

Chairman Gill called meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium with members Charles Coldwell, Joseph Gill, John Ryan, Doug Sears and Jerome Selissen present. Town manager David Cressman, Town Counsel Charles Zaroulis and Recording Secretary Heather Tecce were also present.

Scheduled Agenda Items:

1. Board of Health Interviews

Appearing for interview was Brad Zarba:

Question: What are your qualifications for the Board of Health?

Answer: EMT, EMT Instructor, 20 years experience, construction, master pipe fitter

Question: Are you familiar with what this board does?

Answer: I believe so; water quality is a big issue now, local restaurants, restrooms in establishments and Title V.

Question: What would be important next year?

Answer: Find out what is wrong with the water and the source?

Question: Why have you applied to the Board of Health?

Answer: To get move involved in the community

Question: If you don't get on the board this time, would you run again?

Answer: Yes

Question: Do you think with all these items on your resume, might you be over committed?

Answer: No, I can take details with the Sheriffs office if I chose.

Question: When did you become interested in Public Health Issue?

Answer: In 1993 when I became a first responder

Question: Have you been involved in the town before?

Answer: Coach Pee wee Hockey Team

Question: You have applied for both Boards tonight (Health & Appeals), which are you more partial to?

Answer: The Board of Health

Question: Will time management be a problem for you?

Answer: No, with clarification made that night school is over.

Appearing for interview was Christine Kinnon

Questions: Give us a background about yourself

Answer: I've lived in town for over 50 years; I have five children, 4 with families in town. I work in the medical profession for Dr. McCartins Administrative Health Assistant. I feel I can be of service to the town. Very interested in the nutrition at the Schools.

Question: You have a background in psychology, how can this benefit this board?

Answer: Any education would benefit and this psychology education can benefit by understanding and relating to people.

Question: What are your thoughts on the current drug problem?

Answer: I feel that this is a huge problem and the children and parents need to be educated and I would like to work on this type of committee.

Question: What are the 3 most important things that this board does?

Answer: (1) Oversee restaurants, (2) Animal, live stock, farm animal's (3) Clinics for the blood drives and Waste management

Question: What is the most talked about compliant at Dr. McCartins?

Answer: I believe the seniors with the cost of medication. It can be confusing with the Medicare packages and how the seniors can get their medication cheaper. There are numerous prescription plans available. I could help this board with this.

Question: What could you do for our schools?

Answer: Education of nutrition, drugs and legal and illegal smoking.

Appearing for interview was Ralph McHatton

Questions: Give us a background about yourself

Answer: I am a pharmacist with a B.S. in Pharmacy.

Question: Any Pet projects you may have if you were appointed?

Answer: The loss of the PAL project and also the flu vaccine

Question: What are your thoughts regarding the 1 parts per billion in the perchlorate?

Answer: I feel that this is a good level because we never tested before.

Question: If appointed, after your first year what would you be remembered for?

Answer: Perchlorate issues, I would want to work with the Town of Billerica and find the source.

Question: Have you volunteered in town before?

Answer: Yes, I am on the Ryan School Council, Youth baseball and soccer.

Question: When you ran before what was one of your platforms?

Answer: Child obesity and education smoking cessation.

Question: How could you help the seniors?

Answer: I could educate the seniors on medication and how it could be more cost effective to them.

Appearing for interview was William Tibbets

Questions: Give us a background about yourself

Answer: I am a doctor and chiropractor that could bring strength to this board with my background. I always keep informed of what is going on in the medical field.

Question: Have you run for office before?

Answer: In school.

Question: If appointed, after your first year what would you be remembered for?

Answer: My acute steps for research and how he deals with people

Question: Do you have other community involvement?

Answer: Yes, my practice and church and youth sports in the community.

Question: What do you feel is Tewksbury's #1 health concerns?

Answer: Perchlorate

Question: Is 1215 Main Street a commercial or residential address?

Answer: Commercial, my residential is Pattern Road.

2. Board of Appeals Interviews:

Appearing for interview is Steve Deackoff:

Question: Would you be spreading yourself too thin?

Answer: I would resign from the Local Housing Partnership.

Question: What would make you qualified for the position?

Answer: I have a B/S degree and I am able to do research, I am detail oriented.

Question: What would consider a hardship?

Answer: I would take into consideration the neighbors and abutters. Not necessarily are finances a hardship.

Question: Would you find the Mills Project a conflict?

Answer: I was an advocate for the neighborhood to make sure they got what they needed and if I felt it necessary I would remove myself for Mills hearings.

Appearing for interview is Kenneth Collins

Mr. Collins said he is a new resident to town, enjoying his recent retirement and is interested in donating time to the community.

Question: What was your profession before retirement?

Answer: A commercial crane operator.

Question: What do you feel is the Mission of the Board of Appeals?

Answer: All parties come out with a solution they can be happy with.

Question: What do you think you could contribute to this board?

Answer: I have experience in construction, also I don't have any relationships in town leaving me open minded, and I have time to research and help out other board members with less time.

Appearing for interview is Brad Zarba

Question: What would you consider as a hardship?

Answer: I would have to refer to the guidelines of the town and maybe some financial cases.

