

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, January 22, 2007

On January 22, 2007, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yeatts at 6:00 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Evirs and Selectman Yeatts. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary.

6:00 PM Meet with Lakeville Arts Council-announce 2007 grants

Daniel Cooney and Joanne Upham from the Lakeville Arts Council were present for the discussion. Mr. Cooney and Ms. Upham took the floor to announce the FY07 Grant winners from the Lakeville Arts Council. Mr. Cooney explained that there were many more applications submitted for the grants than in the past year. A total of 16 grants were awarded for a total of \$4,000. Ms. Upham stated that there were seven (7) Lakeville residents who applied for grants and all seven (7) were awarded a grant. The Lakeville grant winners were: Lakeville Public Library – Tattle Tunes; Daniel Cooney – Lakeville Four Seasons Painting Series; Lakeville Council on Aging – Irish Musical Program; Lakeville Haunted House Inc. – Haunted House 2007; Lakeville Garden Club – Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show; Lakeville United Church of Christ – Flavors and Sounds of Lakeville; and Friends of the Lakeville Public Library – Pottery Workshop. Other grant winners were: Theatre One Production; Friends of the Middleborough Public Library; South Coast Historical Association; Soule Homestead Education Center; Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra; The Organic Mom; Gary Jackson; Bob Thomas; and Kelly Zucco. Mr. Cooney said that the Council has developed a Cultural Presentation Series at the library every few months of which a different art form is presented. There has been positive response of this and it will be continued again.

Mr. Cooney thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support of the Art's Festival and stated that the next one is already in the planning stages.

6:30 PM Meet with Dan Hopkins-request for Firefighter appointment

Daniel Hopkins, Fire Chief was present with the applicant. Chairman Yeatts read the letter from Chief Hopkins, asking for the appointment of Jeffrey Brum as a full-time Paramedic/Firefighter.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Jeffrey Brum as a full-time Paramedic/Firefighter for a one (1) year probationary term. Appointment is subject to the successful completion of a Department approved physical examination, a PAT test, and successfully completing the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Program.
Unanimous in favor.

Vote to approve and sign contract-Vision Appraisal Technology

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To sign the Annual Software Maintenance Agreement and the Valuation Update Agreement with Vision Appraisal Technology.
Unanimous in favor.

Request from Planning Board to place Outdoor Lighting By-law on Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Yeatts explained that the Outdoor Lighting By-law had been reviewed and it has been deemed that Town Counsel should also review it. At this time a few questions from page 2, section 2.6 – Height from the Ground were discussed for clarification between Chairman Yeatts, Selectman Evirs and Ms. Garbitt. Section 3.1.2 was noted as further clarification on the definition. It was noted that Jim Marot, Building Commissioner, will also be consulted again for further explanation on the section.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To forward the Outdoor Lighting By-Law to Town Counsel to review prior to it being placed as an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Unanimous in favor.

Revisit MBTA later train hours

Chairman Yeatts explained that four (4) additional responses had been received from the community regarding extending the later MBTA train hours and they were all positive. Ms. Garbitt noted that a few of the responses have come from Middleborough as well. Chairman Yeatts stated that it was possible that since it is the Middleborough/Lakeville train line, those in Middleborough may not have had any way to respond but through Lakeville.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To send the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) a letter responding to their request, that the Selectmen are in favor of extending the hours of the train later into the evening so that community members may attend shows, concerts, etc. in Boston.
Unanimous in favor.

Request from Lakeville Area Mother’s Club to use Old Town House

Chairman Yeatts read a letter from the Lakeville Area Mother’s Club to use the Old Town House for their annual yard sale on May 4, 2007 and May 5, 2007. Ms. Craig said that it was available on those dates.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Lakeville Area Mother’s Club request to use the Old Town House on May 4, 2007 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and on May 5, 2007 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM for their Annual Lakeville Area Mother’s Club Yard sale with money raised from the event going towards scholarships and for anonymous donations to needy families in the area.
Unanimous in favor.

Request for constable reappointment-Herve Vandal

Chairman Yeatts read the request from Herve Vandal to be reappointed as a Constable for the Town of Lakeville. Ms. Craig stated that his Constable bond is current.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To re-appoint Herve W. Vandal, Jr. as Constable in the Town of Lakeville with an appointment to expire on January 22, 2008.
Unanimous in favor.

Request for appointment of Volunteer Observer-Herring Fishery Commission

Chairman Yeatts read the request from the Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission to appoint Mark Brochu as a volunteer observer. Ms. Craig noted that the Commission has both wardens and voluntary observers. She has been attempting to contact the Chairman of the Herring Fishery Commission since the Wardens for the current year expired in September 2007 and they need to be renewed.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Mark Brochu as a Volunteer Observer with the Middleborough/Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission with an expiration date of September 30, 2007.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss request from Secretary of State to designate Local Census Liaison

Chairman Yeatts read the letter into the record from William Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, as dated January 18, 2007. It was explained that a request was being made for the Town to designate a Local Census Liaison to work with representatives in his office. This position is typically the Town Clerk. The Town presently has a Temporary Town Clerk and this person should be designated at this time.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Evirs with Chairman Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Janet Tracy, Temporary Town Clerk as the Local Census Liaison for the Town of Lakeville.
Unanimous in favor.

Other Items

1. Letter from Town of Kingston regarding liquor licensees tax responsibilities
Selectman Evirs explained that he had a question regarding the letter received from the Town of Kingston. How could the Town police someone who works under the table and the businesses who pay their employees under the table? Chairman Yeatts read the letter from Kevin R. Donovan, Kingston Town Administrator, into the record as dated January 5, 2007. It was explained that the result of the above taking place, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts communities is experiencing revenue shortfalls while trying to keep current with rising expenses. Ms. Craig, pointed out that the DOR (Department of Revenue) has policies in place to deal with businesses who do not pay their taxes. Possibly the ABCC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission) should be contacted to make a ruling on this matter to determine if the Town even has the authority to do this. Selectman Evirs stated that if policies were already in place, then no additional burdens needed to be added for the Town to police.
2. Letter from City of New Bedford regarding fluoridation
Chairman Yeatts explained that on Monday, January 8th the City of New Bedford began fluoridating their water.
3. Plymouth County Selectmen's Association agenda-February 1, 2007
4. Letter from SRPEDD regarding Hurricane Evacuation Route Evaluation
5. SRPEDD meeting notice-January 24, 2007
6. Plymouth County Commissioners Agendas January 10 & January 23, 2007
7. Plymouth County Cooperative Extension January Calendar of Events
8. UMass Extension Newsletter
9. Plymouth County Development Council Newsletter (magazine in info folder)
10. Information regarding Community Planning Act
11. Information from Fisheries & Wildlife regarding beaver nuisances

At this time, 6:30 PM, the Board of Selectmen stated that they would continue their meeting at the Assawompset School Cafeteria to meet with the Local School Committee and the Finance Committee to discuss the FY08 School Budget.