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**Selectmen's
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Room 201, Town Hall
Time: 6:30 pm**

Present: Chairman, Chris DiSilva, Selectman Jason Kreil, Selectman David Gavin, Selectman Terrence Donovan, Selectman Tim Egan, Town Administrator Kevin Sweet, and Administrative Assistant Becky Mosca.

(This public meeting was recorded).

Executive Session- To deliberate with respect to Collective Bargaining

Motion: move to close the executive session hearing at 7:00 pm
Move to open session at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments: Tom Hesbach resident Chandler Street checking in for any updates in regards to Mill & Main roof sound assessment and wondering why information not in packet? TA, K. Sweet said we have the information and will add to next packet. We heard from Mass DEP today. We are now waiting to hear back from counsel of Mill & Main. The smaller units also have a sound issue and that needs to be addressed.

Bethlynn Houlihan resident Oak Street asked about item on the agenda # 11. Chair commented that at that time everyone will be able to comment and asked questions.

Bond Refunding Vote

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to vote that in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c44, section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated February 15, 2002 and February 1, 2007 and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

TA, noted that we are looking at refinancing a group of bonds as interest rates are down with a savings of \$130,000.00. We have a call scheduled for Wednesday to move forward with this rate.

Acceptance of Minutes November 1, 2016

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept and approve the minutes of November 1, 2016 as shown. Second by Selectman Egan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

List of Correspondences (mail to the Selectmen's Office for November 15, 2016). A- O.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept the list of correspondences as shown A thru O Second by Selectman Egan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda – Cemetery Deed # 2031

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept and approve the consent item as shown. Second by Selectman Donovan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

D/B/A Change for Halfway Café Inc., at 51 Main Street to The Brook Kitchen & Tap.

Owner John Grasso gave Board update to the changes to the restaurant and reason for the name change as part of the rebranding.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to approve the D/B/A change request for Halfway Café Inc., at 51 Main Street, to The Brook Kitchen & Tap. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

7:20 pm Public Hearing; Tax Hearing, Fiscal year 2017

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 56, the Maynard Board of Selectmen will hold their annual fiscal year 2017 Tax Classification Hearings on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:20 PM in the Michael J. Gianotis Meeting Room (No. 201) at the Maynard Town Building. The purpose of the hearing is to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property. The Public is welcome to attend.

Discussion with Assessor, Angie Marrama, Maynard Tax classification book review to present to all members. Department of Revenue (DOR) certified our number on October 31, 2016. A. Marrama commented to Board that the Board of Assessors did not get to meet and review, as they could not get a quorum. In past years, Maynard has rejected the residential exemption and, recommends the same this year.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to vote to reject the residential exemption. Second by Selectman Donovan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Angie Marrama commented that in past years Town also took the Assessors advice to reject the small commercial exemption and gave back up reasons.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to vote no to the small commercial exemption. Second by Selectman Donovan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

CLASSIFICATION SHIFTS

Angie Marrama went through all the pages of the Maynard Tax Classification handout book along with comparison of other Town's rates. Maynard has a budget that is presented at town meeting in May and the taxation needs to cover this budget to move Maynard forward.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept and approve the tax rates with a CIP shift of 1.33. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Motion: move to close the public hearing 8:47 pm

License Request, Common Victualler and Entertainment: Café of India, 155 Main Street.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to approve the Common Victualler and Entertainment license for Café of India, 155 Main Street upon all completed inspections, Building Inspector, Fire Chief and Board of Health. Second by Selectman Kreil. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

School Department Funding Request

TA, Kevin Sweet

Justin Hemm and Bethlynn Vergo Houlihan, School Committee members

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to approve the request of the School Committee to sponsor an Article in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Capital Stabilization, to address the drainage and accessibility issues with Green Meadow Playground. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 4-1 (Selectman Egan). Motion approved.

Water/Sewer – Senior Discount Policy Discussion

Chair DiSilva asked about the criteria and age limit.

T. Donovan commented on the letters from J. Kreil and D. Gavin and gave his own opinion of the water and sewer discount to seniors. T. Donovan would agree to change the age to 70 from 65 going forward. Along with concrete date for when resident at the age of 70 qualifies for this discount and not a rolling need or option. Also, senior circuit breaker only for people living in Maynard at address. T. Donovan does not think that the age of 65 is the age to look at this benefit. It needs to be a dollar figure. 564 people at the age of 65 currently receive this benefit. It would be 277 if we moved the age to 70

D. Gavin agrees to a compromise including a few of the changes suggested.

Chair DiSilva commented that the circuit breaker is also a qualifying event for residents whose income is very low. If you qualify for the circuit breaker, it is a qualifying event. A lot of people work passed the age of 65. We need to get to this and make the final decision soon. Maybe add a subcommittee with board members and work with the information we have.

Processing cost of all the bills. Design a process and being proper. Comment all seniors process yearly taxes because they do not make enough money. We send out many bills that the town does not collect on.

Chair set committee, J. Kreil, D. Gavin and T. Donovan on the subcommittee.

Special Town Meeting Draft Article Review and Acceptance

K. Sweet gave board update on the list of draft articles; legal still has some changes to make.

Control C, Matching Funds for Replacement of Aerial Ladder Truck

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept and approve control C as presented. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Control F, Amend By-Law Chapter XXVII, Section 5. Wetlands protection. Adding language that reduces the cost to applicants.

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept control F as presented. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Control G, Delete By-Law Chapter IX, Section 7 – Dogs – NO VOTE

Control H, Delete By-Law Chapter XI- Job & Express Wagons – NO VOTE

Control I, Amend By-Law Chapter XIII, Section 1, 3, and 4 – Police Commissioners – NO VOTE

Control J, Amend By-Law Chapter XIII, Section 16 – Fees for Sealer of Weights and Measures – NO VOTE

Control K, Amend Protective Zoning By-Law Use Table

A motion was made by Selectman DiSilva to accept control K as presented. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

Town Administrator Report; now in packet

Chair Report; Veterans Day Parade, well attended nice event. Congratulations to the Maynard High School Football team, and all the other fall sports teams having a great season.

Board Member Reports

Selectman Egan; none

Selectmen Donovan; To the Families of our Maynard High School that had car accident, we are sending our prayers.

Selectman Gavin; Also, commented on the nice speech that Selectman DiSilva gave at the Veterans Day Parade. In addition, to DPW for the nice set up at parade.

Selectman Kreil; asked TA K. Sweet if we had current update on the ARRT. Yes, email sent out to Board.

Selectman DiSilva; on the topic of the ARRT, why is the bike lane in front of River Rock and questions the size of the parking spaces they look very small. TA, all those issues would be address at the next weekly meeting.

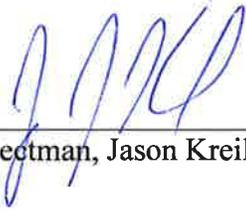
On Wednesday event for the Cultural Council District, Chris DiSilva and K. Sweet commented about this event. K. Sweet and C. DiSilva will attend along with Rep. Kate Hogan by 1:15 pm for the walk with our stakeholders and at the core meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Selectman DiSilva. Second by Selectman Kreil. Vote 9:50 pm. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 9:50 pm

Approved: 5-0

Date: 12-6-2016



Selectman, Jason Kreil, Clerk

Initials: BJM