

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

July 14, 2015

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

ABSENT: Paul Haughey (due to death in family)

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator, Patrick Costello, Town Counsel

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:

• Solar Project/Contract:

Mr. Keyes noted that negotiations should begin by the end of the month. Attorney Costello will meet with Kearsarge on Thursday.

- The drainage in the area of Park and Farm Streets should begin within the next six weeks. This will be a 3-day process.
- Acceptance of Glenside Drive to Willow Street will be on the agenda for a Special Town Meeting tentatively scheduled for October. There are 52 families in this area who want the school bus to pick up their children and currently the school bus will not pick up children on an unaccepted road.
- Attorney Costello will write a letter to the owners of the property at 187 Lincoln Street explaining what the written requirements are for offering the property for sale to the Town after which an agreement can be drawn up.
- Mr. Keyes noted that the Board approved \$135,060 for interdepartmental end-of-year transfers but noted that the actual figure is less at \$103,854.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Patrick Costello, Town Counsel  
Steve Perrault, Collector/Treasurer Lynn Foster, Unibank Vice President  
William Walsh, Recycling Director Claudette Dolinski, Town Clerk  
James Sullivan, DPW Superintendent

1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. All members of the Board of Selectmen stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2: ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted under the heading “Present”.

3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF JUNE 30, 2015:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to accept the minutes of June 30, 2015. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

4. GOOD AND WELFARE – PUBLIC (7:30-8:00 P.M. (5 min. time limit per participant):

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

DPW Superintendent Sullivan came before the Board to discuss the plan for this paving season. (see attached schedule). In addition, a berm and gravel will be placed along the driveway at the entrance to Sycamore Meadows.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

7. OLD BUSINESS:

• Interdepartmental Reserve Fund Transfers:

Mr. Keyes noted that the Board approved \$135,060 for interdepartmental end-of-year transfers but noted that the actual figure is less at \$103,854 (see attached for details). A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to accept and approve the corrected FY 15 End-of-Year Interdepartmental Transfers. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

• Solar Project/Contract:

Mr. Keyes noted that Kearsarge Company was selected for the solar project which will get underway once a formal contract is signed. It is expected to be completed by the first half of 2016.

• Woonsocket Wastewater:

The on-going issue with the Woonsocket Wastewater billing continues. Attorney Costello will again contact them regarding their failure to respond and will let them know that Blackstone will be requesting a hearing with an

arbitrator. Mr. Keyes presented a chronological documentation of Blackstone's dealings with Woonsocket's Wastewater Department (see attached). Repeated requests for Woonsocket's documentation of Blackstone's account have been ignored. Mr. Dubois would like to know where our money is going. Mr. Sullivan will go there this week to meet with Mr. Adel Banoub and try to elicit some information.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval of Municipal Purpose Loan of 2015 Bonds:

Ms. Foster noted that the Town's credit rating is AA+. She discussed the selling of bonds to Raymond James, Inc. as the lowest bidder at 1.71%. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the above sale. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Execution of Investment Agreement SRBT Fund Board (Approved at Town Meeting):

The Finance Committee last night recommended an annual appropriation of \$250,000 for the next 20 years as finances permit. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation as noted above.

- Renewal of Recycling Inter-municipal Agreement – William Walsh:

Mr. Walsh noted this is the sixth year the Town has had a recycling contract with the town of Northbridge. Mr. Keyes noted that the town of Northbridge is more than pleased with the operation. Mr. Walsh stated there are currently nine towns involved in our recycling project and the towns of Mendon and Hopedale will be added soon.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to accept and approve the contract renewal with Northbridge. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Appointment of Julie Wingate, 1 St. Paul St., Apt. 1R, to the Historical Commission for an unexpired 3-year term to expire June 30, 2018: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano to approve the above appointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Approval of Payroll Warrant #16EWA01 and #16PW01:

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

- Approval of Vendor Warrant #16EW01:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, 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:

Mr. Dubois questioned the status of the property on Lincoln Street. Attorney Costello noted the property is 61-A, zoned agricultural. The Town has first refusal rights when the owner decides to sell. We received a letter from the owner noting his intent to sell. Purchase of this land would require a town meeting vote. Attorney Costello will keep the Board informed.

Mr. Dubois noted the passing of Ethel Morreau, mother-in-law of Selectman Haughey, as well as the passing of Police Officer Joseph Niemczyk's father. He offered condolences to both families.

#### 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Catalano announced that the Lion's will be having a car show on June 19<sup>th</sup> and hoped many people would be able to attend. He noted that installation of the HVAC system went very well on the June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Keefe extended his condolences to the families of Selectman Haughey and Police Officer Niemcyk on their recent loss, noting it is a sad weekend for Blackstone.

Mrs. Bik agreed with Mr. Catalano that the installation of the new HVAC system in Town Hall went smoothly. The workers were very neat and did a great job. She also updated the citizens on the activities offered at the Senior Center. Mrs. Bik also sent condolences to the families of Selectman Haughey and Police Officer Niemcyk on their losses.

Mr. Keyes made note that the HVAC work crew will be working through September to make final adjustments to the system. He thanked all the employees for their patience during the construction phase.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

T-07-15-15

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk