

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

June 9, 2015

PRESENT: Robert Dubois, Chairman  
Michael Catalano  
Daniel Keefe  
Margo Bik, Vice Chairman  
Paul Haughey

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Gino Carlucci is a candidate to redesign the proposal for the Master Plan. All department heads were reappointed to their positions as of July 1, 2015 (see attached list). Mr. James Sullivan was inadvertently left off the list and he has been appointed as Superintendent of Public Works for a period of 3 years. It was noted that Correction Officer Canavan who supervises inmates when they are at Town Hall, will be retiring soon. A plan is to present him with a plaque for his years of service.

4. CONTRACTS:

A waiver was approved for an easement for the state of Rhode Island to continue the bike path.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary



- Approval of Earth Removal Licenses – Kimball Sand Co., Inc., Onyx Building Corporation and Wayne Realty Trust:  
A motion was made Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik to approve an earth removal license for Kimball Sand Company at Plat 20,lot 38 & Plat 31, lot 4 located between Elm Street and Bellingham Road, subject to the conditions of the Town of Blackstone Soil Removal By-Law and special conditions. The license expires June 30, 2016. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve an earth removal license to be conducted on Plat 20, lots 1 and 2A (65 acres) with a 100 foot buffer zone with stipulations. The license expires June 30, 2016. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano to approve a license for the removal of sand and gravel at a site on the northerly side of Elm Street on land abutting Marszalkowski Blvd. Plat 18, lots 20 and 19 (79 acres), subject to the conditions of the Town of Blackstone Earth Removal By-Law. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik to approve a license for gravel removal operation at a site on Quickstream Street, Plat 18, lot 22 (with stipulations). There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe (with Mrs. Bik abstaining) to table a request for a license for removing gravel on Park, Farm and Elm Streets, Plat 17, lots 27 and 28. This matter shall be discussed further after Planning, Conservation and the Board of Selectmen get together on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. to make sure things are done correctly. The DPW Superintendent, Water/Sewer Chairman and Town Counsel shall be in attendance. There was no further discussion and the vote was

- Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen Appointments:  
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the appointments made by the Town Administrator (with the exception of Ms. Patricia Dubois) and add James Sullivan, DPW Superintendent for 3 years. He was inadvertently omitted from the original list. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Dubois to the Council on Aging. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention.

- Economic Development:  
The Town has not had much success in attracting people for this committee and that is the reason an expert needs to be brought in on a part-time basis. Town Meeting approved the sum of \$25,000 for this purpose.

- Appointment of Brenda Martins, 9 Chestnut Street, to the Economic Development Committee for an unexpired 3-year term to expire June 30, 2017:  
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the above appointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Discussion of Master Plan:  
In order to qualify for federal funds and grants, the Master Plan has to be updated. Mr. Gino Carlucci has done this work for many surrounding communities. Town Meeting has approved the sum of \$75,000 for this purpose. A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, for Mr. Keyes to begin negotiations. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Privilege Section Gas Main Installation – Blackstone Gas Company:  
Mr. Wojcik was present, representing Blackstone Gas Company who is asking permission to install gas mains on Whipple, Raynor, Connecticut and Mayboro Streets for approximately 2,200 ft. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, approving the above request. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #15EWA27 and #15PW27:  
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, approving the above Payroll Warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Vendor Warrant #15EW27:  
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, 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 at this time.

#### 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Day activities as well as the Town Meeting. He also wished all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Mr. Catalano thanked all those who came out for the Town Meeting. He also thanked his children for letting him be their dad.

Mr. Keefe thanked Officer Richard Ryan for his 30+ years of service to the Town as he will be retiring soon and wishes him all the best.

Mrs. Bik thanked Officer Ryan for his years of dedicated service to the Town. She noted that Memorial Day was very successful. A 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held for Michael Salima in the Senior Center with a nice report in the local paper. Red Sox raffle tickets are available in the Senior Center for the August 19<sup>th</sup> game. The Library has summer programs going on and the Boys and Girls Club is open.

Mr. Dubois wished Officer Ryan the best in his retirement after a lengthy service to the Town. He noted the Woonsocket Call did a wonderful article about Michael Salima on the event of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He also thanked everyone who came out to the Town Meeting. He noted the Finance Committee and the Financial Team did a good job all year in putting the budget together. Mr. Fred Stone did a good job getting the Town Meeting going.

Mr. Keyes will meeting with Wayne Darragh regarding the Economic Development update.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

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cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk