

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Town Hall Conference Room
Minutes of February 27, 2013

Chairman Eldon Goodhue called the meeting to order at 3:34PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Goodhue, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt, Laura Powers and Ken Vogel. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance.

Executive Recruitment Consultant: Selectman Morrison made a motion to award and approve a contract for Consulting Services for Executive Recruitment of a Town Administrator to UMass Boston Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management of Boston MA contingent upon successful negotiation of an agreement, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0. Selectman Powers reported that Mr. Richard Kobayashi would begin next week interviewing the Board members and then the Department Heads.

Alfalfa Farm Home Rule Petition Update: Selectman Powers reported that there was a meeting held on February 21st at the State House with the following attendees: Representative Brad Hill, Senator Joan Lovely, Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Legal Counsel William Kelley, Alfalfa Farm Winery owner Richard Adelman, Frank DiLuna of Murtha Cullina LLP, MA Farm Wineries & Growers Association representative Kip Kumler (owner of Turtle Creek Winery), Kopelman & Paige PC representative Lauren Goldberg, Selectmen Powers and Gandt, and Town Administrator Virginia Wilder. Selectman Powers reported that there was a good discussion, which resulted in the need of the Town having to make minor language modifications to the Home Rule Petition, mainly due to the fact that Alfalfa Farm Winery had obtained a license, Section 19F chapter 138, which allows the winery to sell wine at retail by the bottle for off premise consumption, issued by the ABCC, dated January 1, 2013. Ms. Wilder stated it is unknown if the license was a new or a renewed license. It was reported that the Mr. Adelman now has two licenses, a Farmer Winery license and a license to sell bottles on premises. The second piece discussed was in Section 2 regarding tastings. The ABCC reported at the meeting that they would object to "tastings" without a charge, stating no one else in the Commonwealth is permitted to do that, therefore this provision would be rejected in the Home Rule Petition. At the meeting, the Town formally asked the Legislatures to re-submit the Home Rule with those two amendments for acceptance to the Legislature. Selectman Gandt clarified that the request would be in a letter format, which Lauren Goldberg would draft for the Town. Further discussion surrounded the desire of Alfalfa Farm Winery to host functions. Selectman Morrison brought up the special permitting process to be followed for Alfalfa Farm Winery to obtain approval as an Event Facility. Lastly, if Alfalfa Farm Winery wants a license to sell wine by the glass, they could submit a citizen petition (which requires 200 signatures) for a (second) Home Rule Petition to be presented before the citizens at a Special Town Meeting.

Town Building Assessment Proposal Review: Selectman Powers reviewed the DRA presentation of information regarding the Town Building Assessment Proposal and referred to the Capital Improvement Program of the Finance Team, leaving an amount of \$131,000 for building maintenance. After discussion it was determined that the Board does support the DRA plan, with modifications, as a plan to follow over a six year period. The Board concluded that the funding for FY14 should be Warrant Article which would address the critical safety and health issues identified in the Assessment Proposal and that an amount of \$131,000 would be used to fund those issues.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ 2,196,987.74. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY13:	
069T	\$ 92,770.31
069School	\$ 251,324.06
070	\$1,852,893.37

At 4:40 PM, Selectmen Vogel made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Powers seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda

Approved as written at the April 1, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.
