

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECEMBER 4, 2008

At 7:01 p.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members David W. Heinlein and Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Administrative Assistant.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bill Solomon, Special Cable Counsel; Bob DeFusco, Cable T.V. Advisor; Jim McGrail, Rick Colon, Attorney Marie Lasota, Peter Bowman, Tom Antonucci & Irma Widomski, Verizon; Robyn Hunter, Warrant Committee; Jane McNeely, Matthew McNeely, Jack Walsh, Gerald Clarke, John Mannix, Ed Casale, Rick Malone, Marc Berman & John O'Keefe

**PRESS:** Ben Kossak, D-S Press

**Cable Franchise License Hearing**

Mrs. Lisbon opened the cable franchise license hearing which was continued from October 6, 2008. Verizon representatives as well as the Dover citizens present this evening were welcomed to the meeting.

Mrs. Lisbon explained that this past Monday the Board of Selectmen received a letter from Thomas Antonucci (dated November 25, 2008) with a cable license agreement (dated December 4, 2008) containing Verizon's final offer of terms for provision of cable television service to the Town of Dover. This morning Mrs. Lisbon, Town Administrator David Ramsay, Cable T.V. Advisor Bob DeFusco and Special Counsel Bill Solomon met with Mr. Antonucci and Jim McGrail of Verizon to discuss this offer. However, Mrs. Lisbon, Mr. Heinlein and Mr. Melican, in collaboration with Attorney Solomon and Mr. DeFusco, have not had an opportunity to review the details of the proposed license with the due diligence required.

Therefore, Mrs. Lisbon asked for a motion to continue the hearing to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at which time the Board of Selectmen will vote on entering into a cable license agreement with Verizon. It was so moved by Mr. Melican, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Several residents gave input on this matter, which included the following: The Board should consider the length of the process to date, the financial impact on the citizens with bundled services (phone, broadband and cable) and competition to Comcast, availability and quality of fiberoptic technology, etc. Mrs. Lisbon assured those present that their concerns are duly noted by the Board, and that there will be ample opportunity for comments on the specific terms and conditions of the license agreement being offered at the December 18<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**Reject 60KW Generator Sealed Bids**

Mrs. Pugatch told the Board that of the two sealed bids timely received for replacement of the generator at the Highway Garage, the low bidder was not responsive and the remaining bidder's price (\$33,800) exceeds the Reserve Fund Transfer amount previously approved by the Board to cover both this purchase and installation. It was recommended that the

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Board reject the bids received and instead allow the Superintendent of Building Maintenance to solicit quotes for same under Chapter 30B.

Mr. Heinlein moved to reject the bids received on November 26, 2008, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to authorize the use of Chapter 30B to obtain quotes for a 60KW generator for the Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

**Other Business:**  
**Special Licenses (2)**

The Selectmen were advised that all three of the special license applications to be reviewed this evening have been approved by the Police Chief.

Mr. Heinlein moved to approve a special license request for the Fox Hill Garden Club at St. Dunstan's on January 24, 2009 [from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. for beer and wine only], seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon asked for a motion to approve a Christmas party for B.C. Connors Family Retreat Center on December 11, 2008 [from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. for all alcoholic beverages] for Medfield Merchants & Employers. It was so moved by Mr. Heinlein, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Melican moved to approve a special license for a holiday party at B.C. Connors Family Retreat Center for December 20, 2008 [from 6:00 to 12:00 p.m. for all alcoholic beverages] for the Dover Mothers' Club, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

**Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Lisbon reiterated that the public hearing for the cable franchise license agreement with Verizon has been continued to December 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., and asked interested to share their thoughts either in person at that time or privately via e-mail ([selectmen@doverma.org](mailto:selectmen@doverma.org)) or via telephone.

**Adjournment**

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Heinlein moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

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David W. Heinlein, Clerk