

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

NOTE: There is no executive session the regular meeting will begin at 7:30 PM

A. Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Morristown, held on , 2009 in the council room, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, beginning at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time.

Council President John Cryan presiding.

Municipal Clerk Matthew Stechauner read the following statement:

“Notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with a resolution adopted by the council of the Town of Morristown at the reorganization Meeting on January 6, 2009, setting forth the time, date, and location of each meeting. A copy of the resolution was distributed to the *Morris County Daily Record* and the *Star Ledger*, filed with the town clerk, posted on the bulletin board at the municipal building and mailed to any person who had requested and prepaid the established fee for such meeting notice.”

B. Roll-Call

PRESENT: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President John Cryan

ABSENT: None

C. Executive Session

NO CLOSED SESSION

D. Moment of Silence

The Council asked for Helen Schoster, Michael Saranelli, Jerry Losima and Mr. Johnson of Franklin St. to be remembered, as well as, the members of the Armed Forces serving around the world.

E. Pledge of Allegiance

F. Consent Agenda

The Town Clerk presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items:

1. Regular meeting minutes – January 13, 2009
2. Special meeting minutes – January 13, 2009

Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid and passed on the following roll-call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

G. Public Hearing

At this time, the President opened the meeting to the public, asking if there were any citizen or taxpayer who wished to be heard concerning any matter.

Margret Brady of Franklin Pl., informed that a volunteer clean up of Willow Hall had been done in memory of her daughter and asked for the procedure to request permission for an event at Willow Hall on Mother's Day.

Mr. Ronald Gordon, Esq., Assistant Municipal Attorney, responded that the property was not owned by the Town and permission should be acquired from the zoning officer.

Linda Carrington of Macculloch Ave. spoke about Ord. No. O-2-09, noting that the goals and objectives of the ordinance were to equalize council compensation. She said that there was no opt out portion and it would be in effect immediately. She commented the rest of the world made bigger contributions towards their health benefits.

Paul Miller representing the Morristown Partnership, spoke of the "Step Ahead" Morristown program informing that March 18th would be the first meeting of the leadership team. He requested that the authorizing resolution be amended to add Paul Miller as the designee and Michael Fabrizio as the alternate. He said there was a requirement for 2 of the 4 priority options to be met, suggesting a sustainable land use pledge and water conservation ordinance.

There appearing no one further to be heard, the President closed the public portion of the meeting.

The Council and the Administration responded to citizen complaints.

H. Report of Mayor and Town Officials

1. Presentation – DPW garage

Mayor Cresitello gave a presentation regarding the potential Martin Luther King Ave. (“MLK”) public work’s site. He said the location was not chosen on a whim but that 7 locations had been reviewed over the years. He noted this location was the least expensive, had proper zoning, it could be combined with COAH housing, there was no need to build, it was under contract, it was next to an industrial zone and a portion of the property could be sold for other uses. He said the present public work site is located in a more residential area than the proposed site. He added the Town’s Director of Public Work supports the proposed location. He spoke of potential green uses on the property and the possibility of installing solar panels over the parking lot. He said the cost estimate was 3.5 million dollars. Mr. James Smith asked if this would give a \$5 million savings? The Mayor answered yes, and if it was not done at the Waste Water Treatment Plant it would be necessary to acquire more land which would further increase the cost. In response to Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid inquiry, Mayor Cresitello said that houses could be built on the side of the parking lot, as well as, many other possible purposes for the extra land. Ms Alison Deeb asked where was the previously considered Ridgedale and Hanover location? Mayor Cresitello answered that it was next to the County facility and the cost for the facility at this location would be in the \$8 million range. In answer to Ms Deeb, Mayor Cresitello said the vehicles at the MLK site would be staged to pull out as they are going to be deployed for the work day. Ms Deeb noted that neighborhood objections to the MLK site should be listed as a disadvantage. Mrs. Michelle Harris-King suggested that the Town speak with the County Shared Services regarding the DPW site. Mayor Cresitello said that he was nervous about “shared services” related to essential services. Council President John Cryan said that Linda Murphy the County Coordinator for Shared Services would attend the next regular council meeting. Ms Rebecca Feldman thanked the Mayor for considering “greening” of the facility. In response to Ms Feldman, Jeff Hartke, Municipal Engineer, said that the estimate for construction at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was \$400 to \$500/sq.ft. which also included a salt dome canopy and parking for the garbage trucks and offices. He said there was no proposal for a salt dome at the MLK site and perhaps it could be arranged to use the County’s salt dome.

