

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:00 p.m.

May 19, 2015

PRESENT: Robert Dubois, Chairman (7:09 p.m.) Margo Bik, Vice Chairman
Daniel Keefe Paul Haughey
Michael Catalano

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Patrick Costello, Esq., Town Counsel

1 & 2: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken as noted above.

3: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Keyes reviewed the warrant articles along with motions and recommendations made by the Finance Committee. He also noted that amendments were made by Attorney Christopher Ryan to Article 30 regarding Rolling Brook Estates. It was noted that the Finance Committee will not recommend this Article and will make a motion to take no action.

The process of installing duct work for HVAC will begin following the Town Meeting. It is expected that the work will begin on July 6, 2015 and end on July 11, 2015. The work on the boilers will be done in August.

Ms. Langlois will be present at the 7:30 p.m. meeting regarding irrigation of the playing fields. A vote regarding this will be made on May 28 2015.

North Smithfield called to say they approved their portion of the bike path on a vote of 4-3.

4: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher
Recording Secretary

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- Parks and Recreation Commission – Article #15 and #16:

Ms. Langlois reports that the school seems to be in agreement with Article 16. A vote on the Article will take place on May 28, 2015 and the results will be forwarded to the Finance Committee. Attorney Costello did not foresee a problem with this.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- DCR Update of Bike Path Project and Approval of Easement:

Mr. Daniel Driscoll, Director of Recreation and Facility Planning for the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Trish Domgian, Director of Municipal Services – VHB, gave an in-depth overview of the plans for the bike path. He noted that the investment for project will cost \$20 million. Due to safety concerns and the cost involved regarding the 7-span viaduct, it was decided to circumvent the structure (and eventually demolish it) and provide a more cost-effective solution to the problem. The trail will follow the historic canal on Farnum Street and eventually connect at the Rhode Island border. The issue of the impact on the Family Grocer was brought up by Mr. Keefe. Mr. Driscoll said he was aware of the situation and DCR has been in contact with the facility and will do whatever they can to assist them in making the transition as smooth as possible.

Memorial Day Parade Update:

Parade Vice Chairman Arthur Rittwager provided an update of the events scheduled for the parade. Mr. Rittwager also asked that the Memorial Day Parade Committee be provided a web page for dissemination of information. Mr. Keyes will work on this for them.

- Approval of Payroll Warrant #15EWA26 and #15PW26:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, approving the above Payroll Warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Approval of Vendor Warrant #15EW26:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, approving the above Vendor Warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Matters that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen reasonably anticipates to discuss:

None.

9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey looks forward to seeing everybody at the Parade. This week is Emergency Management Professionals week and would like to recognize those who take the time to help others in times of need.

Mr. Catalano thanked the Memorial Day Parade Committee for their hard work and dedication and also noted the new pamphlet they put together outlining all the events for the day.

Mr. Keefe noted the hard work the Memorial Day Parade Committee does for this event. He noted that the Greenway will bring a lot of positive business to the Town. He encouraged everyone to support the Family Grocer business during the construction of the bike path.

Mrs. Bik hopes to see a lot of the townspeople out at the Parade on Sunday. It is and has always been a great event. The fireworks are spectacular.

Mr. Dubois hopes people will come to the Parade and the festivities that follow. The bike path is a positive sign for the Town. He thanked Mary Bulso for her efforts in organizing the Town's Clean Up day. He also reminded everyone that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2015 and would like to see a good turn-out.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher
Recording Secretary

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