

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
12/29/08

The Board of Selectmen met this evening at the Easton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office, 136 Elm Street with Chair Colleen Corona presiding.

Members present: Colleen Corona, John Haederle, Chuck King, and Ellen Barlow. Town Administrator David Colton was not present. Selectman Irwin Cohen arrived at 7:10 pm.

Corona called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

One day liquor license request Stonehill College, Inc.

*Alumni Fundraising Event – Martin Institute on 1/1/09 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm*

It was noted that no Easton Police Department detail was required for this event.

**On Haederle's motion seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the one day all alcohol license request.

Annual Licenses Renewals

Stephen Brennan of Brennan's Restaurant Inc., 402 Turnpike St., was present.

Corona asked Brennan if he had obtained the Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth confirming the corporation was in good standing. Brennan replied in the affirmative.

Corona indicated that there was additional workers' compensation insurance information needed by the Town.

Corona stated that the Board had worked with Brennan during the change of DBA and it was upsetting that there was such a delay in obtaining the Certificate of Good Standing although the office had received many promises it would be submitted. Brennan explained in detail the reason for the delay, indicating he had needed to go back and forth between DOR and the Secretary of State's office. Corona replied that the night Brennan was before the Board for the change of DBA he had indicated he would have the certificate in a day or two. Corona said the Board had no idea that the corporation had been dissolved. Brennan said he did not know the corporation was dissolved and had found out during the change of DBA process. Corona said she wants Brennan's business to succeed but Brennan had made recent transactions and processes very time consuming and difficult. Corona indicated that the license would be approved but contingent upon submission of proof of workers' compensation coverage, including a policy number, to the Board of Selectmen by Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Corona asked if the Board had any questions.

**On King's motion seconded by Haederle**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve renewal of Brennan's Restaurant Inc.'s Restaurant All Alcohol; Common Victualler; Annual Entertainment; and Sunday Entertainment licenses contingent upon submission of workers' compensation coverage including a policy number by January 16, 2009.

Corona recused herself at this time and asked Haederle to chair the meeting at this point.

Haederle confirmed there were no unresolved issues with the renewal of licenses for Jamess, Inc. dba Loco, located at 520 Foundry St.

**On King's motion seconded by Cohen**, the Board **voted 4-0-0** to approve renewal of Jamess Inc. dba Loco's Restaurant All Alcohol and Common Victualler licenses.

Corona returned to the room.

Bid/Contract award to Badger Meter, Inc.

Corona confirmed that the DPW Director, Wayne Southworth recommended approval of the contract with Badger Meter, Inc.

**On Haederle's motion seconded by King**, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve award of the bid/contract to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$89,817

Comment Letter re: South Coast Rail

Haederle said the letter signed by the Board suggests Alternative 44 (Bus Rapid Transit in Dedicated Lane to South Station via Route 24) is the best option because it results in the least adverse environmental impact. Haederle added that the U.S. Army Corps and the US EPA will have the final say through their review authority under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Alternative 44 may well meet the necessary aspects of federal environmental law without requiring that a new train route be constructed. Barlow commented that from a fiscal point of view, Alternative 44 also makes sense. Barlow asked if at the next Board meeting, an update on the process, including the Town's strategy could be presented. Haederle indicated that the next step would include the Fed making the final selection and drafting the environmental impact and this would take some time. Barlow replied that it would nice to have a summary so citizens could see what the town has done in regards to the South Coast Rail project. Corona asked Haederle if the letter needs to request a full EIR. Haederle replied that the final selection by the Corps of Engineers and the US EPA may likely require a full Environmental Impact Report and that the request by the town would be redundant.

Vote to authorize Snow & Ice Budget over expenditure

Corona stated the Town had already overspent the snow and ice budget after the past weekend's storms. Barlow questioned being over budget so early in the season. Corona explained the process and why the budget is set at a low level.

**On Corona's motion seconded by Barlow** the Board **voted unanimously** to authorize the Snow & Ice budget over expenditure

Legal service

Corona indicated this item would be addressed at a future meeting.

Town Administrator's notes

None

Press Notes

None

Selectmen's notes

Corona wished everyone a happy new year.

On Cohen's motion seconded by Haederle, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn (7:20 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Minsky

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Approved

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Date