Mayor Cresitello informed the solar project was on schedule for an April 6th completion. Regarding tents and extension of liquor licenses for the St. Patrick’s Day parade, the Mayor noted the Administration supported tents for the service of food but not for alcohol service.

I. Council Liaison Reports

Ms Rebecca Feldman, liaison to the Parking Authority, noted that their solar panels at Maple Ave. were monitored for their output every month to keep track of their SRECS.

Mrs. Michelle Harris-King said that Wind of the Spirit had a luncheon on March 8th for the official “International Women’s Day” and asked that next year there be a group event scheduled.

Ms Alison Deeb informed she had attended the NJ Futures Redevelopment Forum where they had spoken of urban growth boundaries to limit sprawl. She handed out information from the Redevelopment Law Seminar to the Council and Administration.

Ms Rebecca Feldman noted that Morristown was held up as a model community and that the Town needed to do what the public wanted and to add enduring value.

Council President John Cryan said the Morristown/Morris Twp. Library had sent a letter requesting a sub-committee of the Council and the Morris Twp. committee to inspect the state of the library. Council President Cryan appointed Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman and himself to the committee.

As a continuation of the Mayor’s report. The Mayor informed that Michael D’Altilio, Town Planner, would present a Plan Endorsement Committee report at the March 24th council meeting. Mr. D’Altilio said that the Town was re-applying for Town Center designation.

Mayor Cresitello informed that the County prosecutor’s office had done a battered women presentation in Dover to explain the rights and services available. The Mayor encouraged any victims of crime to report it to the police regardless of their immigrant status. Mrs. Michelle Harris-King said an agreement had been signed today between the Battered Women Association and Wind of the Spirit.

J. Regular Business

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption

Ordinance No. O-2-09

Pulled The Clerk offered for public hearing and adoption Ordinance No. O-2-09, entitled: “ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND SETTING FORTH CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY.” The Council President directed that the ordinance be read by title only.

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

Council President John Cryan asked that the ordinance be pulled for revision and later consideration. Mr. Ronald Gordon, Esq., Assistant Town Attorney, responded that there were significant revisions that would required re-introduction at a later date.

Council President John Cryan moved that Ordinance No. O-2-09 be pulled from further consideration at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Smith.

Called to question Ordinance No. O-2-09 was pulled on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President John Cryan
NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinances for Introduction

Ordinance No. O-11-09

Introduced The Clerk offered for introduction Ordinance No. O-11-09, entitled:

“ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BY THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFORE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.”

The Council President directed that the ordinance be read by title only.

PURPOSE: APPROPRIATES GRANT FUNDS FOR CRACK SEALING, ON THE CUSTOMS RAMP, RUNWAY GUARD LIGHTS AND TWO LIGHTED X-TRAILERS FOR THE MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (\$100,000.00)

Council President John Cryan made a motion that Ordinance No. O-11-09 be introduced, read by title, passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on March 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the council room, 200 South Street, for a second reading and consideration of final passage of said ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr.

Called to question, Ordinance No. O-11-09 was introduced on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. O-12-09

Introduced The Clerk offered for introduction Ordinance No. O-12-09, entitled:
“ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT OVER, UNDER AND THROUGH A PORTION OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 4801, LOT 11 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO REPAIR, MAINTAIN AND/OR REPLACE A STORM SEWER LINE.” The Council President directed that the ordinance be read by title only.

