

**Minutes of the BOXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM #1  
May 24, 2017 6:30PM**

*Present: Chuck Costello, Mary Anne Nay, Al Vaz, Peter Perkins, Barbara Jessel*

*Others Present: Town Administrator Alan Benson, Minutes Sec'y Judi Stickney, John Dold, Dan Gallagher, Andy Gori, Paula Fitzsimmons, Paul Jarosiewicz, Gridley Losee, John Rowen, Beverly Perkins, Susan Inman, Miika Ebbrel, Bob Gore Judy Gore, Holly Langer, Bob Was, Jim Locke, Officer Louann Bonny, Andrew James, Kate Grossman, David Noyes, Suzanne Malach, Scott Novack, and many other interested residents and families*

**6:30 PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**6:31 PM DISCUSSION OF TOWN BEACH:** Selectman Chair Chuck Costello began the discussion by providing a brief history of the insurance issues with the Town Beach, the unexpected resignation of the beach director, and what's being proposed to resolve those issues, as well as the challenges. Costello added the Board's appreciation to all members of the BAA who have been involved in operating the Town Beach over the past 20 plus years. Costello added that it is the Board's desire to ensure that the beach is open for this summer, with an opening date of June 24, noting that they will need to schedule a Special Town Meeting for the Town to take over operation of the Town Beach with startup funding from Free Cash. At the conclusion of his opening statement, Costello asked the Board members for their comments. Each Board member reiterated the Board's desire to keep the beach open, as well as their thoughts on the next steps to take.

Several members of the audience also spoke to the issues, including:

- **Paul Jarosiewicz:** Provided a brief history of his association with the Town Beach, as a volunteer with the BAA, and his reason for resigning as the Director of the Town Beach. A discussion ensued between the Chair and Jarosiewicz, where the Chair requested that Jarosiewicz remain as the Beach Director, but Jarosiewicz declined.
- **Andy Gori:** Provided suggestions that Boxford look to surrounding towns to see how they manage and fund their town beaches. Selectman Vaz noted that, in his comments, he suggested a two-step process, in that the Town run the beach this year, but that we also look into how other towns run their beaches, in order to develop a plan for future years.
- **John Rowen:** As a member of the Recreation Committee, Rowen noted that the Recreation Committee is tied up with the Park Program for the summer and couldn't take over the management . hiring, staffing, lifeguards, etc. . the beach this year. Jarosiewicz noted that they already have staff waiting for the call that they are hired for the summer.

- **Wendy Sandler:** Asked for a brief summary as to why the BAA isn't getting the indemnification they requested. The BAA's pro bono attorney, Gridley Losee, and Selectmen Chair Costello, provided an answer for Sandler.
- **Evangelea Kelly:** After Selectman Perkins asked the audience if there was anyone in the audience interested in managing the beach this summer. Kelly nominated Paul Jarosiewicz, which was seconded by Costello. Kelly, also a member of BAA, advised that they welcome any local teens, students to apply to work at the beach.
- **Another Resident:** Requested that the beavers be taken care of on Stiles Pond. Costello advised the Town is working on it and that Jarosiewicz came to the Board for assistance. He added that David Noyes, Foreman for the DPW, is working on the beaver problem. Jarosiewicz added that he has requested enhanced water testing for the pond.
- **Dan Gallagher:** Gallagher, chair of the BAA, publicly thanked Paul Jarosiewicz for his time as the Beach Director, which was followed by applause. Gallagher added that they have been looking for a replacement director, with no success. He added that he has run the baseball program for many years and maintains the ballfield at the Town Beach, noting that they have had issues with finding indemnified volunteers to maintain the ballfield this year, which is why it appears to have been neglected. Jarosiewicz added that he appreciated the support of the DPW, Fire, and Police Departments during his tenure with the beach.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chair called for a motion for a Special Town Meeting:

On a **MOTION** made by **Nay**, second by **Perkins**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously to call and open the warrant for a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00PM at Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium, 20 Endicott Road, Boxford, MA for the purpose of establishing the appropriate revolving fund infrastructure and start-up funds to establish the Town of Boxford as the operator of the Town Beach at 10 Stiles Pond Road.

**7:37 PM ADJOURN**

On a **MOTION** made by **Costello**, second by **Nay**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Minutes Secretary

Documents either distributed to the Board of Selectmen before the meeting in a packet or at the meeting:

1. Agenda: May 24, 2017
2. Motion for Special Town Meeting