

# Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY  
ABINGTON, MA 02351

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2013  
6:00 p.m.  
Cotter Room

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

M/Burbine to enter into executive session for the purpose of an update by the Board of Sewer Commissioners with regard to strategies pertaining to sewer negotiations with the City of Brockton, and to return to open session

S/Donovan

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

Public Announcements: Saturday October 5, 2013 is Hazardous Waste Day, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Highway Department.

#### Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. – Board of Selectmen/Board of Trustees of Veterans' Memorial – Cindy Coyle  
Selectman Coyle abstains

M/Donovan to appoint Cindy Coyle to the Board of Trustees of Veterans' Memorial  
S/Dion

Voted 4-0-1

M/Vegnani to appoint Cindy Coyle to the Board of Trustees of Veterans' Memorial  
S/Pratt

Voted 2-0

6:40 p.m. – Sandra Wright, Plymouth County Commissioners update – Sandra thanked Tom for being a member of the advisory board and attending the meetings. Sandra provided a thorough update as to the role of the Commissioners and the services provided.

6:50 p.m. – Zahid Durani, continuation of Abington Citgo, 115 Brockton Avenue, increase hours-- Attorney Whiting spoke on behalf of Mr. Durani requesting increase in hours. Mr. Stan Koguit, abutter and Patricia Eagen, 27 Rockland Street are vehemently opposed stating the noise factor is currently a problem. The complaint is of gas deliveries not within the hours, vacuums, blowing leaves, and the lights are too bright.

M/Donovan to refer the issue of the noise complaint to the Board of Health to advise, consent, and recommend on the issue of noise.

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of September 9, 2013 open session minutes –  
M/Donovan to approve  
S/Coyle  
Voted 5-0
2. Approval of Greenwave Boosters door to door drive, Sunday, October 6, 2013  
M/Donovan to approve  
S/Coyle  
Voted 5-0
3. Approval of a Touch a Truck event, November 3, 2013  
M/Burbine to approve the event at the Town Hall parking lot  
S/Dion  
Voted 5-0
4. Vote on Special Municipal Employee Status –  
It was decided to postpone this to the next meeting, to specifically invite the boards and committees who currently have the status to attend the meeting to state whether the status should remain.
5. Setting of November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting Warrant – Town Manager reviewed the warrant.
6. Discussion on Plymouth County Retirement Association's funding schedule for pension costs – Town Manager stated that it was recently voted to extend the deadline put on municipalities from 2030 to 2034. It was suggested that the Treasurer Tom O'Brien and Mr. Farmer come in for a full report possibly at a joint meeting with the School Committee.
7. Town Manager Report – (attached)
8. Public Comment – none

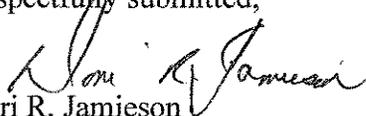
M/Dion to adjourn

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dori R. Jamieson  
Assistant Town Manager



# Town of Abington

*Town Manager Report*

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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FROM: TOWN MANAGER  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2013  
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. Landfill – Attached to this Update is the recent summary from Steve Wright at Kleinfelder regarding the status of the Groveland Street landfill. We will seek to have him attend a Board meeting in the near future to discuss this matter. When that time comes we will re-circulate the update.
2. Memorial Arch – The ConCom NOI hearing that was continued to September 10 has been continued “indefinitely”. Apparently there is a desire to have more discussion with the chosen contractor prior to the issuance of an Order of Conditions. The problem is that we will be unable to effectively procure a contractor without knowing what is being required by the ConCom as there will be cost implications. I am planning to meet with the Chairman next week to strategize how to move forward.
3. Strawberry Valley Golf Course – I have worked to update the RFP for the contract that expires December 2013. With the help of an Inspector General’s Advisory published in 2009 the Chairman, Steve Wakelin and I have made some changes that should be helpful. I have forwarded this to K&P for a review. The goal is to have the RFP available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October.
4. Waste Solutions – Per my last update I forwarded the attached letter to Waste Solutions.
5. Town Meeting - I have worked with Dori to format the town meeting warrant a bit differently than in recent years. Keep in mind that we do not have an up to date 5 year capital plan as such at our disposal to draw upon for the purposes of article submission, however, the items that you see will probably look reasonably familiar to you. In conjunction with the budget process we will be requesting a 5 year projected capital needs statement from each department that will become the basis of an overall plan.
6. Web Site - You will recall that one of the goals that we had was to review the town’s website for opportunities to make the site more interactive for ease of use by the public. In that regard IT Director Wayne Norling has begun to review other municipal websites in the hopes of finding positive attributes that we could bring to Abington. For several years now the Massachusetts Municipal Association has an annual Website contest and recognizes municipalities of varying sizes for their sites. We decided that it makes sense to start reviewing those past “winners” first particularly to get a sense of any specific innovations that have been developed. At this point in time there are so many cities and towns that use the Virtual Town Hall platform that we have all started to look alike. There are pros and cons to that. That being said – if anybody has any specific ideas or experiences that you think are helpful please forward to me and/or Wayne as this process moves along.
7. Public Works – I had previously met with the Chairman of Park and Rec. and have since had the opportunity to meet with the full Board. In addition to their regular business we have discussed the possibility of solidifying the current responsibilities that have been absorbed into the Highway Dept on a permanent basis. The particular concerns of the Commission have to do with the ability to organize

and maintain programs for various age groups rather than deal with facility and personnel management. I can fully appreciate this goal and believe that it fits nicely with the goal of the Board of Selectmen to integrate permanently some of these historic responsibilities of Park & Recreation into a Public Works Dept. during the 2014 Charter Review.