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

Council President John Cryan made a motion that Ordinance No. O-12-09 be introduced, read by title, passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on March 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the council room, 200 South Street, for a second reading and consideration of final passage of said ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr.

Called to question, Ordinance No. O-12-09 was introduced on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolutions for Adoption

Council President Cryan has invited Linda Murphy, the Morris County Shared Services Coordinator to attend the March 24, 2009 Regular Council meeting and has requested that consideration of Resolutions Number 54, 56, 58, 60 AND 62 be tabled to that date.

Ms Rebecca Feldman suggested that the shared services resolutions for Public Works and for the Fire Dept. be considered for adoption due to the fact that there was considerable investment required for the two facilities and thus a shared services study should be undertaken.

Mrs. Michelle Harris-King said she felt they should wait until they had heard from Linda Murphy from Morris Cty.

Resolution No. R-54-09

Postponed Council President John Cryan moved to postpone Resolution No. R-54-09: Here follows Resolution R-54-09, entitled: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MORRIS TOWNSHIP JOIN WITH THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN TO CREATE AND AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION ACT."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-56-09

Postponed Council President John Cryan moved to postpone Resolution No. R-56-09: Here follows Resolution R-56-09, entitled: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MORRIS TOWNSHIP JOIN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN IN A REQUEST TO THE MORRIS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-58-09

Postponed Council President John Cryan moved to postpone Resolution No. R-58-09: Here follows Resolution R-58-09, entitled: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MORRIS TOWNSHIP JOIN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN IN A REQUEST TO THE MORRIS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-60-09

Postponed Council President John Cryan moved to postpone Resolution : Here follows Resolution R-60-09, entitled: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MORRIS TOWNSHIP JOIN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN IN A REQUEST TO THE MORRIS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE FIGHTING AND SAFETY SERVICES."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

The motion was seconded by and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-62-09

Postponed Council President John Cryan moved to postpone resolution: Here follows Resolution R-62-09, entitled: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MORRIS TOWNSHIP JOIN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN IN A REQUEST TO THE MORRIS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF DUTIES AND SERVICES OF PUBLIC RECREATION."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

The motion was seconded by and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-69-09

Passed Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-69-09, entitled: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A 2009 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR MORRISTOWN'S COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN."

PURPOSE: GRANT FOR SHADE TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(\$3,000.00)

The motion was seconded by Council President John Cryan and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-70-09

Passed Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-70-09, entitled: "RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-46-09 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AN NJDOT GRANT AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT."

PURPOSE: WILDLIFE TRAINING CONFERENCES (\$4,000.00)

The motion was seconded by Council President John Cryan and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-71-09

Passed Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-71-09, entitled: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRISTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL TO BOARD LOST OR STRAY CATS AND DOGS PICKED UP BY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS WHEN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN'S PRIMARY BOARDING FACILITY IS FULL OR OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY (\$10/NIGHT)

The motion was seconded by Council President John Cryan and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: Ms Alison Deeb

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-72-09

Passed Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved the adoption of the following resolution:
Here follows Resolution R-72-09, entitled: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DAVID M. ARIS FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE MORRISTOWN BUREAU OF POLICE PROTECTION."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY

Mr. Michael Rogers said that the services were to investigate a harassment complaint and that it would cost between \$5 and \$10,000. Council President Cryan asked why this new person was being used? Mr. Rogers answered so that the Town may have a different point of view from investigators used in the past.

The motion was seconded by Mr. James Smith and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

NAYS: Council President John Cryan

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-73-09

Passed Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved the adoption of the following resolution:
Here follows Resolution R-73-09, entitled: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE RBA GROUP FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE INTERSECTION OF RIDGEDALE AVENUE, ABBETT AVENUE AND THE ROUTE 287 RAMP IN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY."

