

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:15 p.m.
Town Office Building
240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095

MINUTES

Present: Susan C. Bunnell, Chairman, Board of Selectmen (BOS), (presiding); Robert W. Russell, Selectman; Robert J. Boilard, Selectman; Nick Breault, Town Administrator; Herta Dane, Human Resources Coordinator.

Executive Session

At 6:15 p.m. Chairman Susan Bunnell declared that the Board of Selectmen would hold an executive session for the following purposes:

MOTION: So moved (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) to enter into executive session per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (2) to discuss strategy with respect to non-union negotiations and/or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining because the Chairman has declared that discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board of Selectmen; per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (5) to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints; and per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property because the Chairman has declared discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board of Selectmen; and that the Board shall reconvene in open session following the conclusion of the executive session. The motion was approved with each Selectman voting affirmatively in a roll call vote. (Bunnell, aye; Russell, aye; Boilard, aye.) Motion approved 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

S. Bunnell greeted the audience and reported that the BOS just came out of executive session, and then asked all to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. S. Bunnell then then announced in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30 (A), § 20 (e), that the meeting was being recorded by Wilbraham Public Access and the BOS office, and asked if there was anyone else recording. No one came forward.

Public Hearing, Liquor License: Transfer of Section 15 Wine and Malt Beverage Off Premise License from F.L Roberts, Inc., dba Wilbraham Mobil, 2788 Boston Road, to NEC OPCO I, Inc. dba Wilbraham FL Roberts #04071

S. Bunnell invited the applicants to join the BOS, and apologized for starting a little late. R. Boilard read the following announcement:

The Wilbraham Board of Selectmen will hold a hearing under MGL C. 138, s. 15, on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, to hear public comment on an application to transfer a wine and malt beverage off-premises license submitted by F.L. Roberts, Inc., dba Wilbraham Mobil, 2788 Boston Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts. The Licensee is seeking to transfer the license to new ownership to NEC OPCO I, Inc. dba Wilbraham FL Roberts #04071, which will entail a new stockholder/director, Tony Fouad El-Nemr, and a new manager, Suzanne P. Gagne. Persons wishing to comment on the referenced application will be heard.

S. Bunnell announced that there was a sign-up sheet circulating for those in attendance, and asked if there was anyone in attendance who wanted to speak pro or con for the application. No one came forward with comments. She then asked the applicant to speak on their behalf. John DeAngelis introduced Suzanne Gagne as the Manager, and Janice Lea as the Area Manager. He said that alcohol has been sold at that location and they want to keep doing so; that they sell alcohol at five locations and haven't had any issues with regard to compliance with all requirements of the liquor licenses.

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) move to approve the transfer of a wine and malt beverage off-premises license from F.L. Roberts, Inc., dba Wilbraham Mobil, 2788 Boston Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts to NEC OPCO I, Inc. dba Wilbraham FL Roberts #04071, which includes a new stockholder/director, Tony Fouad El-Nemr. Motion approved 3-0.

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) move to approve a change in manager for NEC OPCO I, Inc., 2788 Boston Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, dba Wilbraham FL Roberts #04071, to Suzanne P. Gagne. Motion approved 3-0.

Town Administrator's Report

N. Breault announced Town Hall will be closed February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents' Day; the next regular BOS meeting is February 27; the BOS is posted to meet with the Finance Committee and representatives of the School District this Wednesday. N. Breault also passed along a reminder from Ed Rigney, Fire Commissioner, for people to remove the snow from around their fire hydrants.

Board of Selectmen Updates

S. Bunnell said she attended a Mass Municipal Association Policy on Energy and the Environment meeting. A Minnechaug graduate, Katie Theoharides, Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and the Environment, gave a presentation regarding building resiliency in communities to deal with the aftermath of weather related events, e.g. flooding issues in the eastern part of the state. There will be train the trainer opportunities coming. Then, the Department of Energy Resources gave a presentation about the new solar program they will be rolling out; that it will be more sustainable; that the focus will go to stabilization of energy credits and pricing rather than toward subsidizing financing costs. There was discussion about the old program, and the transition plans from the old to the new.

Citizens Open Forum

Charles Bennett from the *Wilbraham-Hampden Times* asked if the BOS knew where the snow removal budget stood, given the recent weather. S. Bunnell indicated that the BOS didn't have the figure at hand, but should have some idea by the time they meet with Finance this Wednesday.

Senior Center Space RFP

This item was tabled.

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting: Deadline for Submission and Board of Selectmen Proposals

S. Bunnell noted that the deadline to submit warrant articles is March 1.

FY 18 Budget: Discussion of Priority of Additional Requests
This item was tabled.

Recreation Department Seasonal Workers Requests

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) move to approve the changes in the number of employees, hours and compensation for the Seasonal Janitor and Seasonal Field Workers for the Recreation Department, as presented by the Recreation Director. Motion approved 3-0.

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) move to approve the changes in the summer seasonal pay scale as presented by the Recreation Director. Motion approved 3-0.

KENO To Go Notice: Big Y Express, 1993 Boston Rd.

R. Russell moved the BOS take no action. R. Boilard said it was tough, given the request that had been made in the past for this at a Main Street location; but said he would agree with no action. S. Bunnell indicated she was in agreement with no action.

Sign Request, Friends of the Library Book Sale, Crane Park, May 4-6, 2017

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) move to approve the request from the Friends of the Library for the placement of a sign in Crane Park May 4-6, 2017, in conjunction with their Book Sale. Motion approved 3-0.

Minutes of Meetings

S. Bunnell noted that the BOS had open session minutes of December 5, 12 and 19, 2016 to approve, but she hadn't had a chance to send in revisions. The minutes were tabled.

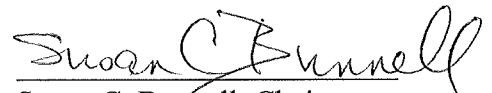
Having no further business, S. Bunnell called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Made (Russell) and seconded (Boilard) to adjourn. Motion approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



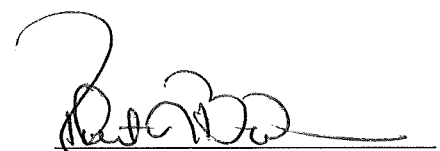
Nick Breault, Town Administrator



Susan C. Bunnell, Chairman



Robert W. Russell, Selectman



Robert J. Boilard, Selectman