

# Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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## Board of Selectmen Minutes 11/29/2016

### Board of Selectmen

November 29, 2016

Chairman Joseph Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Joseph Pacheco, Karen Roberts and Marie Smith.

### Acceptance of the Minutes

Mrs. Smith motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting as printed, Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

### Appointments

The Raynham Conservation Commission is requesting the appointment of William Campbell of 144 Everett Street to the Board. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to appoint, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

A letter of interest was received from Lisa DeMello of 90 Jackson Drive to be considered for the vacancy on the Finance Committee. Mr. Pacheco suggested forwarding the request to the Finance Committee for their review. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to forward the request, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

**Public Hearing** – 7:00 p.m. V.B. Gas, Inc. dba Save More Gas & Convenience, Anandiben Patel, Manager for Wine and Beer Package Store License at 1348 Route 44

Attorney Matthew Porter was present to speak on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Patel owns three other liquor stores in the area. Mrs. Smith asked where the other stores are located? Mr. Patel said there is one in Fairhaven, Bellingham and Somerset. Mrs. Roberts asked if the other stores have the same license? Mr. Patel replied two are beer and wine and one is full alcohol. Mrs. Smith asked if they had any problems in any of the stores? Mr. Patel replied the Bellingham one did. Attorney Porter expanded on his reply. There was an issue with a minor being sold alcohol 2 years ago. They have since implemented a policy to card everyone. Mrs. Smith asked, where the store is very small, where will the beer and wine be located? Mr. Patel replied there are two storage rooms in the back which will be renovated and utilized. Mr. Pacheco said the property in question owes \$28,000 in back taxes and it is the policy of the Town not to grant licenses to establishments who are behind on their taxes. Attorney Porter was not aware of the delinquency of the taxes. Mr. George, the land owner, was present to discuss the matter and said he would take care of the matter with a payment plan tomorrow. Mr. Pacheco had some hesitancy on granting the license until he sees a copy of the plan in place. Mrs. Smith suggested tabling the matter until all the paperwork is in place. Mr. Pacheco made a motion to table the matter until next week, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

### Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Buckner reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. The tax classification hearing is Tuesday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The new jail cells should be ready for occupancy next month.

The Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on the Forge River Place 40B Project on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The SMHG Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield Town Offices. The next SERSG monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Mansfield. The DPW service bids will be reviewed.

### **Selectmen's Report**

Mrs. Smith wanted to thank everyone who showed up at the VA Hospital for the Christmas Gift Shop. Mr. Pacheco wanted to update the Board on the Dog Park proposal. He has met with Liz Francis and they believe that a portion of land behind the Middle School would be a good fit for this purpose. Also, Liz would like to apply for a grant up to \$50,000 which would help facilitate the creation of trails, signage and a recreation area with a picnic table. There are two proponents who have already started raising money as a non-profit to help subsidize the park. Mr. Pacheco would like to see the Board commit a portion of the land to this project and to allow Liz to move forward on this process and to pursue the grant. Mrs. Smith asked about the clean up? Mr. Pacheco replied that could be done within the scope of grant dollars that are received or possibly the Highway Department could do during their quieter periods. Mrs. Roberts asked what the hours of operation would be, and Mr. Pacheco replied dawn to dusk. Mrs. Smith made a motion to allow Liz to go forward with plans on trying to get a grant for that purpose and to designate the trails for public use, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from the TMLP regarding the relocation of a utility pole on White Street. Mr. Pacheco suggested a hearing be held next week. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from Relaxation Works Wellness Center on 1253 Broadway requesting an Application for Special One Day Wine & Beer License on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Smith made a motion to allow it, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from the Police Department regarding an incident that occurred at Christopher's Restaurant a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Pacheco suggested that a hearing be held in two weeks which would be December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

### **Adjournment**

7:19 p.m. Mrs. Roberts motioned and Mrs. Smith seconded to adjourn for the performance of administrative duties, signing of Bills and Warrants, with no business to be conducted afterwards. Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Murphy  
Recording Secretary

