

Town of Auburn
Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room
104 Central Street, Auburn, MA. 01501
January 27, 2020

Present: Kenneth A. Holstrom, Daniel S. Carpenter, Doreen M. Goodrich and Tristan Laliberte
Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson

Absent: Lionel R. Berthiaume

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Kenneth Holstrom.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Mr. Holstrom announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one so indicated.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There was no one wishing to speak under Public Comments.

Public Hearings/Presentations

Midstate Auto Group, Inc., Motor Vehicle Class I License 810 Washington Street, Auburn, MA. -7:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen voted to open the hearing at 7:01 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Raymond Butler was present and explained the application for a Motor Vehicle Class I License for his business at 810 Washington Street, Auburn, MA. He said that he was in the process of getting a Mitsubishi franchise. That will require him to add a two-car showroom over a period of twelve months and an additional bay for customers to drive in for service. Additional vehicle storage will be accommodated down the street at 889 Washington Street.

Mr. Butler said that he is anticipating a letter of intent from Mitsubishi shortly and then he will have to go to the DCG again once it's signed.

Mr. Holstrom noted the current recommendations/comments from the Development Coordinating Group (DCG):

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall ensure that all permits are up to date with the Fire Department;
- The applicant shall obtain any necessary sign permits from the Building Department.

Mrs. Goodrich stated that Midstate Auto Group has been an amazing community partner in the town and she supports their plan.

There were no abutters present to speak on the application.

The Board voted to close the hearing at 7:07 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the license (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Communications

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen General Items

Gift Acceptances in Accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A

There were no items.

Proclamations and Recognitions

Request for Eagle Scout Proclamation from the Boy Scout Troop 53 Assistant Scoutmaster. The Board reviewed the letter from the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 53 requesting recognition for Boy Scout Sam Elwell, who will be presented his Eagle Scout Award in May 2020.

The Board of Selectmen voted to issue a proclamation on request of the Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 53 to Sam Elwell for his receiving the Eagle Scout rank award this May (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Town Manager Items

Request by Executive Director of Senior Center/Elder Affairs for Board Vote to Declare Surplus Property.

The Town Manager discussed the request from the Executive Director, Jean Boulette, to declare a piano and organ as surplus property.

The Board of Selectmen voted to declare the items outlined by Jean Boulette as surplus property (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Request by DPW Director for Board Vote to Declare Surplus Property.

The Town Manager addressed the request from DPW Director Bill Coyle to declare 1-2000 Trackless MTV Multi-Purpose Tractor as surplus property.

The Board of Selectmen voted to declare the equipment outlined by Mr. Coyle as surplus property (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) District Location Technical Assistance (DLTA) Grant – Vote to Authorize and Accept Grant.

Town Manager Jacobson explained the grant application for work on the conceptual plan of the Goddard Park redesign.

The Board of Selectmen voted to authorize and accept the grant from CMRPC for local technical assistance as described by the Town Manager (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

Request Town Administration to Provide Summary Report on Public Safety Donations – by Mr. Holstrom.

Chairman Ken Holstrom explained his request. Mrs. Goodrich asked if the request was specific to the Police and Fire Departments and to their general gift accounts and not gifts that were designated for a specific use. Mr. Holstrom confirmed that was the case. Mr. Carpenter initiated discussion about the time frame to be requested

Following the discussion, Mr. Carpenter made a motion to request a summary report going back two years for donations to public safety agencies and inquire how much and how the donations have been used to support their missions. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion.

In discussion, the Town Manager asked if the Board wanted the last two full fiscal years, since it's now the middle of FY20, and if that could be included in the motion.

Mr. Carpenter agreed, and amended his motion to request a summary report going back for the past two fiscal years for donations to public safety agencies and inquire how much and how the donations have been used to support their missions. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the amended motion and the Board voted in favor 4 to 0.

Reminder about Board of Selectmen Goal to Work on Board Policies – by Mr. Holstrom.

Chairman Holstrom reminded the members about the Board's approved goals to work on Board of Selectmen policies.

Public Comments

Tristan Laliberte discussed his participation and positive experience to judge the recent We the People event at the Auburn High School.

The Chair then recognized Ms. Deborah Barrera of 22 Appleton Road, who recently arrived at the meeting for the hearing on the Midstate Auto Group Motor Vehicle Class I License at 810 Washington Street, Auburn, MA. She said that she wanted to know what the hearing was about.

The Town Manager described the purpose for the hearing on the application from Midstate Auto Group to get a MV Class I License to sell new cars in addition to their used car sales at 810 Washington Street and the Board's ultimate vote to approve the license. Ms. Barrera expressed appreciation for the information.

Minutes

There were no items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 4 to 0.

Submitted: Sharon A. Kwiatkowski
Adm. Assistant to the Town Manager

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of January 27, 2020 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- January 27, 2020 Agenda
- Application Documents – Midstate Auto Group, Inc. Motor Vehicle Class I License at 810 Washington Street, Auburn, MA.; Recommendations/comments from Development Coordinating Group (DCG) dated January 15, 2020
- Request from Boy Scout Troop 53 Assistant Scoutmaster for Eagle Scout Proclamation
- Request dated January 16, 2020 from the Executive Director of Senior Center/Elder Affairs for Board Vote to Declare Surplus Property
- Request dated January 17, 2020 from DPW Director for Board Vote to Declare Surplus Property
- Information on the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) District Location Technical Assistance (DLTA) Grant for Goddard Park Redesign