

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:00 p.m.
September 15, 2015

PRESENT: Robert Dubois, Chairman Margo Bik, Vice Chairman
Michael Catalano (7:20) Paul Haughey (7:20)
Daniel Keefe

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Attorney Christopher Ryan

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Keyes gave a brief update on the Lincoln Street property. Attorney Ryan presented a check in the amount of \$1,425 made payable to the Town of Blackstone from Normand Lafond to release the lien on the property. A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to accept the check and release the lien. There was no discussion and the vote was 3-0. Mr. Ryan will have the document notarized and forward it to the Town Administrator.

Correspondence was received from DCR regarding the viaduct and bridge which will be addressed at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Dubois requested that the Master Plan be ready for discussion at next week's meeting. Mr. Gino Carlucci will take over the Economic Development Committee and will be present at that meeting.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher
Recording Secretary

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Attorney Daniel Doyle

1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 AUGUST 25, 2015:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to accept the minutes of August 25, 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):

Ms. Mary Bulso of Patricia Drive notified everyone that the Historical Commission is having a free workshop on September 26, 2015 from 4-6 p.m. at the Library on preservation planning. It is free and open to all.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

There were two pieces of correspondence from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. One is regarding the project notification form and design of the bike path. No decision has been made regarding the future of the Blackstone viaducts. DCR is still committed to exploring the potential of preservation. Mr. Driscoll will be coming to our October 27th meeting to discuss the bridge and viaducts in further detail. All boards and interested parties are invited to attend.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

- Public Hearing – 8:00 p.m. – In accordance with Chapter 138, MGLA, a public hearing is being held on the application for a *transfer* for an Annual Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages License of Bapa Ne Sang Corporation, d/b/a Thrifty Discount Liquors, Sima K. Vyas, Manager.
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to close the public hearing following discussion. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the *transfer* as noted above. Hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Woonsocket Waste Water: Nothing has been received from Woonsocket regarding this matter. Town Counsel will move forward as discussed a few weeks ago regarding an arbitrator. We are still waiting to be billed for our last quarter in FY 15. However, we have already received billing for FY 16. Mr. Keefe requested an update regarding the Host Fees
- Update – Bike Path: As discussed by Mr. David Barber.

- Update – Solar: We are awaiting finalization from Ms. Greenblatt which will be available at our next meeting.
- Update – HVAC: The HVAC system has been installed and is working properly. The boiler has been installed. In addition, old files downstairs are cleaned out now and we are having the safe cleaned out. We also have \$9,900 to spend on the school and another \$11,000 to upgrade lighting at the Library. Retrofitting the lighting in the Municipal Building should be complete within the next month or so. The next project will be the roof of the Municipal Building which is 40 years old.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve application for a drainlayer’s license from Antonio Cerqueira, d/b/a Depot Road, Charlton, LLC, 55 Madden Avenue, Milford, MA. (Approved by Director of Public Works):
A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above drainlayer’s application. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Blackstone Valley Greenway & Blackstone Viaduct – Planning Board
Mr. David Barber gave an overview of the project, noting the contractors have a huge monetary incentive to finish the project this year rather than next year. Mr. Curt Van Dyke noted a huge difference in engineering for historical purposes as opposed to engineering for heavy duty steel/structural uses. An historical engineer is preferable.
- 61A Lincoln Street:
Mr. Keyes noted there has been no activity or a purchase and sales agreement signed for this property as yet. The Town has 120 days to act on this once an agreement is signed. This will be placed on the agenda on a monthly basis until it is resolved.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #16EWA06 and #16PW06:
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Vendor Warrant #16EW06:
A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above 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. Keefe was pleased with the good news about the viaduct expressed by Mr. Barber.

Mr. Haughey acknowledged “9/11”. In the last several months our emergency service providers have been criticized harshly for doing their job which is to protect and serve our community. He thanked all who go above and beyond in serving our community.

Mr. Catalano noted schools are open and requested drivers be careful and be aware of children. He thanked Mrs. Bik and Mr. Keefe for attending the Planning Board meetings and representing the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Bik noted a fund raiser at the Millerville Men’s Club for Norman Landry’s daughter on Sunday, October 11, 2015. The Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket noted that this year’s American Girl Doll will be featured from the Blackstone Valley. She noted that on the first day of school, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent went from bus stop to bus stop greeting the kindergarten children and their parents. This was commendable. Home Coming for BMR is scheduled

for September 19th from 7-9 p.m. at the high school. AARP saved \$32,871 for our seniors this year. Everyone is encouraged to read "A River Runs Through It" for all the programs and services available to the seniors in town. A silent auction will be held November 7, 2015. Medicare open enroll begins October 15th through December 7th. Call the Outreach Coordinator, Kevin Jordan, for information regarding SMOC and SHINE. Congratulations were extended to Paul and Lorraine Jacobs as they are this year's Grand Marshalls for Autumnfest.

Mr. Dubois noted Senator Fattman will be at our meeting next week. Representative Kuros will be here in October to discuss the bike path.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher
Recording Secretary

T-09-16-15

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator
Town Clerk