

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chairman; Martin Crowley, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Town Administrator and Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Open Forum**

Resident William Dowling was present to request information on the upcoming employment contracts being signed by the Board of Selectmen this evening between the Town and George G. Samia, Town Administrator and John Cowan, Police Chief and questioned the urgency of same.

Chairman Connors stated that there was no urgency that the Board of Selectmen will sign contracts with two employees this evening that have been an asset to the Town. Mr. Sheedy stated that the Board took the opportunity to sign the contracts of this evening, in order to keep two great employees in the Town.

Resident Jean Silva was present to request information on the upcoming employment contract to be signed by the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief John Cowan.

Chief Cowan explained to Ms. Silva that he consulted with Plymouth County Retirement and went with their advice on the retirement process.

Open Forum Closed.

### **Appointment**

Town Administrator George G. Samia was present to sign an employment contract with the Town for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.

Chairman Connors thanked Mr. Samia for his hard work and expressed appreciation for the financial condition of the Town.

Mr. Crowley thanked Mr. Samia for conducting the day to day operations in Town Hall for the Board.

Mr. Sheedy expressed appreciation to Mr. Samia for the financial condition of Town.

Mr. Samia stated his success here in Town is due to a very good staff and Board of Selectmen and thanked the townspeople for his 23 plus years of employment with the Town and stated that he will continue to make things successful in conjunction with the folks around him.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the contract before the Board with Town Administrator George G. Samia, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Police Chief John Cowan was present to sign an employment contract with the Town for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

Mr. Connors expressed his appreciation to Chief Cowan for staying an additional two years. Mr. Sheedy reiterated his view on extending the contracts of valuable employees of the Town.

Chief Cowan expressed his appreciation to the Board for their kind words. Chief Cowan stated that he has enjoyed the job for his 30 plus years and have appreciated the support and work of his officers.

Mr. Crowley stated that, upon being elected and coming on as a new member of the Board of Selectmen, that he values greatly the importance of having people to work with that he trusts, such as Mr. Samia and Chief Cowan.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the contract before the Board with Police Chief John Cowan, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

**Action Items**

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve to pass over the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.

Abstain - Crowley

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.

Abstain - Connors

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from St. Johns Church for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License on Saturday, March 15, 2014 to sell beer and wine in the Church Hall for a St Patrick's Day Fundraiser from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Abigail Haines for the use of the Town Common on Sunday, August 31, 2014 from 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm for a wedding ceremony.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve to approve Jessica Broman as a Member of the Arts Council effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Dale Julius from the Historical Commission to store some items at the Sachem Rock Center.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Historical Commission, dated November 21, 2013, requesting that the Selectmen refuse any nighttime activity from dusk to dawn in the old cemetery due to the fact that stone are not in a true line-up and are very delicate with many of them fallen over the years of weather related heaving and settling.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve, with regret, the resignation of Ken DeDominici from the Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee effective immediately.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve to certify that at a meeting of the board held March 10, 2014, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of a \$3,551,--- 1.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note

(the "Note") of the Town dated March 14, 2014, and payable March 13, 2015, to Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc. at par and accrued interest (if any) plus a premium of \$29,402.28

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 27, 2014, and a final Official Statement dated March 6, 2014, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

#### **Town Administrator Report**

Mr. Samia reported that Paula Wolfe, Director of Assessing, like Phyllis Tirrell, Town Accountant and the Treasurer before Ms. Flemming, has achieved a status that only 75 people of which are Assessors have achieved in history. Mr. Samia stated his appreciated to the aforementioned for taking that extra step. Mr. Samia explained that Erica Flemming, Treasurer/Collector came on with a CPA.

Chairman Connors stated that there is much these employees take on behind the scenes and expressed the Board's appreciation for that.

Mr. Samia explained that the Board is currently coming up on the second half of the Police Union Contract and is in negotiation with another Union, as well as a negotiating a few individual contracts.

#### **Reminders**

##### **Reminder from Town Clerk**

The Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the new Jr/Sr High School in the Gymnasium.

Polling hours will be from 11 am – 7 pm. If you have any questions regarding your voter status, please feel free to contact the Town Clerks Office at 508-378-1606.

Please return the Census, as it could affect your voting ability at the Town Election".

#### **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission wants everyone to be aware that they have many openings and need volunteers. A letter of interest can be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

**Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast & Charity Food Drive**

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 am – Noon at the East Bridgewater G.W. Mitchell Middle School with proceeds to benefit Kiwanis scholarships and charities – “Bring can goods... Help a Family.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Connors, Crowley, Sheedy; a unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

 Clerk  
Board of Selectmen