Question: What would you think about splitting lots?

Answer: I would have to check the town bylaws.

Question: Do you understand the time constraints?

Answer: Yes, and I do not see this being a problem.

Mr. Gill said this completes the interview portion of the meeting and this Board will discuss this during the Report portion of this meeting.

3. Classification Hearings - Appearing before this Board is Donna Walsh, Finance Director and Jay Kelley, Chief Assessor. After a presentation by Mr. Kelley and Ms. Walsh regarding the property tax rate. It is the Town Managers recommendation to stay at the 1.55 split.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and second by Mr. Coldwell to agree with the Town Managers recommendation and stay at the 1.55 split. The Board voted unanimously.

4. Bacci's Entertainment License - Appearing before this Board is Richard LoSanno and his Attorney Mr. Scott Consaul. Mr. Gill submitted into record a letter signed by 26 residents opposing this entertainment license. Mr. Consaul told this Board they met with the Police Chief and he is in favor of the license on a trial basis and for a limited period of time. Mr. Sears said he would go along with the Chiefs recommendation. Mr. Ryan will continue to oppose. Mr. Selissen thought that the neighbors were on board and now he sees this letter with 26 opposing signatures. Mr. Consaul informed this Board he has not seen this letter. Mr. Gill received clarification that there will not be any dancing from Mr. LoSanno. Rochelle Hasting is also appearing before the Board in opposition of the license. Mr. Sears suggested that maybe a fence might be the remedy for this situation.

Motion by Mr. Sears, second by Mr. Selissen to allow the petitioner Bacci's to withdraw without prejudice. The Board voted 3 opposed and 2 to in favor to allow withdrawal. (Ryan, Coldwell and Gill opposed & Sears and Selissen in favor).

Motion by Mr. Ryan, second by Mr. Selissen to deny entertainment license and the Board voted unanimously.

5. Residents- none.
6. **Motion** by Mr. Coldwell, second by Mr. Ryan to except the DPW Staffing Plan Funding and the Board voted unanimously.
7. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to authorize posting of SHMEO – Public Works position, second by Mr. Selissen and the Board voted unanimously.
8. The Town Manager informed this Board of appointing Mr. McCarthy to the HMEO position effective 12-6-04.
9. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan, second by Mr. Coldwell to authorize posting of the Senior Account Clerk – Auditors Office and the Board voted unanimously.
10. Mr. Cressman informed the Board of the most recent Perchlorate testing that on 11-2-04, 1.259 parts per billion (ppb) and on 11-9-04, .69 ppb. Mr. Selissen met with the Billerica Board of Selectmen and the likely source has been found and ceased polluting the water 11-20-04.
11. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to posting Library Clerical Position, second by Mr. Sears and the Board voted unanimously.

12. Executive session – Dept. Head Salaries

13. Reports:

Mr. Ryan asked if the Town Manager could contact the Library Trustees about opening on Sundays during the winter months.

Motion by Mr. Ryan to send letter to Library Trustees about opening the Library on Sundays during the winter months, second by Mr. Sears and the Board voted unanimously.

Mr. Selissen expressed his thanks about the nice job on the water treatment video. The Billerica Selectmen didn't seem to know what was happening in Tewksbury with the water situation. The sewer committee met last night and things are going well.

Mr. Sears complimented Mr. Selissen on a good job with the Town of Billerica and how fast it seems the source was found after his meeting. Also, the State Hospital wells are still available. Would like to note former Selectmen Richard Morris for all his efforts in the community. Our thoughts are with Mr. Paul Sullivan who is in the hospital.

Mr. Coldwell wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gill reminded all about the food pantry at this time of year and lighting of the Common December 3, 2004.

Special Committees: Mr. Gill asked that after tonights Board of Appeals interviews is there any discussion or recommendations.

Motion by Mr. Coldwell to nominate Brad Zarba to the Board of Appeals for associate position, second by Mr. Ryan and the board voted 3 in favor 2 opposed. Polled Ryan – yes, Sears – no, Selissen – no, Coldwell – yes, Gill – yes.

Motion by Mr. Selissen to nominate Kenneth Collins to the Board of Appeals for associate position, second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted 4 in favor 1 opposed. Polled Ryan – yes, Sears no, Selissen – yes, Coldwell – yes, Gill – yes.

Motion by Mr. Sears to nominate Mr. Deackoff, second by Mr. Selissen to Board of Appeals for associate position.

14. **Motion** by Mr. Selissen to post “Do Not Enter” sign at Hillman and Washington Streets intersection, second by Mr. Ryan and the Board voted unanimously.

15. A list of Year 2005 Selectmen Meetings for discussion. There was no discussion.

16. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan, second by Mr. Selissen to grant vacate foreclosure Decree at 525 Woburn Street – Unit 5 in exchange for payment in full of all taxes. The Board voted unanimously.

Attorney Zaroulis will meet with the new members of the Board of Appeals for brief overview of the Board and its responsibilities, old members welcome for a refresher course.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting December 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM Town Hall Auditorium

Motion by Mr. Selissen, second by Mr. Ryan at 9:10 PM and unanimously voted to go into Executive Session. Polled all yes.

John Ryan, Clerk