

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

October 18, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dubois 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 MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 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):

Mr. Tony Catalano announced that an Open-For-Business breakfast is being scheduled for a meet-and-greet gathering to familiarize and improve the businesses in town. Various organizations have been invited as well as the Board of Selectmen. This is supported by the Chamber of Commerce and the Blackstone EDC. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at the meeting room of Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Catalano is currently working on a business brochure to be presented to the Board of Selectmen in the near future.

Claudette Dolinski, Town Clerk, discussed early voting since it is the first time in the state that voters will be able to vote early prior to the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. It will begin on October 24<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center during normal business hours. For convenience, the Town Clerk’s Office will be open on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Applications are available on the town’s web site.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Keyes requested to put the contract for the Meadows on “hold” until November 15<sup>th</sup> for Town Counsel to have time to review it. This was approved.

Notification was received from the Department of Revenue that free cash is established at \$1,163,960, Water/Sewer Enterprise is at \$776,015, Recycling is at \$30,175 and Stabilization is just over \$3.4 million. Also the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded the Police Department funds for bullet proof vests. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Keyes, Chief Atstuppenas and Chief Sweeney will be attending a workshop for “injured on duty”. In addition, new information on net metering will be discussed at the next meeting on November 15, 2016.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Woonsocket Wastewater Host Fee Invoice: A bill was received for the Host Fee for \$42,319.48. The cost of \$125,000 was not approved by Town Meeting. If the ruling is against us we will have to take the money from the overlay. Town Counsel will be here on November 15, 2016 to give an update.
- Soldier On: This has been moved to November 15, 2016. We are in the final stages of finalizing the draft. There were no additional issues/changes noted except for getting the fields done as soon as possible.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- School Superintendent – Allen Himmelberger – MSBA Program, JFK/AF Maloney – BMRSD: The members have received a packet of information from the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the State Educational Overview of the JFK/AFM schools as well as the high school. Dr. Himmelberger will file a statement of interest in April of 2017 to look at renovation of the schools and explained the process in detail. Town Meeting would be necessary to appropriate funds to do an engineering study for cost estimates of the project.
- DPW – James Sullivan – Capital Item Discussion:  
Highway: A new backhoe (\$120,000-\$135,000). The current one is 12 years old and undependable. A one-ton truck with a utility body and electric tailgate and plow (\$55,000). The current one is a 2005 model and the body is rotted. Replace meter pit to North Smithfield which has cast iron pipes from the 1900's. Meters are needed for the 46 houses we supply water to. An I and I study is mandated by the state and will cost about \$45,000 for testing. DEP wants a pilot study done for a filtration plant. The cost is approximately \$125,000. Valley St. water mains have numerous breaks and needs repair/replacement at a cost of about \$300,000. The dump trucks from 1997 will need replacing soon. Sidewalks need repair in high use areas.
- Approval of Common Victualler license from Goodstuff Foods, LLC, 97 Main Street: They are requesting installation of a smoker. A memo from Mr. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer and Mr. Vader, Municipal Inspector, gave their approval in a memo dated October 18, 2016. Both David Forget of 53 Depot St., Douglas, MA and Kevin Miller, 44 Court St., Milford, MA. Besides the addition of a smoker, renovations to the establishment were discussed in detail and they are planned to be done in phases. A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above license. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of One-Day Liquor License requested by Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club, effective date November 12, 2016, with hours of sales from 7:00 p.m. to 11:0 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to approve the above request. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #17EWA10 and #17PW10 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 #17EW10: 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: None.

## 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey – Thanked the Blackstone Library for putting on a number of programs throughout the month. A book fair will be held this weekend. A Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of November 5<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to register to vote. Mr. Haughey thanked his wife for her support during his recent illness.

Mr. Catalano – Thanked those who attended the Civil War re-enactment. People need to be aware of Halloween and be careful.

Mr. Keefe – Referred to the article in the paper about our marching band and the “late” Mr. Hessney – Mr. Hessney called and reported that he was alive and well in Ft. Myers.

Mrs. Bik - Parks & Recreation had their first Fall Festival which went well and was successful. Historical Museum will present “In The Mood” – A salute to the styles of the 1940’s, on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and it’s free. The North Sea Gas group put on an excellent program which was free as well. The book sale is this Saturday from 9 to 1 p.m. Winter container gardening will be presented by a Master Gardener on November 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Bik encouraged all to read “A River Runs Through It” for updates on activities at the Senior Center.

Mr. Dubois - No comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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