

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Present: David Sheedy, Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk, Martin Crowley; George Samia, Town Administrator; Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

A Moment of Silence was had for the passing of Senator Thomas Kennedy, followed by the Board's statements with regards to Senator Kennedy and his commitment to the local communities he represented.

Open Forum

Police Chief John Cowan was present to thank the Town for their patience on the day of the search and rescue on Pond Street and thanked his Officers for their efforts.

Chief Cowan announced the swearing in of two new Police Officers this evening to his department, Timothy O'Sullivan and Ryan Cramer.

Chief Cowan announced his putting in for retirement, effective June 30, 2016. The Chief thanked residents and officers in his department, past and present, as well as the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards and Department Heads, with whom he worked with over the years.

Chief Cowan recommended the Board consider a Second in Command, a Deputy Chief, moving forward, due to the overwhelming demand with opioid abuse, school safety, technology issues, the mentally ill and the expansion and regionalization of Officers for public safety.

Chairman Sheedy thanked Chief Cowan on behalf of the Town for his service. Chairman Sheedy asked Chief Cowan for a brief explanation on the hiring of a new Police Chief. Chief Cowan explained that Civil Service will come in and set up an Assessment Center

Chairman Sheedy expressed his thoughts on the replacement of Chief Cowan; that the new Chief should come from within the Town.

Mr. Crowley thanked Chief Cowan for his service and congratulated him on his plans to retire.

Mr. Dowling thanked the Chief and his officers for their duties on the day of the search, stating the information was readily available to the concerned parents in Town.

Chairman Sheedy thanked Chief Cowan and stated the process of hiring a new Chief would begin shortly.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

Joint Appointment

Finance Committee: Chris Kelley, Chairman, John Margie, David Foley, Michele Ahearn, Timothy Armand, Timothy Cramer and John Ward.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee met to go over End of Year Budget Transfers of Ch.44 s33B.

M/Kelley, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Ch.44 s33B End of Year Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2015.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve to award contracts for fuel items to the bidder listed on the SERSG DPW Supplies IFB for a twelve month period commencing 7/1/15.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the extension of the contract between the Town and Republic Services for curb side collection for three years.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Ed Gardner, Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer for approval to carry forward 55 hours of vacation time from FY15 to FY16.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of David J. Walsh, to the Board of Registrars effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of John Ward to the Finance Committee for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of John Haines as the Supervisor of Pest Control Management for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Kevin Marchant to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Norma Callahan to the Historical Commission for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of David R. Moore as the Sealer of Weights & Measures for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of David Bentley as Wiring Inspector for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve, with regret, the resignation of David Foley from the Finance Committee effective June 30, 2015.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Emily Pina to the Finance Committee for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia reported on a letter received by Jack Yunits from Brockton concerning the proposed casino and its effects on surrounding towns.

Board Discussion

Chairman Sheedy requested a letter be sent to Jennifer Kitchenham, Chairman of the School Committee and Chris Kelley, Chairman of the Finance Committee regarding voting or appointing a representative of their respective committees for the Operation Review Committee, which will be set up at the end of the summer.

Reminders

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk