

Selectmen Present: Karen Quigley, Chairman
Frederick Koed
Leland Jenkins

Selectmen Absent: Edwin Carr
Paul Carlson

Others Present: Stephen J. Lombard, Interim Town Manager
Jennifer Brennan Oram, Selectmen’s Clerk

Chairman Karen Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Introduction of Interim Town Manager Stephen Lombard – Chairman Quigley reviewed Mr. Lombard’s background and stated the Board is very pleased to have him here in Cohasset. Mr. Lombard thanked the Board for their consideration and stated that he is here for the citizens and is more than happy to meet with them.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Frederick Koed – Selectman Koed read aloud a note from Fire Chief Robert Silvia informing the community of the death of retired Fire Chief Charles Pipenbrink. A memorial service will be held on December 28, 2010.

Selectman Koed also asked when the Board would be discussing the Cat Dam NOI. Chairman Quigley stated that they would put it on the agenda as soon as they can.

Chairman Quigley announced that the Board has received a letter from the School Committee that they are beginning its search for the new superintendent. They will be holding a focus group on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the Cohasset High School Library. She encouraged people to attend.

Minutes – the Board agreed to hold off on reviewing until they had a full Board.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia – Proposed Plymouth County Mutual Aid Agreement for Joint Fire, Rescue, and/or Ambulance Service & Acceptance of General Laws, Chapter 48, Section 59A.

Chief Silvia explained that although Cohasset is in Norfolk County, the Town is surrounded by communities in Plymouth County. Mutual aid is based on County and the Board needs to vote to accept MGL Chapter 48 Section 59A which will allow the Town to enter into the new Mutual Aid agreements that will cover all of Plymouth County. **Selectman Koed moved to accept MGL Chapter 48, Section 59A. Selectman Jenkins seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, the vote was unanimous (3-0).**

Pledge of License – Ava Cucina – Attorney Martin C. Winstead of Gaughen, Gaughen, Lane & Hernando addressed the Board on behalf of his client, Hingham Institution for Savings. Attorney Winstead explained that the pledge was not done during the initial application that was approved by the Board. The Pledge is required as part of the loan extended to the restaurant owners, Vincent and Annette Agostino. **Selectman Jenkins moved to approve the Pledge of License and sign the Form 43. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).**

2011 Selectmen Liquor License Fees – Chairman Quigley reviewed the proposed Liquor License Fees and stated that the increases would bring the Town in align with what other towns are charging. Selectman Jenkins stated that he agrees that the Town is having tough times, but he looks at this as another tax. Selectman Koed stated that he looked at it as housekeeping and pointed out that they are only suggesting an increase to the average, not the highest rates. **Selectman Koed moved to approve the Liquor License fee increases. Chairman Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was 2-1, Selectman Jenkins against.**

2011 Facility Sticker Fees – Chairman Quigley explained that the Budget Planning Group had suggested the sticker price be raised by \$10 for both the regular and senior citizen sticker. She stated that there had been quite a bit of discussion around this. Selectman Koed stated that he would support the increase. He thinks that it is similar to the license fees as it goes to the cost of running the RTF. Selectman Jenkins feels the cost of running the RTF should be looked at carefully before raising the prices of the stickers. Chairman Quigley stated that Mr. Griffin had done a cost analysis of what it cost the Town to run the facility. Selectman Koed stated that he seemed to remember that at one point, the sticker sales were only covering 50% of the cost to run the RTF. It was agreed that they will need to gather more information before taking a vote.

Selectman Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Quigley
Chairman

Documents:

Note from Fire Chief Silvia Re: Retired Chief Charles Pipenbrink.

Email from Fire Chief Silvia Re: MGL Chapter 48, Section 59A dated October 26, 2010.

Pledge of License Documents re: Ava Cucina dated October 21, 2010 from Gaughen, Gaughen, Lane & Hernando.