

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:00 p.m.  
March 8, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- Special & Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: RFP's for the new roof, accounting services and Veteran's Park will go out next week
- Update FY 16- FY 17 Budgets:
- Union Contract Update: (Clerical, Police, Police Dispatch, Fire and Department of Public Works): All unions have ratified their contracts except for Clerical who have a tentative contract at this time.
- Other: The property at 43 Main Street is now for sale by the Bruyere family and the Paridy family is a potential buyer and would like to enter into an agreement with the Town to rent the adjacent property for parking. It has been rented out for \$500 a year in the past, however Bruyere owes \$4,000 in rental fees which they are asking the Town to forgive. They also owe back taxes which they will have to pay. The Assessor's Office will be asked to assess the property and this item will be placed on the agenda for the March 22, 2016 meeting.
- Reorganization: The scheduled reorganization for April 5, 2016 has been moved to April 12, 2016.
- Workshop: At the suggestion of Mr. Keefe, a workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to include Town Council, Recycling Director, overtime discussion re: the Fire Department and review of budgets before they go to the Finance Committee.
- Legislative Breakfast: The Selectmen have been invited to the annual Legislative Breakfast to be held in Southbridge on Friday.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey. There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

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## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Review Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: The warrant articles for the Town Meetings have been updated but are still in “draft” form. BMR has submitted an article for consideration regarding Pre-K through five to attend the assigned elementary school regardless of where it is based. In Article 7, the phrase “for the sum of \$200,000” has been eliminated. Three RFP’s will be sent out next week including a new roof for the Municipal Building, accounting services contract and Veteran’s Park. Mr. Keefe questioned why the estimate for Well #9 is over \$500,000. Mr. Keyes explained that over several years transfers were made from various sources. Mr. Keefe requested this be cleared up before Town Meeting, as well as noting in the Prior Year bills that the \$21,000 is for first year Host Fees to Woonsocket. Mr. Haughey wants to make sure that things are properly vetted before the Town Meetings.
- Update FY 16 & FY 17 Budgets: All the budgets are in and will be kept on the agenda through Town Meetings.
- Draft Master Plan Survey: This is a working document and will be updated at least yearly. Mr. Carlucci was thanked for the all the work that went into this project.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Updated Draft Warrant Article: (see “Old Business” above).
- Vote to close the warrants for Special & Annual Town Meeting: Deferred until March 22, 2016.
- Sign Warrant for Annual Town Election – April 4, 2016: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to sign the warrant for the Annual Town Election. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Appointment of Allan Dolinski, 17 Dawes Street, to the Council on Aging for an unexpired 3-year term to expire June 30, 2017: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the above appointment. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Memorial Day Parade Route Change: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the parade route change from High Rocks to Mendon Street (JFK/AFM schools). There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #16EWA20 and #16PW20: 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 #16EW20: 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 reasonable anticipates to discuss: None.

## 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey – Wished everyone a safe and Happy St. Patrick’s Day. There is still time to submit the Master Plan forms.

Mr. Catalano - People were saying that information was not available for the STM in February. Several meetings were held regarding the STM, packets were available at Town Hall, on the web site, etc. He stated he would like to hear a veteran say "thank you" to the Board for all that they do. He thanked all who came out for the primaries.

Mr. Keefe – He gives as much information as he possibly can and it is frustrating when people say they didn't get the information. It is the responsibility of the citizens to participate in their government. We can only do so much.

Mrs. Bik – The Library has some wonderful programs including a Downton Abbey Tea. St. Paul's has a Friday Fish Fry through Easter. The Quaker Meeting House, built in 1812, has served the community for many years. Carolyn Powers is always looking for help there. Please contact her at 508-883-4821 for information. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office will collect unused prescription medication on March 22, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. She encourages everyone to read "A River Runs Through It". We do what we do to benefit the whole town. She thanked everyone for their diligent work in getting the budgets ready.

Mr. Dubois - The Soldier On issue was in the Woonsocket Call 5 or 6 times, it's on the web site and on cable. We give the information as best as we can. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 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