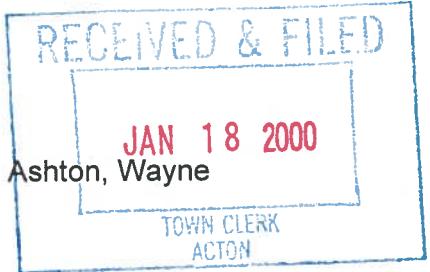


# SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

## December 21, 1999

Present: Herman Kabakoff, F. Dore' Hunter, William Shupert, Peter Ashton, Wayne Friedrichs, and the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager.  
(The meeting was televised)



### CITIZEN'S CONCERN

Joan Ann Berry, resident and employee of the YMCA of Greater Boston said that they are very interested in coming into the area. Paul Gorman would be point person here in Acton. They would be very interested in having a chance to get a piece of the DiDuca parcel. Herman noted their interest. He also noted the time line is dense and action needs to take place by February 1, 2000. Herman asked for clarification of transferring our rights to a non-profit agency.

Evelyn Burns suggested the parcel be used for Fire or Police station. She asked if the Board would be interested in citing a police or fire station there. Dore' said that given the time line he is concerned about whether or not we would be able to react. Herman urged them to speak with the DiDuca family.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### CML – 524 MAIN STREET

Tom Cates - Sherbrook Associates – They have purchased the site and they were having a problem with the driveway. They have tried to get an easement and negotiations had broken down. However, they were able to finally negotiate an easement of the permanent type. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Moved to continue the public hearing to January 4, 1999. DORE' HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

### SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

LICENSE RENEWAL VOTE – HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moves to approve the licenses as listed upon the payment of any back taxes that may be owed. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Moved to approve the Liquor Licenses as Common Victullers – PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Moved to approve the package store Licenses under the Provisions of the SUNDAY HOLIDAY OPENING REGULATIONS – PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Moved to approve the Common Victuller's Licenses. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

WAYNE FREIDRICH – Moved to approve the Class I and II Licenses, and the balance of the licenses as submitted by staff for renewal. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Second – UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### **RE-ENGINEERING DISCUSSION**

Peter said that there were three cases that we have not addressed. He wanted to get staff input prior to the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting or tackle them on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Herman agreed they need to be addressed. He suggested an agenda item at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff was asked to place it on the next agenda with staff comment.

#### **BOSTON GAS PETITION**

Francis O'Leary asked to have permission to cut the pavement to install a gas line on Harris Street for 23 new homes for heat, hot water, and cooking. It was suggested that the petitioner obtain the bond as required under the Selectmen's new Policy. Boston Gas said that they are self-bonded. He noted that approval of the permit before the Board was separate to the cutting of pavement, as they may not install for months. PETER ASHTON – Moved to approve subject to petitioner posting cash bond under the approved policy. DORE' HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### **ACHC FILING FEE**

Don noted that this is an unusual request and this indeed is a payment to a private entity. He said it is not the dollars, but the purpose that is the issue. Wayne asked about seeing a balance sheet and wanted to see if they have any asset balance to draw payment from. Dore' did not think we could pay this fee. PETER ASHTON – Moved not to pay the fee. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Don was asked to speak with Betty and to ask for a balance sheet.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Herman noted that FY2000 tax rate of \$17.43 has been certified

Herman discussed our support of the Worcester Fire Department.

Herman discussed the calendar for 2000 with regard to Board meetings.

Dore' asked about the progress being made for the sewers so that they could award the contracts. Don noted several issues have been negotiated.

Wayne noted that CAC is still on track and they discussed the piece of roadway from the prison circle toward Route 27. Mass Highway is proposing an interchange at Wetherbee Street. Mass Highway and Central Transportation are looking at this. He asked Mass Highway to make a presentation to the Board. Dore' said we should wait until they might have something to show.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve – PETER ASHTON - Second –UNANIMOUS VOTE.

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Don presented his budget to the Board. Herman noted that this was a very pleasant presentation and staff should be congratulated. He said the citizens of the Town would be grateful for the minimal tax impact.

Herman updated the Board on the upcoming Jan 20 ALG meeting in Room 204.

Herman asked that an agenda item for budget discussion be added to the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting so that they can discuss concerns prior to the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the meeting stay streamlined and on time.

January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Don's review. Herman noted that data needed to be obtained before we could move forward with regard to salary. He suggested we break the discussion in two, the performance on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for salary. Wayne did not want to do it that way. The balance of the Board agreed with Wayne.

Bob Klundt  
Clerk  
1/18/00  
Date

Christine Joyce  
Christine Joyce

December 17, 1999

**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Herman Kabakoff, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Selectmen's Report

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**AGENDA**  
**DECEMBER 21, 1999**  
**7:30 P.M. - Room 204**

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. 7:33 CML BUILDING SITE PLAN

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

2. ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL – Enclosed please find a list of Licenses to be renewed for the calendar year 2000 for Board action.

3. RE-ENGINEERING – Revisit the cases of Re-engineering as requested by Selectman Ashton.

4. BOSTON GAS PETITION – Enclosed please find a Petition for service on Harris Street and Staff comment.

5. ACHC – Enclosed please find a request for funding from the ACHC for Board consideration.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

7. ACCEPT MINUTES – Enclosed please find the Minutes of November 9, November 15 and November 23, 1999 for Board acceptance.

8. LE LYONNAIS RESTAURANT – Enclosed please find a request to remain open until 1:00 on New Year's Eve.

9. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – Enclosed please find a disclosure statement for Lauren Rosenzweig for Board acceptance.

**V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**10 ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

### FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This IS NOT a complete Agenda.

**January 4, 2000 – New Port Creamery –Common Vict. at Berson's location**

**January 18, 2000**

**February 1, 2000**

### FY 2000 GOALS

1. Resolve the Audubon Hill problem/issues (Shupert)
2. Establish or reconstitute a Computer Advisory Committee for Municipal issues (Hunter)
3. Review the structure and organization of the ALG and establish a definite, periodic meeting schedule (Kabakoff)
4. Develop a comprehensive Beaver Nuisance policy (Friedrichs)
5. Improve communication among the various boards, particularly Fincom, SC and BOS. This seems to have been lacking to some extent during the last year (especially ALG process) (Kabakoff)
6. Continue to search all alternatives for a viable sewer solution that is timely and fiscally workable (Hunter/Shupert)
7. Form a task force to investigate ways of achieving greater coordination, efficiency and utilization of resources between the schools and the town (Ashton)
8. Continue the work of the Senior Tax Relief task force and also investigate ways of assisting others who may need tax relief (Ashton/Hunter)
9. Develop early on an ALG plan and budget; i.e. have general agreement on budgetary parameters by October/November before formal budgets are developed. Continue to update, refine and modify as needed the five year budgetary plans which we initiated this year (Kabakoff)
10. Work with the Planning Board to implement the goals, objectives and strategies of the Master Plan update (Ashton/Shupert)
11. Conclude the work of the Kelley's Corner working group and bring to the Planning Board a final set of recommendations (Ashton)