

# Selectmen Minutes January 22, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Soter with all members in attendance except Mr. Martinis.

## Public Hearing – application of Judy’s Treasures for a Second Hand Dealers License, 308 South Main Street, Suite A

Mr. Soter read the public hearing notice.

The applicant, Judith Glaude appeared before the Board. She stated she is requesting a license to operate a second hand store. She will be selling slightly used and some new items. She noted she is moving her business from Blackstone. She was asked why she is relocating to Bellingham and informed the Board she needed a bigger store because her business has grown.

Board members asked if she is aware of the rules and regulations for operating a second hand store and she answered in the affirmative. She stated she met with Det. Provost and he reviewed everything with her. She also noted her employee was present at the meeting with Det. Provost.

Mr. Soter asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this application. No one responded.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application of Judy’s Treasures for a Second Hand Dealers License located at 308 South Main St.

## Special Election – Marijuana Bylaw Vote

Mr. Fraine explained the special election is the first step for the Town to amend the Zoning Bylaws by prohibiting marijuana establishments which includes independent testing laboratories, product manufacturers or retailers throughout town. Marijuana cultivators would be allowed in the industrial zone by special permit. The second part of the process will be a two-thirds vote at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the March 6<sup>th</sup> Special Town Election Warrant and submit it to the Town Clerk for processing.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. DiMartino’s request to authorize emergency spending for snow and ice removal.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to set the temporary population estimate at 500.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the December 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.  
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On a McNulty/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following abatements: residential water, \$5644.29; residential sewer, \$1713.90; residential trash, \$671.66; municipal water, \$12,200.05 and municipal sewer, \$3630.20.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license renewals on the attached list with the exception of Maple Street Auto.

Following discussion on this establishment, the Board voted 4-1 on a Spencer/McNulty motion to renew Maple Street Auto’s Class II License with Mr. Connor opposing.

Mr. Kupfer updated the Board on signage modifications as shown on the attached Traffic Monitoring Study pertaining to limiting truck traffic on High Street. Mr. Kupfer stated the signs will be placed at the High St./No. Main St. intersection and will have blinking lights making them more visible to truck drivers. He also stated that Victory Packaging will be paying for the signs. Mr. Fraine stated the limitation of trucks on High Street is due to a narrow bridge on this street which has a weight limit.

Mr. Soter suggested that another crosswalk be placed at this intersection feeling it will slow the traffic down making the signs more visible.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the updated signage modifications as shown on the attached Traffic Monitoring Study for the High St./No. Main St. intersection and to look into the placement of an additional crosswalk.

**On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to award the Interior Renovations to the Department of Public Works contract to low bidder Page Building Construction Company, Inc., Stoughton, MA in the amount of \$155,000.**

**Mr. Fraine requested an executive session for employee contract negotiations. Members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative.**

**On a Soter/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM with no further business to be discussed at the conclusion of the executive session.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jacqueline A. Bokoski  
Administrative Assistant**