

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 28, 2019

Present: Doreen M. Goodrich, Kenneth A. Holstrom, Daniel S. Carpenter, Lionel R. Berthiaume, Tristan Laliberte and CFO/Assistant Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doreen Goodrich.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chairman Goodrich 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 this item.

Public Hearings/Presentations

There were no public hearings or presentations.

Communications

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen General Items

Seasonal Open Air License on Town Property Girl Scout Cookie Drive thru (Troop 64778) - Auburn Public Library on February 3, 2019.

Kristina Nashold, Co-Leader of Girl Scout Troop 64778 in Auburn, was present. She explained that the goal with the event on February 3, 2019 is to create a different way for the girls to sell cookies. Ms. Nashold discussed the plans for the cookie drive thru pop-up event in the Auburn Public Library parking lot working with the Central Mass French Quarter Service Unit that includes troops from Auburn, Oxford and Charlton. She said that 4 troops (two at a time) would be participating at staggered times throughout the sale, which would be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Selectman Holstrom asked about safety and if they have researched this type of sale in other towns.

Ms. Nashold said that they have seen a similar event in Boston. She also described one event in Holden that was held in a church parking lot and there were no problems. Ms. Nashold said that parents would be helping with the traffic and have been CORI checked by the Girl Scouts organization.

Ms. Nashold described the varieties of cookies being offered with most priced at \$5.00 per box and a few at \$6.00 per box.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Development Coordinating Group (DCG) as well as the site plan showing the flow of vehicles into and out of the library parking lot. The DCG provided the following recommended conditions:

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, Commissions, most notably the Board of Health;
- The applicant shall submit a revised site plan.
- The applicant shall submit an updated certificate of liability insurance.

The Police Department and Auburn Water District submitted separate emails expressing no concerns with the Girl Scout cookie sale event.

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 (Motion made by Mr. Holstrom; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) voted in favor 5 to 0.

The applicant requested that the Board waives the fee for the license.

The Board of Selectmen voted to waive the license fee as requested (Motion made by Mr. Holstrom; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Discussion/Potential Vote on Swimming Pool Feasibility Study

Vice Chairman Ken Holstrom stated that, after the last meeting where there was a presentation on the town pool feasibility study report with much information that has been on the web site, he was proposing to have a public hearing at the next meeting on February 11th at 7:00 PM.

Selectman Berthiaume relayed his discussions with the high school athletic director about the possibility of a swim team and some interest that has been expressed. He said that it would be a winter sport for the high school and if the team would be using a town pool, it would have to be an indoor pool.

Mr. Holstrom made a motion to have a public hearing on Monday February 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to hear from the public and a proposed vote that same night. Mr. Berthiaume seconded.

Under discussion, Mr. Laliberte asked if the motion as stated meant that a vote would have to be taken that night. He wanted to know if the Board's hands would be tied to delay the vote if something came up that night. Chairman Doreen Goodrich replied that the Board's hands would not be tied, that the intent was the potential for a vote.

Chairman Goodrich stated her support for the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted in favor of the motion 5 to 0.

Drainlayer License - MJS Excavating of Hardwick, MA.

The Board reviewed the application documents and recommendation of the Sewer Commission that recommended the issuance of the license.

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 (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

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

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept with gratitude an anonymous gift to the Fire/Rescue Department in the amount of \$100.00 for the Fire Department Gift Account (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Holstrom) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Proclamations/Recognitions

There were no items.

Town Manager Items

There were no items.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

There were no items.

Public Comments

Selectmen Laliberte stated that the sub-committee had met regarding live streaming of board meetings and hopes to prepare a policy for the next meeting for review and discussion.

Chairman Goodrich asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of January 14, 2019. There being none, the Chairman accepted the minutes of January 14, 2019 without corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Holstrom; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Submitted: Sharon A. Kwiatkowski
Assistant to the Town Manager, Admin.

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of January 28, 2019 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- January 28, 2019 Agenda
- Application Documents – Seasonal Open Air License on Town Property Girl Scout Cookie Drive Thru (Troop 64778) – Auburn Public Library on February 3, 2019; Recommendation from Development Coordinating Group (DCG) dated January 23, 2019; Recommendations via email from Police Department (January 9, 2019) and Auburn Water District (January 9, 2019)
- Application Documents – Drainlayer License - MJS Excavating of Hardwick, MA; Recommendation from Board of Sewer Commissioners voted January 10, 2019
- Gift Acceptance Form – Fire/Rescue Department Anonymous \$100.00
- Minutes of January 14, 2019