

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:30 p.m.

July 26, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator Gino Carlucci – Master Plan

1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dubois 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 JUNE 28, 2016:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to accept the minutes as noted above. 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:

Mr. Keyes read the letter from the Attorney General’s office regarding zoning by laws which her office has approved. In addition, an e-mail was received from the Treasurer of BMR noting approval of the re-certification of their budget dated July 18, 2016. Blackstone’s contribution is \$15,000 less. Millville’s contribution was reduced from \$63,000 to \$40,000. The gross adopted operating budget is now \$22,017,480.

The new auditing firm came in today for a 2-hour meeting and will return on Thursday to go over details with the Treasurer and Town Accountant. The Town Accountant will have everything submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) by September 30, 2016. It is anticipated that our official audit will be completed by March 31, 2017. They were impressed with our organization.

Recycling Update: During the first three weeks of July there were over 10 tractor-trailer units that left the yard with product for sale. The market is up about 20%. We are ahead of where we were last year at this time. Mr. Walsh will come before the Board in October to give the quarterly report regarding Recycling with figures verified by the Town Accountant. The mattress container has been moved to in front of the facility. Cameras will be placed in September. An attendant is on duty at the Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. The facility will be closed on all other days.

Daniels Farmstead has requested that Jacob Video be available on September 11, 2016 for the Clafin Symphony Patriotic Concert, the Lions Classic Car Show is scheduled for September 18, 2016 and the Civil War Re-enactment scheduled for October 8th, 9th and 10th, 2016.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

None noted.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Gino Carlucci – Master Plan: Mr. Carlucci gave an update of the progress for the Master Plan which included the survey, statistical data, demographics and economic data via outline in compliance with legislative language. Land use and zoning sections will be completed in the next few weeks and presented at the October 4, 2017 meeting along with goals and recommendations. Several public hearings will be scheduled in the Fall. This information will be helpful in prioritizing projects and in applying for various grants.
- Amendment to FY 16 End of Year Transfers: The original amount brought forward by the Town Accountant was \$101,917. However, both the Police and Fire Departments did not need the total amount for overtime therefore, the figure is now reduced to \$62,433. This new figure was approved by the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to accept the new amended transfer amount. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Board of Selectmen Reappointments:
Andrew Blanchette, Economic Development Committee – 1 year term to expire 06/30/17.
Michael A. Catalano, Jr., Woonsocket Regional Wastewater Comm.-1 year term to expire 06/30/17.
Robert W. Greenhalgh, Director of Veterans Services-1 year term to expire 6/30/17.
Paul E. Marville, Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 year term to expire 06/30/19.
Adam Ross, Conservation Commission – 3 year term to expire 6/30/19.
Jennifer Ross, Conservation Commission – 3 year term to expire 6/30/19.
Gregory W. Tappan, Police/Patrolman – 1 year term to expire 6/30/17.
Roy J. Greenhalgh, Water & Sewer Commission – 1 year term to expire 06/30/17.

A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above-noted re-appointments. They must be sworn in at the Town Clerk's Office within 15 days. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with one abstention (Mr. Catalano).

- Approval of Contract for Roof Repair: There were 5 different bids submitted. After review, Elite Roofing of Connecticut (DCAM certified) was chosen as the successful contractor with a bid of \$450,400. (Included roofing, sky lights and wall areas). A motion for discussion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik. Mr. Keefe had concerns about the expense of the product and in order to have a better understanding of how the tax dollars are spent on this project. He would like to apply a 6-B for a month or so and Mr. Catalano seconded the motion. This issue will be discussed at the August 23, 2016 Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Solar Update: We are waiting for National Grid to get back to us with figures on the upgrading of the substation. We are currently in negotiation regarding our absorbing some of the cost which we are not in favor of doing.
- Soldier On Update: A meeting will be held on August 4, 2016 with Town Counsel regarding agreements, funding and timelines.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Central Mass Regional Planning Commission – Paul Dell'Aquila, Principal Planner:
Mr. Dell'Aquila presented a detailed overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Blackstone required by FEMA. The Plan should be submitted to FEMA in August for their approval. Mr. Haughey noted the difference between a Mitigation Plan (being effective and efficient) and an Emergency Response Plan. He would also like to know what type of plans the Town would be eligible for when the Mitigation Plan is completed and approved.
- Approve Application for Common Victualler License, Casa Burrito, 114 Main Street, Unit B:

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above application. The hours of operation are from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Water & Sewer Commission – Water Purification Plant and Meeting with DEP: Deferred. Waiting to hear from Weston and Sampson and DEP.
- Call for State Primary Election – September 8, 2016: (Note: This is a Thursday). A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to call for a State Primary Election on the above noted date. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #17EWA01 and #17PW01, #17EWA02 and #17PW02: 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 #17EW01, #16EW27, and #17EW02: 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: Mr. Dubois mentioned the active real estate listings in town. Blackstone has 34 active real estate listings, Bellingham has 37, Uxbridge has 39, Millville has 6, Mendon has 38, and Douglas has 36. Except for Millville, all surrounding towns have about the same number of active real estate listings.

9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey – Reminded everyone to drive safely.

Mr. Catalano – Thanked Dan Keefe for his efforts in researching the cost of the roof. He also thanked Paulette Boyko for her efforts at Daniels Farm

Mr. Keefe – He felt our mitigation process is pretty good with cooperation between all departments. He feels FEMA will be surprised with what we already have in place.

Mrs. Bik - On August 26th there will be a Cape Cod Cruise for \$15 per person. She thanked all departments for their efforts during the past year. She also encouraged everyone to read “A River Runs Through It”.

Mr. Dubois - Thanked the Parade Committee for doing such a good job especially with the small amount of volunteers who coordinate the success of the parade each year.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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

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