

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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

June 30, 2015

PRESENT:

Robert Dubois, Chairman
Michael Catalano
Daniel Keefe

Margo Bik, Vice Chairman
Paul Haughey

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator
Christopher Ryan, Attorney

Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

HVAC Schedule – Municipal Center Hours – July:

The heavy duty crane will arrive on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 and set up in the back of Town Hall. There will be no vehicle parking (except for public safety vehicles) in this area from July 8th through July 10th. The crane will be installing a 3 ¼ piece of HVAC equipment and removing the old equipment from the roof. For safety reasons, Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 9th and Friday, July 10th. Notices of the closure will be posted on the web site and on our cable station.

The installation of the new boiler system has begun and is expected to be completed in September.

4. RYAN LAW OFFICE – 1 MANN STREET:

Mr. Edgar Boiteau, Jr., represented by Attorney Ryan, came before the Board of Selectmen with a request to have the Town forgive the Financial Assistance that was awarded to his father who is now in a nursing home so that the property could be sold. In order for the Town to forgive the loan, it would have to be more than 15 years ago. It was determined that the original loan was made in 2005 and therefore could not be forgiven.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the payoff statement for \$7,700 once it has been paid. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

5. 61-A LINCOLN STREET:

The Board of Selectmen is considering purchasing 57 acres of 61-A land (zoned as agricultural) at 187 Lincoln Street. The house and its 2 acres on the property will not be part of the proposed purchase. Mr. Keyes has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen to negotiate with the seller and report his findings to the Board on July 14, 2015. If the negotiations are positive, a Special Town Meeting will be set in September for the voters to decide if the Town should purchase the property.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey. There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

- HVAC Schedule – Municipal Center Hours – July:
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- Solar Project:
Kearsarge Company has been chosen to develop, construct, own and operate a solar photovoltaic array at the capped landfill on Chestnut Street.
- 61-A Lincoln Street:
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- Special Town Meeting:
A Special Town Meeting will be set in September for the voters to decide if the Town should purchase the property.
- Appointment of Christine Cardoza, 173 Main Street, to the Cultural Council for a 2 year term to expire June 30, 2017:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the above appointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Appointment of Christopher Ryan, 46 Glenside Drive, to the Water & Sewer Commission:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above appointment which has been made at the 7:00 p.m. at the request of the appointee due to medical reasons. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Reappointment of Bettina A. Weber, Police Matron, for a 1 year term to expire June 30,2016:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the above reappointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Reappointment of Donald J. Westberg, Historical Commission, for a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2018:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above reappointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Reappointment of Craig Casavant, Assistant Wiring Inspector, for a 1 year term to expire June 30, 2016:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above reappointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #15EWA28 and #15PW 28:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above Payroll Warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Approval of Vendor Warrant #15EW28:
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve 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:
In September, Wayne Darragh of the Economic Development Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss grants for housing, etc.

9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey: Given the weather of the past week, the Emergency Response System did a very nice job in notifying the public to get to shelter. He also requested that people be safe with fireworks this coming weekend.

Mr. Catalano: Was happy to hear the HVAC system is going forward and congratulated Mr. Keyes for getting this done. Also the solar farm is something that Mr. Keyes and Mr. Costello have worked hard to make happen. Mr. Catalano wished everyone and happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Mr. Keefe: Noted that the solar farm is a good thing and it's good to see that it will be up and running soon. The Town should see significant savings going forward. He thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting tonight. He also wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Mrs. Bik: Noted that the bridge going over Main Street took a good 6-7 hours to complete and was interesting to watch. They've done a great job on the bike path and she encouraged everyone to support the businesses in the area while construction is on-going. She encouraged people to ask for a copy of "A River Runs Through It", published by the seniors. The Library and the Senior Center have a lot of good programs coming up for the summer and encouraged everyone to support them. She thanked the Boy Scouts and their parents for all they do. She also wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Mr. Dubois: Thanked the Boy Scouts for stopping by tonight. He wished everyone a happy 4th of July holiday and asked that they be careful with the fireworks.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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