

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, February 23, 2015**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio , Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz (absent)

Approve minutes of February 10 and 17, 2015

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously . Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Abstain

Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment.

None

Linda Hickman, Library Director

Library Trustee Appointments until election on May 18, 2015: Nancy Crowell and David Harmon

Hickman: Two trustees resigned before the end of their term so two people need to be appointed till the next election. We advertised for the position and had 4 candidates that applied. The candidates were interviewed by the trustees and would like you to appoint them until the next election on May 18, 2015

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Nancy Crowell effective today as Library Trustee on an interim basis until May 18, 2015 election. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to appoint David Harmon effective today as Library Trustee on an interim basis until May 18, 2015 election. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Town Administrators Report

Adopt letter to Gill/Montague Regional School Committee supporting the Compact for Funding Education

Abbondanzio: The week before last you asked me to write a letter to the school committee backing the letter we saw from the Town of Gill for continuing the compact funding for education and after that I received a copy of a letter Michael Naughton had written for the Finance Committee and I would like the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to the Gill/Montague Regional School Committee supporting the Compact for Funding Education. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye,

Turners Falls Power Canal service outage, October 5 through October 11, 2015

This is the standard notice when First Light drains the canal; it will be October 5 through October 11, 2015. Rehab of the siphon under the canal will be voted at the Annual Town Meeting

Boutwell recuses himself from the following portion of the meeting

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as Chair for the next topic. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Nelson – Aye. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Abstain

Shawn Hubert, Hubies Tavern

Sign Application and License for an Entertainment License

Hubert: Just starting out, not sure what we are shooting for, likely Karaoke, small acoustic acts, a comedian, includes juke box, and televisions. Down the road we would like to have live music

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Nelson makes the motion to approve an entertainment license for Hubies Tavern, 66 Avenue A, Turners Falls, for use of radio, jukebox, cable television, Keno, instrumental music as well as live vocals from 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM daily, with a permit fee of \$50/year. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Fairbrother relinquishes Chairmanship back to Boutwell

Jason Hunter, Berkshire Brewing Company

One Day Beer & Wine License for Event at the Shea Theater on March 1, 2015, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Hunter: Same routine as before, music event at the Shea will be serving beer

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for a one day Beer and Wine License to Berkshire Brewing Company on March 1, 2015 at the Shea Theater, Avenue A, Turners Falls for a music concert with approximately 200 people from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, insurance has been provided. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

One Day Beer & Wine License for Event at the Shea Theater on March 27, 2015, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

This event has been moved to another venue in another town.

Other

Fairbrother: we had a discussion last week, about how soon a town meeting petitioned item could be put on the warrant, Jeff thought State law said something, we weren't sure. We will be following the law and doing what the State says

Abbondanzio: If a petition comes in after a deadline that was established for a reasonable amount of time to get a warrant out. The petition will be accepted but won't be put on the warrant until the next town meeting. To do anything other than that is not giving us adequate notice. For an annual Town meeting there is certain requirements we have to meet.

Personnel Board

Resignation of Claude Lapointe as Part Time Custodian effective 2/14/15

Appoint Barry Kratz as Part Time Custodian effective 2/15/15, UE Grade 2, Step 1, 15 hours week, \$13.67/hr

Withdrawn as the Board feels there is not enough information this week and will be discussed at a later date

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye