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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
11/23/09
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Philip Trapani, Chairman; Evan O'Reilly; Gary Fowler; Stephen Smith, Clerk; C. David Surface (7:15PM)

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant;

Absent:

Call to Order

Mr. Trapani called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Public Hearing-Tax Classification

Thom Berube, Assessor and Jay Ferreira, Assistant Assessor was present.

Mr. Berube stated that the meeting tonight is to give the Selectmen all the information to set the tax classification. Mr. Berube stated that they are waiting for certification from the DoR and are very close to being certified. He apologized that the rate was not certified by this evening and he stated that the process is taking longer this year than usual. He asked if they could hold off their votes until next week after the tax rate is certified.

Mr. Trapani opened the Public Hearing for the Tax Classification.

1. Open Space Discount

Mr. Ferreira read information on the Open Space Discount. Mr. Berube stated that the Assessors do not recommend the Open Space Discount.

2. Residential Exemption

Mr. Ferreira explained the Residential Exemption. Mr. Berube stated that the Assessors do not recommend the Residential Exemption.

3. Small Commercial Exemption

Mr. Ferreira explained the Small Commercial Exemption. Mr. Berube stated that the Assessors do not recommend the Small Commercial Exemption.

4. Classification

Mr. Ferreira explained the Classification and the factor of one that the Assessors recommend. Mr. Berube stated that the Assessors recommend a factor of 1 (single tax rate).

Discussion on different options

Mr. Trapani opened up to the public hearing for comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Trapani continued the Public Hearing for Tax Classification until Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:00PM.

Minutes

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009-STM. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Mr. Trapani stated that the Town of Georgetown Scholarship committee has announced the Scholarship recipients Michelle Prior, Christopher Southwick, and Nicholas Valentini. He stated that the committee also wanted to congratulate Jessica Shea on the opening of "Jay Shea Art Studio & Gallery" in the downtown. He stated that Ms. Shea was a past recipient of a Town of Georgetown Scholarship.

Mr. Trapani read a letter from Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor on the Winter Parking Ban taking in effect December 1, 2009 to April 1, 2010.

Mr. Trapani stated that they have received a letter from the Chief of Police that they have been awarded a Police Grant for \$8400.

Mr. Trapani stated that they have a letter from the Chief of Police regarding a petition received regarding the Rock Pond Restaurant. He stated that the Chief stated that the disturbances the residents refer to happened in the past under different ownership and at this time no action is required.

Mr. Trapani stated that they have received notice from the District Attorney of an Open Meeting Law presentation on December 15, at North Shore Community College in Danvers.

Board Business

License Renewals

ABCC License Renewals

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the Georgetown Post 7608 VFW-Club license-All Alcohol to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Liquors, Inc.-Package Store-All Alcohol* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Pizza Factory-Restaurant-Wine and Malt* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Grille, Inc.-Restaurant-All Alcohol* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Crosby's Markets, Inc.-Package Store-Wine & Malt* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Second Hand Shops

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Pratt Hobby Shop and J.M. Goldsmiths, LLC-Second Hand Shop License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Common Victualler

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Post 7608 VFW; Pizza Factory; Richdale Convenience; Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.; Georgetown Grille, Inc.; Georgetown Bowling Lanes; and Crosby's Markets, Inc.* Common Victualer License to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. O'Reilly abstained.

Sunday Live Entertainment

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Post 7608 VFW-Sunday Live Entertainment License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Weekly Live Entertainment

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Post 7608 VFW and Georgetown Grille, Inc.-Weekly Live Entertainment License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trap Shooting

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.-Trap Shooting License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. O'Reilly abstained.

Automatic Amusement

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Grille, Inc-2 mechanical units-Automatic Amusement License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Bowling

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the *Georgetown Bowling Lanes-Bowling License* to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Selectmen's Report

Mr. Trapani stated that the schedule for general meetings for the winter would be January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22; April 12, 26, 2010. He stated some dates may change or there may be additional meetings as they go through the budget process.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Farrell stated that they received the town finance report and we are at 36% of expenditures and at 33% of year. He stated that revenues are on target right now and he does not recommend any changes. He stated that department heads are being cautious with spending.

Mr. Farrell stated that Peter Hechenbleikner, the Town Manager of Reading, Ma., and past Chair of the MMMA Form of Government Committee, will meet with the BOS and Government Study Committee at the December 7th BOS meeting. Mr. Trapani explained that the committee asked that someone come in to talk with them. He stated that this meeting should help to get the committee started.

Board Business

Mr. Trapani asked Mr. Surface and Mr. Smith how they are progressing with the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Surface stated that he and Mr. Smith are putting a guide together. Mr. Smith stated that he wants the public to know that the board is putting together this committee to look at the vision of the town. Mr. Surface stated that they plan to form the committee after the Holidays.

Mr. Trapani stated that they have a few upcoming meetings:

- Monday, November 30 at 7:00PM for the continued Classification Hearing
- Monday, December 7 at 6:00PM an Executive Session for the extension of the Town Administrator's Contract and then a general meeting at 7:00PM
- Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00PM a joint meeting with the FinCom

Mr. O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Minutes approved November 30, 2009.