A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday December 18, 2018, 7PM, at the Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

James A. MacDonald – Chair

Brendan G. Keogh - Vice Chair

Dr. Dennis J. Teehan Jr.

Michael L. Butler

Dennis J. Guilfoyle

Mr. MacDonald called the Meeting to order at 7 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Santa!

Santa congratulated the Dedham Dynamo Cheer Team for their third place performance at the National Competition in Florida. Santa wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

The Board presented Santa with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Dedham Citizens Open Discussion**

**Certificate of Appreciation**

Presented to Rita-Mae Cushman for her commitment to 45 years of joy and excitement with her wonderful display of decorations and lights.

Each of the Board of Selectmen then thanked Rita-Mae for her dedication and hard work on the decoration and light display.

**Certificate of Recognition of the Dedham Girls Dynamo Cheer Squad**

The team finished in third place at the National Competition.

The Board recognized the coaches who in turn recognized the parents.

Lori Fonseca and Cat Schroeder spoke about how this team feels like a family and Spoke about the dedication it takes to perform at a high level.

Mr. Guilfoyle read the Certificate of Achievement and the Board presented the certificates to the cheerleaders and coaches.

**Discussion & Vote Re: Approval of Proposed Language Changes to House Bill No. H4416 and House Bill No. H4417**

Mr. MacDonald asked Ms. Baker to give an explanation regarding this agenda item.

Ms. Baker stated that there have been some changes to the legislation, which often happens when the legislature reviews these proposed bills. These changes concern the license currently held by 7 Eleven, which is currently a Wine and Malt license. Ms. Baker informed all that this license owner is requesting that it be converted to a full alcohol off premise license.

Ms. Baker stated that the second item is a request for a license to be issued, through the legislative process, to the property known as 930 Providence Hwy, the former site of Chili’s. Ms. Baker added that there are some minor changes to the article as it was submitted to Town Meeting after hearings on both licenses, which both applicants were present for. Ms. Baker continued, saying that it is not unlike the legislature to make these changes administratively and otherwise. Ms. Baker stated that the language of the article authorizes the Board to concur with these changes without having to go back to Town Meeting.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of these changes; seconded by Mr. Keogh.

Dr. Teehan stated he thinks this is a good opportunity to remember Chairman MacDonald’s suggestion which was to look at some kind of study in the near future that will give us a more comprehensive strategy on how liquor licenses are distributed.

**On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. McDonald stated that it is important that we have this letter sent tomorrow if possible. Mr. MacDonald informed all that the legislative session ends at the end of the month.

**Discussion & Vote Re: New Year’s Eve Comedy Show at Dedham Community Theatre**

Ms. Baker stated that the Dedham Community Theatre has requested permission for their New Year’s Eve comedy spectacular on Monday, December 31, with shows at 5:30 and 8 PM

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval; seconded by Dr. Teehan. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**Discussion & Vote Re: Inter Fund Advanced Borrowing w/ Treasurer Collector**

Ms. Baker informed the Board that the Inter Fund Advanced Borrowing request in front of them is related to the $875,632 that was approved in Article 4 at last fall’s Town Meeting, which provides additional funding for the completion of the renovation project at the Ames School.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**Discussion w/ Livable Dedham**

Diane Barry-Preston and Mary Louise Kehoe were present before the Board.

Ms. Barry-Preston thanked the Board for the opportunity to share some of their

highlights from the past year. Ms. Barry Preston informed all that Livable Dedham is an

age friendly advocacy organization and it is a project with the Friends of the Council on

Aging, Ms. Barry Preston stated that Livable Dedham is now three years old. Ms. Barry

Preston continued, saying that they received a designation by AARP and Dedham is

one of 34 cities and Towns in Massachusetts designated to be working on becoming an

age friendly community by doing things such as, providing more affordable and

accessible housing, more volunteer opportunities for older adults, more social

engagements, more walkability, and alternative transportation beyond cars and better

communication. Ms. Barry Preston informed all that this past year they were lucky to

receive a second year of funding from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation, to continue

promoting the work they are doing. Ms. Barry Preston stated that Dedham fared well

against Lowell, Lawrence, New Bedford and Fall River. Ms. Barry Preston continued,

saying that they also received a small grant from AARP for a project that will help them

encourage more older adults, especially ones who are isolated and do not participate in

the Senior Center and other activities around Town. Ms. Barry Preston added that we

have also grown our Steering Committee to over 30 people and several of the Town’s

Departments are paring with Livable Dedham, most particularly Joe Flanagan,

Director of DPW, the library and John Sisson have been wonderful partners. Ms. Barry

Preston continued, saying that they’re working with more closely now with the Health

Department. Ms. Barry Preston informed all that the Tufts funding has allowed them to

do a three year strategic plan, so even though they expect to get funding there is

a strategic plan in place to guide their work. Ms. Barry Preston continued, saying that

they did a housing forum last June and 75 People attended and talked to us about

how they want to downsize but there is not the right kind of housing stock. Ms. Barry

Preston stated that they were working with the Economic Development Director, John

Sisson, about doing a land and housing inventory, precinct by precinct. Ms. Barry

Preston continued, saying that they are also making some progress on walk ability and

alternative transportation. Mark Fenton, a national expert, met with Livable Dedham

representatives and one of the ways we’re moving forward, per his suggestion, is to

form an Active Transportation Work Group, that is dedicated to really looking at ways to

improve sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes. Ms. Barry Preston informed all that

they’ve trained 20 citizens to do walk audits. Ms. Barry Preston stated that will work to

host a volunteer fair at the Martin Luther King event on Monday, 21 January. Ms. Barry

Preston added that they are working on an intergenerational camp that will bring middle

school youth together with older adults. Ms. Barry Preston continued, saying that they

have been running a full-length ad in the Dedham Times listing activities and events for

older adults. Ms. Mary Preston concluded by saying, on behalf of the 30 volunteers that

make up Livable Dedham and the over 600 hours of volunteer time that they give every

year we would also like to thank the Board for its support and asked if there were any

questions.

The Board expressed their sincere thanks to Ms. Barry Preston, Mrs. Kehoe and to all

of the volunteers behind the scenes for all their hard work and dedication over the

past 3 years. The Board also showed interest in having Marc Fenton in to a future

meeting to hear how he can help the Town move forward with the Livable Dedham

Project.

**Town Manager’s Report**

1. Subcontractors are coming back in and identifying the things that have to get fixed. There has been slow but steady progress regarding the Ames Building: the 5 and 7 line concrete pour, on the first level, has been completed. This will allow the work to progress in the COA area.  Numerous inspections are going on in the building.
2. The consultants engaged by the Town and led by Virginia LeClair are preparing the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) report, conducted three workshops in the last two weeks. There were two four-hour workshops with stakeholders: both Chiefs, the School Superintendent and the DPW. There was also one public listening session last Wednesday evening. The report will come from the information gathered and will put the community in position to apply for grant funding to pursue a climate action plan. The consultant is paid for by a grant.
3. T-Mobile is the group heading up the moving of the communication equipment off the smokestack and onto a temporary pole. All the permitting regarding the communication poll has been completed. We are now trying to put together a financial agreement such that T-Mobile and the other carriers pay their cost of moving it and are credited with the lease reduction or some kind of credit over the years. Joe Flanagan, John Eichmann of KP Law and I are working on putting that together.
4. Chairman MacDonald put together a meeting with PERAC and the DRB, Dedham Retirement Board and representatives of the Town including myself and two members of the Board of Selectmen. The result of that meeting is that we are going to investigate some alternative funding schedules going forward that will benefit the community and still accomplish the objective we have that is to fully fund our pension plan.
5. I attended the TRIC (our subset of MAPC) kick-off meeting for the next regional plan. It was a listening session made up of planning Board members, Selectmen, and Town Managers.  Jessica Porter also attended.
6. There have been 2 meetings with the Finance Committee regarding benchmarking.
7. We will be beginning the budget process soon.

Mr. Kern informed all that HR Director, Miriam Johnson, has tendered her resignation to take a similar position in Cohasset.

**Action by the Board**

**Gift Acceptance** –

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To; Endicott Estate

From: Fairbanks Garden Club

Amount: $300

Dr. Teehan moved to except the gift; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**1 Day Liquor licenses**

Ms. Baker informed the Board that there is a need for a vote to ratify the issuance of a one day liquor license for Fred Astaire for this past Saturday

Mr. Butler moved approval; seconded by Dr. Teehan. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Request for a one day liquor license from St. Mary’s Parish, for a one day liquor license for their fundraiser.

January 25, 2019 7pm – 11pm

Mr. Butler moved approval; seconded by Dr. Teehan. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**Old/New Business**

Mr. Guilfoyle thanked the Board and everybody who donated to the “Toys for our Town” event this past Sunday. Mr. Guilfoyle informed all that they collected enough toys to fill 14 – 33 gallon trash bags.

Mr. Butler stated that the other day he came through the estate and saw the new copper cupola on top of the barn.

Mr. MacDonald lauded the residents of Dedham for their generosity in helping so many less fortunate families

Mr. MacDonald asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 10, 2019 at 7pm. This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Selectmen’s Meeting held on December 18, 2018, which minutes were approved on April 8, 2019.

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James A. MacDonald. – Chairman