will keep the board apprised of any feedback or developments in that process that may impact us in Abington.
3. Griffins Dairy – For various reasons the initial draft “plan” for purposes of feedback and discussion has been slower in coming than OCPC had hoped. While we may get that information today (Friday), Eric Arbeene of OCPC will be at our meeting on Monday night to discuss the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and we have informed him that a brief update on the Griffins Dairy efforts may be requested.
4. Republic Waste Services – The draft contract has been reviewed by town counsel and we have a few relatively minor format areas to discuss with RWS as their standard contract is a bit different than WSI’s - but an updated contract is imminent. As you know service has continued without any issues whatsoever and their working relationship with us and the Board of Health office is very strong.
5. Facilities – Through the efforts initiated by Gerard Maclellan of the SAGE committee over a period of time we are getting close to solidifying plans to retrofit several town

buildings with LED lighting. A recent meeting with a representative of Philips Lighting with me and Gerard was helpful in determining possible additional cost saving opportunities and narrowing down the appropriate locations that would be cost effective. This scope of this project will continue to develop over the next month or two as well as the logistics and timing (particularly of any school buildings).