

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 8, 2018

Chairman Michael L. Champoux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Edward P. Loud, Sr. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull. Chairman Champoux stated that Selectman McCoy is recovering from recent surgery and extended the Board's get well wishes.

Chairman Champoux asked those present to rise and he led the pledge of allegiance.

### TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman Champoux asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 26, 26A, 27 and 27A.

### **ANTHONY LODATO, MANAGER, GAMESTOP, INC., RE: PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO AN APPLICATION FOR SECONDHAND DEALER LICENSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 246 MAIN STREET**

Mr. Lodato advised that the green cards were directed to the corporate office and he has not received them from corporate. Town Manager Hull advised that the Board could continue the hearing and issue a decision subject to proof that abutters were notified of the hearing.

Town Manager Hull provided the Board with information regarding the background of the Secondhand Dealer By-law.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Chairman Champoux stated that he has been in the store on a number of occasions and has traded in various games. Mr. Lodato stated that GameStop accepts games, hardware and accessories for trade in. He stated that they previously accepted interactive figures.

Selectman Bendel asked about savings to the consumer and was advised it is a matter of supply and demand. Newer or hard to find games will have a higher turn in value than games that have been on the market for a longer time.

Selectman Loud noted that the store has been operating for a period of time and this is the first application for the license. Mr. Lodato advised that he was recently transferred to the store. Town Manager Hull advised that the Town has been in contact with the corporate office.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

Town Manager Hull reviewed recommendations from applicable departments. The application was reviewed by the Police and Fire Departments who both recommend approval, the Building Inspector advised that there are no outstanding zoning issues and the Treasurer/Collector recommends approval.

Chairman Champoux closed the hearing. A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant a Secondhand Dealer License to GameStop, Inc., 246 Main Street, subject to the certified mail receipts being provided to the Town Manager's office not later than Friday, February 8.

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FIRE CHIEF RICHARD T. McCLELLAN**

Chairman Champoux stated that Friday, January 12, would be Chief McClellan's last day and opined that it was important to thank him for his many years of service.

Town Manager Hull reviewed Chief McClellan's work history and expressed his appreciation to the Chief. He noted that the Fire Department is a large department and dealing with personnel can be challenging.

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Chief McClellan for his 35+ years of service serving as Fire Fighter, Fire Lieutenant, Deputy Chief and Chief.

Chairman Champoux presented a letter of commendation to Chief McClellan on behalf of the Board.

Chief McClellan stated that he has enjoyed working for the Town and noted that the department is in good hands going forward with the dedicated men and women in the department.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any comments from the audience. Police Chief Michael Begonis stated that Chief McClellan has been a phenomenal colleague and great friend. He stated that he has been blessed to be working with him.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Paul Stedman, District Highway Director, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), regarding the Butters Row Bridge. Mr. Stedman advised that the MassDOT Project Review Committee has evaluated the project and determined that it is eligible for Federal Aid Bridge funding. The determination is based on an estimated cost of \$3.6 million. He cautioned that Project Review Committee approval is not a commitment of state or federal funding to the project.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum advising the Board that on Thursday, December 28, a section of water line that crosses the bridge over Route 93 at Woburn Street and Park Street split. The line has been shut down on either side of the bridge. He advised that water service will not be impacted to businesses and homes on either side of Route 93. Town Manager Hull stated that Green International Affiliates is developing a cost estimate to replace the section of water line. The Town will need to obtain approval from MassDOT to construct the water line along the Route 93 overpass and it is expected that costs for the project will be incorporated into the FY 2019 budget.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Beverly Dalton, Administrative Assistant, regarding the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) 2018 Renewal Certification. The Board was advised that they need to sign a document that serves to advise the ABCC of licenses that have not been renewed. This year Chili's Grill and Bar did not renew their alcohol license. In past years the form has been provided by the ABCC prior to the Board's meeting in December. A vote of the Board of Selectmen is not required.

Town Manager Hull reviewed information regarding the 2018 Annual Town Meeting and FY 2019 budget. Notable dates include January 29, Town Manager Budget Presentation; February 2, deadline to submit petitioned warrant articles; March 20, Finance Committee/Planning Board Public Hearing; April 28, Annual Town Election and May 5, Annual Town Meeting.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the schedule of departmental meetings with the Finance Committee. He advised that after the memo was complete, Principal Assessor Karen Rassias advised that she is unable to attend the meeting of Tuesday, January 30. He noted that Ms. Rassias will attend the Finance Committee meeting of Tuesday, February 27. Members of the Board encouraged residents to attend the Finance Committee meetings to learn more about the departments' budget requests.

Town Manager Hull reviewed correspondence from Bonnie Rogalski, Manager-Contract Management, Verizon Fios TV, advising that Channel 228 was removed from the Fios TV channel lineup.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Gerald Buckley, Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs, xfinity, advising that Jane Lyman who served as Government Relations Manager for the Town of Wilmington retired at the end of December 2017. Mr. Buckley advised that Catherine Maloney will be the Town's representative effective immediately.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank West, Birchwood Road, advised residents that the Kiwanis Club will be hosting a benefit drive for the citizens of Puerto Rico. He stated that items such as clothing and kitchen utensils and non-perishable food items will be accepted on Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Real Estate on Main Street. Donations will then be transported to Connecticut where the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists will ship to Puerto Rico. He noted that three tons of supplies were collected in November.

Town Manager Hull offered comments regarding the snow event that took place on Thursday, January 4 noting the cold temperatures making snow removal conditions less than ideal. He expressed his appreciation to the Department of Public Works personnel and to residents for their patience while the Town continues clearing streets and sidewalks. Town Manager Hull stated that in accordance with Town by-laws, it is the responsibility of business owners to clear the sidewalks in front of their establishment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Loud recognized Shane Foley a recently appointed police officer for the Town of Wilmington and veteran of the United States Army.

Selectman Loud expressed his appreciation to the Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department for keeping the community safe during recent snow events. He noted that employees missed time with their families on Christmas Day to keep the roads safe and cleared of snow and ice.

Members of the Board concurred with Selectman Loud's comments. Chairman Champoux asked residents to help clear fire hydrants and to check on neighbors.

Chairman Champoux wished residents a happy new year.

Chairman Champoux announced that he will not seek re-election to the Board. He stated that he has enjoyed serving the Town but believes the time is right to step down and dedicate time to his family and work.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- Through -
- January 12 – Curbside Collection of Christmas Trees
- January 15 – Town Offices Closed – *Martin Luther King Day*
- January 16 – *The Secret Lives of Teens* – Wilmington High School – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- January 18 – Facilities Master Plan Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- January 22 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- January 29 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.  
Town Manager's FY 2019 Budget Presentation
- January 30 – Finance Committee Meeting – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.  
*FY 19 BUDGET OVERVIEW; REVENUE; GENERAL GOVERNMENT*
- February 1 – Finance Committee Meeting – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.  
*PLANNING & CONSERVATION AND BUILDING INSPECTOR/ BOARD OF APPEALS*
- February 1 – Dr. Ruth Potee – Addiction and the Adolescent Mind – St. Thomas Church  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- February 2 – Last Day to Submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for Inclusion on the Warrant  
for the Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2018

Selectman Loud asked whether the curbside collection of Christmas trees will be extended and was advised that there are currently no plans to do so at this time but may consider extending the collection if it appears the Town is running behind.

A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary