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Present was: James C. Lehan, Scott Bugbee, Robert J. Garrity, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Susan Jacobson. Marian Harrington was not in attendance.

Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. The meeting was audio and video taped.

### **TAXI CAB LICENSE**

Present was Scott Bragdon, Human Resource Director.

Scott Bragdon introduced Mr. Kamal A. Mroue, the first of two applicants before the Board requesting a Taxi License. These were the first two applications he received currently. If they are approved by the Board of Selectmen, they will move on to the next step and meet with the Norfolk Police Department

Mr. Mroue said his son has also applied for a license and they would work together. He will advertise and notify all the local business and gas stations that his taxi service is available. He would like to be an asset to the Town.

Scott Bugbee asked how long he expected it would take before he could be up and running. Mr. Mroue said he expected to be able to take customers within one month. Rob Garrity explained that if the Selectmen receive any complaints about the taxi not taking Norfolk residents they will take action. Jim Lehan said that they wish them success, but they do expect they will meet the standards that have been explained.

Rob Garrity moved to approve the license contingent on vehicle approval by the Chief of Police. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

Mr. Mroue is going to have two vehicles under this license.

Maurice Barkachi was the next applicant before the Board for a Taxi License. He is a Dedham resident, and if given this license he will own his own taxi. He has applied here and is hoping to get his license from Norfolk. He wanted the Board to know that he does not expect anyone to complain about his services. He also has a license in Foxboro, but he would still like a license from Norfolk. Rob Garrity gave him the same warning.

Rob Garrity moved to approve a taxi license for Maurice with the vehicle approval by the Chief of Police. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

On a separate matter, Scott Bragdon told the Board that the new insurance company had a training driving simulator that they placed in our back parking lot for use by the public safety officers. The Police participated in the course it and in the Spring they are going to put the Firefighters through the same driving program. Scott felt it was a very beneficial program.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jack emailed back and forth with George Valone. They still have not done the deal with the Archdiocese if we are going to try and make the May Town Meeting. The deadline is February 21. His response was if they got control of the property they would do this. Jim asked they are going to condition this on the zoning approvals.

Jim asked if any articles are in yet. Jack said they do not have any complete articles in yet. A

couple of individuals have expressed interest in the Shire Park area. These are trucking type applications. The Economic Development Committee will meet with the individual to see if they are willing to sponsor the articles.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012; December 11, 2012 and January 8, 2013 – regular and executive session. It was seconded by Rob Garrity and **so voted**.

### **LAKE STREET DISCUSSION**

Bob McGhee joined the meeting.

Jim Lehan said it is an accepted road and the Town's responsibility to maintain the road. Jim felt that they will never get all to agree. There are some public safety concerns. The road is about a mile long and we have 70 miles of road in the Town of Norfolk. This represents less than 2%. They are spending 20% of the maintenance budget on one mile of road. They cannot continue to spend \$15,000-\$17,000 a year when there are other solutions that are more economic.

There was general discussion about the two options available. Bob felt that it was interpreted differently by all three members of the group that met.

Option one is to asphalt the road. This is the best option from a maintenance point. It is also the best option financially. The road would be 16-18 feet wide with natural drainage and a side slope. Option two is a gravel mix. There is an existing part of the road that is asphalt. What is being proposed is to fix the asphalt portion of the street and go up to the Medway Street side and asphalt that to 500 feet. This will prevent the lake from being affected. For the remaining 2500 feet, they would grade and put down gravel. It would be an even mixture. They will come through and put a calcium chloride and it makes it hard and crusty. It is not as durable as asphalt. It will form potholes, but they can fill that in and restore it. They would recommend coming in twice a year to repair. Bob said that they would have to come back in the spring and take care of it.

There was general discussion with the property owners of Lake Street. Some of the residents would like to see the road paved and some residents would like the road to remain the way it is. There were concerns expressed over widening the road and what, if any, effects the run off would have on the lake.

Some residents expressed concern over speed becoming a factor if the road were to be paved.

At 9:35 p.m., being no further business, Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 22, 2013.

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Scott Bugbee, Clerk