

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of March 6, 2012

Chairman Laura Powers called the meeting to order at 4:03PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Powers, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt, Eldon Goodhue and Ken Vogel. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were Elementary School Committee Chairman Jeanine Cunniff.

Chairman Powers announced that the Board would go into Executive Session at the end of the working session to discuss the Reserve Police union contract and would not return to Open Session.

Cook & Company: Ms. Wilder suggested that the Board consider requesting Cook & Company to perform a further analysis of the Town's Health Insurance Plan, comparing the GIC and MIIA. There was a consensus that Ms. Wilder should move forward with gaining a proposal from Cook & Company on an abbreviated analysis that would begin to assist in the review of Health Plan Design.

License for Farmer Winery: Chairman Powers noted the purpose of the meeting was to develop language for the Alfalfa Farm Winery-Alcohol License Warrant Article. Selectman Gandt reported a conversation he had with Mr. Adelman in which he reviewed the Board's decision to move forward and requested that if Mr. Adelman disagreed with the proposed warrant article, he was to provide in writing what licenses he would require to operate a winery at Alfalfa Farm. No requests had been received to date. Kopelman & Paige, PC representative Lauren Goldberg had sent an email (dated 3/5/12) with suggested language to use in the Warrant Article which would address a Special Act-License for Retail Sale of Wine at Alfalfa Farm Winery. The Board consensually agreed to allow wine tastings but to limit tastings to five and to remove language related to malt liquor (beer). It was also agreed that Selectman Gandt would work with Ms. Wilder and Ms. Goldberg on final language for the warrant article. It was noted that at this time a Warrant Article is only a "band-aid" approach to a larger alcohol issue that the Board would address at a later date.

Elementary School Budget: School Committee Chairman Jeanine Cunniff reported that the committee met, but that there was not a full complement of committee members to accurately vote the budget. However, Ms. Cunniff reported that the School Committee would not be in favor of having the requested funds for technology placed on an override question.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$ 6,789,266.61**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY12:	
71T	\$ 80,084.65
71School	\$ 233,002.43
72	\$ 6,476,179.53

At 4:57 PM, Selectmen Gandt made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiating strategy for the Reserve Police union contract; seconded by Selectman Goodhue. In a roll call vote, a yes vote was recorded for Chairman Powers, Selectman Morrison, Selectman Gandt, Selectman Goodhue and Selectman Vogel. The Board would not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. Email from Kopelman & Paige Lauren Goldberg dated 3/5/12

Approved as written at the April 9, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

<p>Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.</p>
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