

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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

December 01, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Gino Carlucci, Town Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- Union negotiations are on-going.
- FY 16 budget is on track and the FY 17 budget process will begin soon.
- STM is scheduled for February 2, 2016 with the Soldier On Program being the only item up for a vote.
- The warrant for the Woonsocket Waste Water FY 14 host fee will be moved to the May 2016 Town Meeting.
- The end-date for the townspeople to submit the completed Master Plan questionnaire will be extended to the end of the year and will include input from the schools. There have been 110 responses. Mr. Carlucci would like to have at least 200 responses.

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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:30 p.m.  
December 01, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Gino Carlucci, Town Planner  
Julie Hebert, Town Accountant

1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7: 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2015:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to accept the minutes as noted above. Mr. Haughey requested that the matter of the Woonsocket Waste Water issue be brought back and placed on the December 15<sup>th</sup> agenda as a point of information as it relates to the upcoming STM. Mr. Dubois noted that this will most likely be presented at the STM in May as an unpaid bill. There was no further 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:

None.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Master Plan: Mr. Carlucci noted that the Master Plan Survey was sent out in October with a return deadline of November 30, 2015. Only 110 responses have been received to date and proposes that the deadline be extended through December 31, 2015 for a more accurate picture. The survey is available on the Town’s web site and paper copies are available at Town Hall, the Library and on the school’s web site. Copies can be mailed to residents if they so request. Residents are encouraged to complete and submit the survey by the end of the year.
- Proposed Scenic Road By-Law: The Planning Board will hold a meeting Thursday evening to discuss designating various roads in town as “scenic roads” (under the state’s Scenic Roads Act) which protects very old trees and stone walls that were created 150-200 years ago. This does not impact private property. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Hearings – FY 2017: The draft form of the FY 17 will be available for review at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on December 15, 2015. Department Heads will attend a budget meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Saturday, January 9, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Recommendations and/or amendments will be made following the meeting and forwarded to the Finance Committee, who will hold budget meetings beginning with the last Monday in January, 2016.
- Town Report – Blackstone/Millville Regional High School Band: Mr. Dubois requested to have a picture of the BMR marching band on the front cover of the Town Report this year in view of their accomplishments during the past year. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above request. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Haughey abstaining.
- Recommendation of appointment of Assistant Town Accountant: Ms. Julie Hebert has recommended that Lauren Zahorsky be appointed as noted above. A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to accept Ms. Hebert's recommendation. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Soldier On Program: Mr. Keyes noted that information on this program is available at Town Hall, the Library and various businesses in town for residents to read and review. This is a \$3-4 million housing project for veterans. It is hoped that it will be approved at Town Meeting and will be an added tax base for the town. They will be putting in ball fields and soccer fields and they will also maintain these areas. There will be between 75 and 150 housing units. Residents are encouraged to attend the December 15, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting (or watch the meeting on cable) for more valuable information.
- Approve Change of Manager application from Gerald Maloney to Allen J. Archibald for the Polish American Citizens Club, Inc., 6 Mill Street: A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above request. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approve application for an Entertainment license for the Polish American Citizens Club, Inc., 6 Mill Street: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above request. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Review/Approve License Renewals for 2016: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve all Class I, Class II and Class III automotive licenses listed on page 15. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve all Common Victualler Licenses, Inn holder's License and Automatic Amusement Device Licenses listed on page 16. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve all Alcoholic Beverages Licenses listed on page 17. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Dubois abstaining and leaving the room (Millerville Men's Club).

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve all Home Occupation Permits and Drainlayer's Licenses listed on page 18. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Keefe abstaining and leaving the room.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve all Entertainment Licenses and Pool Table Licenses listed on page 19. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Dubois abstaining and leaving the room (Millerville Men's Club).

- Approval of Payroll Warrant #15EWA12, #15PW12, #15EWA13 and #15PW13 : A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the above payroll warrants. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Vendor Warrant #15EW12 and 15EW13: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the above vendor warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Matters that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen reasonable anticipates to discuss: Mr. Dubois reminded all that the Soldier On people will be in attendance on December 15, 2015 to discuss the Soldier On program. Mr. Driscoll, of DCR, may be in attendance if the viaduct study is completed by then. The school department will be present to discuss the cable curriculum. Mr. Carlucci will be available to answer questions about the survey and the scenic road proposal.

#### 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey reiterated his request to have Woonsocket Wastewater issue moved to a later meeting so that the primary focus of our energies can center on Veteran’s Park. This is an important project that involves many disciplines.

Mr. Catalano encouraged people to pay attention to the budget hearings and also the STM in February for the Soldier On program.

Mr. Keefe thanked Mr. Keyes for bringing the Soldier On program to our attention. He said he looks forward to the community learning all about the Soldier On program. He also thanked Mr. Dubois for suggesting that BMR’s marching band be on the cover of the Town Report.

Mrs. Bik reminded everyone that the Ribbon and Greens project will be held at the Library this coming Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mr. Dan Doyle provided the funding for the project. The Senior’s Christmas Party is Wednesday at Savini’s. Tickets are still available. Christmas Carols will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> with a pot luck lunch to follow. All are encouraged to read “A River Runs Through It” to review all that is available for the senior population.

Mr. Dubois has already begun working on the Town Report. He thanked everyone for working together as a team and we continued to work to get things done. Mr. Keyes has an excellent handle on the finances and it is the best he’s ever seen in many years.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keyes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

T-12-02-15

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk