

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 2, 2013

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman James P. Dawley, Jr. called the meeting to order with members Carol Lisbon and Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator.

ATTENDANCE: Janet Claypoole, Director, Council on Aging, Jack Walsh, Cara Groman, Maureen Dilg, Senior Needs Assessment Subcommittee of the Council on Aging; John Cone, Warrant Committee; Marianne and Bill Foster, Paul Campanis

PRESS: Sarah Freedman, D-S Press

Jack Walsh, Senior Needs Assessment Subcommittee re: Proposed Senior Center Design Services Warrant Article Request

The Council on Aging has requested a Warrant Article to raise \$15,000 for a Feasibility Study for a stand-alone Senior Center to be built on town owned land, commonly referred to as the Heard property, located on Centre Street. According to the COA, the Center would be needed in the next three to five years. Between 2007 and 2011 the use of COA programs by Dover seniors has doubled from 262 to 526. In 2013, the overall number of seniors in Dover is estimated to be 1,433. The committee feels that a stand-alone building which has flexible and contiguous space is required to accommodate the seniors. After much discussion on COA programs, participation and like-type communities and their facilities, Mr. Dawley stated that the feasibility study scope proposed by the COA might be too narrow if it is focused solely on the Heard property, and to gain support for a study it would need to be more inclusive, looking at all possible town-owned available space and as important assessing the usage of existing COA programming. The COA will take the recommendation and discuss it at future meetings.

Homeowner's Request for Town Snowplowing Services at The Meadows

Mr. Foster, a resident of, and on behalf of the other homeowners of The Meadows, requested that the Town consider snow removal from the streets in the development, knowing that they were not Town Accepted Roadways. He stated that 14 homes are now completed (out of 24 home sites), and to be fair to the development's taxpayers and to address police and fire safety needs the Town should snow plow and sand the streets. Mr. Foster also stated that the Town plows streets and roadways that are both accepted and non-accepted. Mr. Dawley stated that the issue is not accepted vs. non-accepted roads, but rather a subdivision development issue. The Board of Selectmen guided by the bylaws of the Town, specifically §248-24, which states in part that the developer shall maintain the subdivision roadways until such time as the Town accepts the roadways together with meeting the other requirements necessary have repeatedly voiced an

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opinion that while a subdivision is under construction, the Town will not snow plow or sand the roadways. It is the responsibility of the developer to maintain those roadways and keep them safe until the subdivision is completed. Therefore the Board denied Mr. Foster's request.

Mr. Foster also requested the Town investigate the possibility of improving the walking area on Springdale Avenue as you exit Hawthorne Lane turning right toward the center of Town. Mr. Dawley instructed Mr. Ramsay to ask the Highway Department to review this matter.

Review Revised FY14 Selectmen's Capital Budget Requests

Mr. Ramsay explained that it is sometimes necessary to shift around items in the Capital Budget to smooth out and equalize total spending amounts for capital items from year to year.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to shift Capital Budget items 10 and 11 from FY15 to FY14 and to move items 3 and 8 to FY16, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Review Draft Town Report

Mr. Dawley moved to accept the draft Town Report subject to change of language in the bond refinancing and Rail Trail items, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Award Tree Removal Bid

Mrs. Lisbon moved to accept the bid from Northeastern Tree Services for tree removal in the amount of \$16,500, for tree removal services in FY13, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Discuss Recently Enacted Medical Marijuana Statute

As a result of the statewide November 2012 election, ballot Question 3 was approved which would allow 35 Medical Marijuana Distribution Centers in Massachusetts. In addition, cultivation sites would be allowed along with an increased number of Distribution Centers after year one. While the ballot question was approved, no legislation governing rules or regulations have been set. The Board has instructed Town Council to review existing town by-laws, and accordingly craft language for a Warrant Article for the upcoming Town Meeting. The Article would prohibit both the distribution and cultivation in Dover.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to place a Warrant Article on the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to ban medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation in the Town of Dover, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

**Other Business:
Special Licenses (3)**

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The three Special Licenses which are to be voted on tonight are for: the Connors Center on January 6, the Connors Center on January 7, and the Connors Center on January 19.

Mr. Dawley moved to accept these three licenses as described above, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

MIA Nominations

The Board of Selectmen did not have anyone to add to the slate of nominees.

Approve December 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Dawley announced that he would seek re-election in the May 2013 Town Election.

Adjournment

At 7:55 pm, Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

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Joseph M. Melican, Clerk