

January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Danvers Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:30 P.M., in the Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, Town Hall, Danvers.

Present: Daniel C. Bennett, Chairman; William H. Clark, Jr.; Diane M. Langlais; David A. Mills; Gardner S. Trask, III.

By a Roll Call Vote, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The Board returned to Public Session at 7:05 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Mills, the Board voted 4 – 0 – 1, with Selectman Langlais abstaining, to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2016.

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New public business was brought forth as follows:

- Town Meeting member Bill Bradstreet asked about an opening date for the Berry Tavern. He also inquired about the matter of the Hobart Street parking lot and the eventual relocation of the train depot building.

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The Board heard a request from Ashley Steeves (High5EM) to conduct an inaugural one-mile run on Sylvan Street on Friday, June 3, 7 P.M. Following further discussion with the Board, the applicant requested to withdraw the application without prejudice.

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The Board was in receipt of an application for a One-Day Wine and Malt Beverages License by Danvers Community YMCA, Leonard Mercier, CEO, 34 Pickering Street, for an event to be held on Saturday, February 6. Mr. Mercier was present on behalf of this application. On a motion made by Selectman Mills and seconded by Selectman Langlais, the Board voted unanimously to approve this application.

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The Board heard a report by Danvers Rotary representative William Nolan about the 2015 Farmers' Market, as well as plans for the upcoming, 2016 season. Mr. Nolan informed the Board that this season's Farmers' Market would be conducted on Wednesdays from 4-7 P.M. rather than on Fridays and, further, that vendor fees which were \$35 in 2015 would be reduced to \$25. He indicated that additional information would be forthcoming as planning progresses.

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The Board heard a report from Town Engineer Rick Rodgers on proposed improvements to the intersection of Locust and Poplar Street and the Town's efforts to permit corner roundings at this location.

On a motion by Selectman Clark and seconded by Selectman Trask, the Board voted unanimously that, for public convenience and necessity, to take by eminent domain the Corner

Rounding Easement at 35 Locust Street for Corner Rounding purposes, accepted as Town Easements under Article 14 of the May 19, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and as authorized by Town Meeting to acquire said easement. It was further voted that said taking of each Corner Rounding Easement as being more particularly described in the respective Order of Taking to be executed by the Board of Selectmen this date.

On a motion by Selectman Mills and seconded by Selectman Trask, the Board voted unanimously that, for public convenience and necessity, to take by eminent domain the Corner Rounding Easement at 28-30 Poplar Street for Corner Rounding purposes, accepted as Town Easements under Article 14 of the May 19, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and as authorized by Town Meeting to acquire said easement. It was further voted that said taking of each Corner Rounding Easement as being more particularly described in the respective Order of Taking to be executed by the Board of Selectmen this date.

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The Board heard a report from the Town Engineer Rick Rodgers on the status of the proposed Kinder-Morgan pipeline project. Representation was made to the Board by a North Shore coalition group that Danvers should name a local representative to attend meetings on behalf of the Town. The Board agreed to take the suggestion under advisement and would look forward to future reports.

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The Board considered whether to endorse the January 2016 DanversCARES position statement on the legalization of marijuana. Peg Sallade and students from Danvers High School addressed the Board. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Mills, the Board voted 3 – 2 to endorse the Position Statement, with Selectman Clark and Selectman Langlais voting against.

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Correspondence, Selectmen "New Business," and previous "New Public business" updates were provided, as follows:

- The Board of Health will conduct an open burning forum on January 21, 2016
- The Town's DTAC group will look at the issue of a prohibition of overnight parking of commercial vehicles in the Hobart Street lot
- Polish Club access for Town inspections
- Thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition at Danvers High School Auditorium on January 18
- The Town Manager confirmed that the EconoLodge (Endicott Street) is no longer housing homeless families
- The Town Manager recognized an anonymous donation to the Danvers Police department's Vest-a-Dog program
- Several local officials will be attending the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual Meeting & Trade Show on January 22 and 23

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The Town Manager provided an update to the Board on various items of interest, as follows:

- A Planning Board 40R Zoning forum is being organized
- The Town Manager provided an update on the winter parking ban
- The Town Manager updated the Selectmen on possible remote meeting participation by the Town's board/committee members
- Board of Selectmen hearings on departmental Fiscal 2017 budgets will be conducted on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:30 A.M. in the Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room
- The Board of Selectmen will review warrant articles for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 21
- The Board will not meet as scheduled on Tuesday, April 5, but will convene on Tuesday, March 29, if there is a need
- The Town Manager provided an update on the work of the committee charged to review the Community Preservation Act (CPA)
- The Town Manager provided an update on the progress of the Town's application for MSBA funding for the Smith School
- At the Annual Town Meeting, a warrant article will be presented to amend the Town's bylaws to change the start time of Town Meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- The Town Manager updated the Board on the progress on the Town's Dog Park

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Selectmen closing comments were offered, as follows:

- The Board extended congratulations and best wishes to two valued Town employees on their retirement: Assistant Town Clerk Kathleen Woytovich and DPW Director of Operations Robert Lee
- Remember Veterans, as well as all active servicemen and women
- Remember Veterans and support Operation Troop Support

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On a motion by Selectman Clark and seconded by Selectman Langlais, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following license renewals and banner requests:

#### **Common Victualler's**

- Jacks Liberty Street Market, 100 Liberty Street
- A.B. Bena, Inc., d/b/a Gio's, 47 Elm Street
- Ocean, Inc., d/b/a Regina Pizzeria, Liberty Tree Mall

#### **Class 1 Dealer's**

- Danvers Motor Co., Inc., 106 Sylvan Street
- Danvers SU, LLC, d/b/a Ira Subaru, 97 Andover Street

**Class 2 Dealer's**

- Antonio F. Domingues, d/b/a M&M Motors, 154 Endicott St.
- Pelletier & Milbury Corp., d/b/a Port Auto Sales, 129 Water Street

**Entertainment**

- Onion Town Grill, Inc., 175 Water Street

**Taxi**

- Americab Taxi LP, 92 Jackson Street, Suite 204, Salem, MA

**Banner Permits**

- Danvers Youth Hockey over Maple St., January 25-31
- Danvers Girl Scouts over Maple St., February 8-23; over High St., March 14-27
- Danvers Family Festival over Maple St., June 20-July 4
- DEEP Wine Tasting over Maple St., October 7-17

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Collins*, Clerk