

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

Wenham Board of Selectmen
Meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 2010 ~ 7 PM
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Jan. 12 2010

Present: Selectmen Larry Swartz, Chair; Harriet Davis, Vice Chair; John Clemenzi,
Secretary
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes
Secretary

Public Information: Agenda

Abbreviations used:
BOS – Board of Selectmen

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF AGENA

With a quorum present, Mr. Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

STATEMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Tree Disposal Program

Ms. Davis announced Wenham's tree disposal program will run through January 16th. Residents can bring trees to one of the following locations: Pingree Park, West Wenham Playground, or the DPW Garage; trees will be ground up and reused as mulch.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Application Process – February 1, 2010 Submittal Deadline

Mr. Swartz announced the deadline for submitting CPA applications is February 1, 2010. Applicant presentations to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) are February 3rd & 17th. The CPC will make a recommendation to Town Meeting on May 1, 2010.

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS OR STAFF OLD BUSINESS

November 12, 2009 Special Town Meeting – Take Action to Close

In the absence of Town Moderator the Chair continued the October 13, 2009 Special Town meeting to January 12, 2010.

FY11 Budget Process – Finalization of BOS Recommended Budget

Present; Sarah Johnson, Finance Director

Mr. Swartz stated that the BOS has been preparing the FY 11 Budget recommendation before passing it on to the Finance Committee.

He highlighted the important points of the budget saying that the budget presupposes a 20% cut in Cherry Sheet revenue.

The Selectmen made the following recommendation, noting there are many

unsettled parts of the budget due to Union negotiations. The school budget was allotted 55% of additional revenue gained from the 2 ½ percent allowed to reach the levy limit and from the new growth projection, no raises to town employees were recommended, and it was suggested that the Highway's request for a new dump truck with sander and plow be bonded.

Ms Davis noted this budget recommendation represents only a 2% tax increase with no operating override.

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept and recommend to the Finance Committee the FY 11 budget as Article 2, dated December 30, 2009. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Used Car Sale License Renewal

Mr. Chelgren noted that these are Non Conforming sites that are long standing operations that are grandfathered.

The Selectmen have no concerns with the applicants and observed there was no public opposition.

The Selectmen considered the following applications for a used Car Sale License:
Freeman's Garage, 34 & 36 Arbor Street
Burnett's Garage, 60 Maple Street
Fallon's Garage, 233 Main Street

Mr. Chelgren confirmed no Police complaints were forwarded to the Selectmen's office.

All applications and fees have been paid.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the application for a license to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof for Freeman's garage 34 and 36 Arbor Street, Wenham. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Clemenzi made a motion to approve the application for a license to buy, sell, exchange, or assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof for Burnett's garage, Inc., 60 Maple Street, Wenham. Ms. Davis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the application for a license to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof for Fallon's Garage, 233 Main Street, Wenham. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Massachusetts Insurance - MIIA - Workers Compensation and Property and Liability Insurance

Mr. Swartz reported that MIIA has sent a proposal to the Town to lock in rates for FY 11 and FY 12. This proposal included no rate increases in FY 11 and no more than a 2 ½% increase in FY12, contingent of the Town's claims.

The Administrator was asked to research other local town insurance rates. The Selectmen talked about the proposal, contingent on the Town of Wenham not finding better rates.

No action was taken and this matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Permitting Fee – Consideration of Increases

A tally sheet of local comparable towns permitting fees were compared to Wenham's current permitting fees.

Mr. Chelgren reviewed his recommended changes for increased fees.

This list of current and proposed fees will be posted on the Web site for public comment through January 26th.

REPORTS

Town Administrator

Green Community Grant Consultant – Sue Patroliia

Mr. Chelgren reviewed that Wenham was awarded a grant for \$4,900 for to assist the town in becoming greener. The Hamilton and Wenham Selectmen have agreed that the HWCMA use both grants from Hamilton and Wenham and hire a consultant; Sue Patroliia was chosen the consultant to work with the Town for the next 6-9 months. The terms of the agreement will be finalized.

Boy Scout Town Report Delivery - Policy Direction

Mr. Chelgren informed the BOS that a representative of the Boy Scout has asked that the Town Consider discontinuing the practice of the boy scouts delivering the Town Reports, citing that it becomes increasingly difficult each year to get enough members of the troop. Mr. Clemenzi said he would look into this.

Mr. Swartz reported that the Fran Young, Town Clerk will be out of the office due to health issues for some time, and Elizabeth Carey, retired Town Clerk of Tewksbury, has been hired to fill in and take the town through the January state election for U.S. Senate and her tenure will be reviewed the end of the month.

The Affordable Housing Trust continues to meet and work towards increasing affordable housing in Wenham.

MINUTES – December 15, 2009

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren asked for policy direction to rent out municipal space such as the Senior Center/Rec building for a children's party.

The Selectmen requested more information.

Mr. Clemenzi requested the next meeting agenda include a discussion about the town's liquor Licenses.

7:50 PM - Ms. Davis made a motion to enter into ES for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and to return to open session for the purpose of adjournment. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8:25 PM - The Selectmen returned to open session.
Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley