

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017  
Murdock/Middle High School Auditorium  
3 Memorial Drive, Winchendon, Mass.**

**Present:**

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman  
Audrey LaBrie, Vice-Chairwoman  
Michael Barbaro  
Austin Cyganiewicz  
Charles Husselbee

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager  
Linda Daigle, Executive Assistant  
Brian Riley, Esq. – KP Law

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**List of Documents Presented at Meeting:**

- Christmas Tree Permit Application – 678 Spring St., Little Anthony's (filed)
  - Letter dated Nov. 1, 2017 from Mass State Lottery Commission regarding a Keno application from Zoe's Restaurant, 435 Spring St. (attached)
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The meeting was called to order at the High School by Chairwoman Anderson at 6:31 p.m.

Announce audio/video recording disclosure – No one disclosed they would be recording the meeting this evening.

**1. SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

Anderson asked if everyone had time to fill out the Town Manager evaluation form advised the topic would be an agenda item for Executive Session on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The review period begins from December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no public comments this evening.

**3. PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

3.1 Christmas Tree Sales Permit – Little Anthony's, 678 Spring Street -

**LaBrie moved to pass over until the applicants are present; Husselbee seconded. With a vote of LaBrie, Husselbee and Anderson voting aye and Barbaro and Cyganiewicz voting no, the motion carried by unanimous to pass over at this time.**

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

Hickey noted the changes to the Motions this evening. There were three:

1. Article 2 has a reduction of \$15,000 for the "Active Duty Weapons" so the article will be reduced by that amount to \$286,995.
2. Articles 6 and 7 the Town and School Departments' electricity costs were originally noted from raise and appropriate but because the State hasn't certified our values yet and with the Town Accountant's concern to be conservative and be safe, he prefers to take from the extra \$150,000 the Town has in free cash. He knows there will be what is needed from growth in the Town's property values; but to the Town Accountant's concern and respect to him, it

won't hurt us at all and it will just roll to free cash next year. The Town Manager recommended the three changes.

LaBrie asked when the Town's property values would be certified. Hickey replied the Assessor's Dept. is working with the Dept. of Revenue and it was expected last Friday. DOR is short staffed and it is a crunch time right now. He hopes in a week or two they will have our growth numbers. The Tax Classification hearing is listed on your next agenda in two weeks from tonight. The plan is to meet that deadline.

Hickey informed the Board that the Town Moderator came to him this evening and let him know of his concern with Article 10 and the mistake with the parcel number on the warrant. This is the land swap article between the Town and Heywood Hospital. The Town Moderator feels the article should be passed over because there wasn't proper notice for people reading the warrant. Attorney Riley had advised him to correct it in the Motions and it would be all set. It is the Town Moderator's call. He would like to see it addressed tonight to inform Comcast and the Hospital whether or not the Town supports this but he didn't think it was time sensitive. There is an old tank the Town has to remove from the property and bring before the Town in the spring anyways. Hickey asked them to pass over this article and apologized for the confusion. Attorney Riley added it's the scope of the article being the problem. It is a Moderator call and he's not comfortable with it; it is not an unusual request.

#### **PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Agenda Item 3 Revisited)**

##### **3.1 Christmas Tree Sales Permit – Little Anthony's, 678 Spring Street**

**With the applicants being present, LaBrie moved to take the application for Little Anthonys; Barbaro seconded. With a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.**

Walter and Marla LaGrassa came forward and thanked the Board for addressing their application this evening. They will begin selling the Christmas Trees the day after Thanksgiving and have been doing this for about 22 years now. **Barbaro moved for the applicant; Cyganiewicz seconded. By a vote of all aye, the permit was approved unanimously.**

LaBrie noted the Building Inspector has mentioned in his response to limit the amount of signage. The LaGrassa's replied that they have spoken to the Building Inspector. They thanked the Board.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

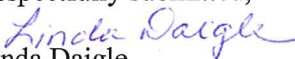
#### **6. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**6.1 Letter from the Mass. State Lottery Commission regarding a Keno application for Zoe's Restaurant, 435 Spring St. – Anderson noted they had received a letter from the Mass. State Lottery Commission asking if they had any objections to a Keno license for Zoe's Restaurant. With no objections, Barbaro moved to take no action on the state license for Keno for Zoe's; Husselbee seconded. With a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Barbaro moved to adjourn; LaBrie seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Daigle  
Executive Assistant