PURPOSE: SELF EXPLANATORY (\$40,600.00)

The motion was seconded by Council President John Cryan and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Mr. John Cryan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

K. Unfinished Business

1. Temporary sign ordinance – Ms. Deeb and Council President Cryan
Re-list to the regular meeting for March 24th.
2. Pedestrian crosswalks on South Street – Council President Cryan
Re-list to the regular meeting for March 24th.
3. Rescheduling of Alcoholic Beverage Control hearing for Callallo, Inc.
The Council requested that the potential dates be emailed to them and they would respond accordingly to select a date.
4. Report from Administration, re: lights on Franklin Street Bridge
Mr. Michael Rogers said the Administration had reached out to the Department of Transportation on this matter.

L. New Business

1. Request for approval by the Dublin Pub for extension of licensed premises to include adjacent store for March 14, 2009
Council President Cryan recused himself from this debate and surrendered the Chair to Council Vice President Mrs. Michelle Harris-King.
Mr. James Mongey, owner of the Dublin Pub addressed the Council, he said he wished to amend the location to allow for the extension of the licensed premises to his parking lot adjacent to the Dublin Pub instead of the original request for the adjacent vacant store, which was not approved by the Building Inspector. He said the use of the parking lot would be the same as the prior use for the Pub's anniversary celebration. Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid confirmed that Mr. Mongey had notified his neighbors of the change from the indoor extension to the parking lot. Ms Rebecca Feldman said she had heard of no conflicts in regards to the use requested by the Dublin Pub.

Ms Rebecca Feldman moved and Mrs. Michelle Harris-King seconded the motion to allow the Dublin Pub to extend their licensed premises to the adjacent parking lot with no tent on March 14th from 2 pm to 9 pm, with the understanding that all out door license extension would close at dusk if no electrical permit had been obtained.

Called to question, the motion passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: Council President John Cryan

ABSENT: None

Mr. Fritz Reuss, Town Construction Official, pointed out that there were no provisions for electrical for George and Martha's or the Grasshopper, which had been previously approved for a licensed premises extension.

Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. moved to amend the agenda to consider the Dark Horse's application for a catering permit for a vacant lot across the street from their location. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Michelle Harris-King.

Called to question, the motion to amend the agenda passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: Council President John Cryan

ABSENT: None

Regarding the above request, Robert Williams, Esq., representing the Dark Horse, spoke to the Council stating the permit would be for the hours of 2 pm to 9 pm and he anticipated an electrical permit would be requested to put up lighting. Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid questioned whether pending charges against the license should be considered? Mr. Ronald Gordon, Esq. responded that pending charges cannot be taken into consideration. Ms Alison Deeb confirmed the location of the site. Ms Rebecca Feldman commented that the site was full of rubble and was a bare, dirt lot. Mr. Williams, Esq. said the licensee would put down gravel on the lot. Ms Alison Deeb expressed concerns about the use of the dirt lot noting that it was uneven and a construction site. Ms Rebecca Feldman said she had been contacted by several people who opposed the granting of the catering permit for this lot. She said the plan called for 500 people to be in the lot with 20 port-a-johns and said she could not support the permit due to concerns regarding the location. Ms Alison Deeb said she had also heard concerns from neighbors. Ms Rebecca Feldman said there would be hundreds of cars driving in and out of the adjacent parking garage.

Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. made a motion stating there was no objection to the request for a catering permit for the empty lot. Mrs. Michelle Harris-King seconded the motion.

Called to question, the motion failed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr., Michelle Harris-King, Mr. James Smith

NAYS: Ms Alison Deeb, Ms Rebecca Feldman, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

ABSTAINING: Council President John Cryan

ABSENT: None

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Anthony Cattano, Jr. seconded by Council President John Cryan and passed unanimously by acclamation.

John Cryan
Council President

Matthew Stechauner
Town Clerk
(prepared: Wilma Lara)