

Saugus Board of Selectmen  
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Interviews for Library Board of Trustees

6:00 PM Joanne Vannah was present and gave her interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

6:10 PM Arthur Grabowski was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

Interviews for Zoning Board of Appeals:

6:20 PM Mark Garniss was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

6:30 PM Robert Cox was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

6:40 PM Anthony Tierno was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

6:50 PM Paul Cook was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

7:00 PM Stanley King was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

7:10 PM Keith Littlefield was present and gave his interests and background. Board Members asked questions.

Selectman Peter Rossetti Jr.

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The Saugus Board of Selectmen met on April 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street. Present were: Selectmen Stephen Castinetti, Stephen Horlick, Mr. Kelleher, Peter Rossetti and the Chairman Donald Wong.

The Chairman said the Manager will not be present because he had shoulder surgery.

Invited guests: None this evening.

Approval of minutes: March 31, 2009

Mr. Rossetti moved to accept the minutes of March 31, 2009. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Continued hearings: La Vita Mia

Mr. Castinetti moved to continue the hearing. Chair seconds. Mr. Castinetti speaking on the motion said the Board did receive correspondence regarding San-Pen bankruptcy and Town Counsel is working on alleviating the situation. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Castinetti moved to table the 7:45 PM public hearing. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Horlick moved to take correspondence # 5 out of order. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Correspondence

5.) Selectmen Clerk re: request for transfer of funds.

Mr. Horlick moved the Board vote to transfer \$200 from line 122-5302 Printing and Reproduction to line 122-5301 Advertising. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

1.) Request for acceptance of drainage easement from Ralph & Joanne Maccioli.

Mr. Rossetti explained the drainage easements needed to make and maintain a drainage swale to address flooding on a portion of Lynn Fells Parkway.

Mr. Rossetti moved the Board vote to accept the foregoing drainage easement from Ralph and Joanne Maccioli hereby accepting by the Town of Saugus, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 83, section 4 and every other authority appertaining on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

2.) Request for acceptance of drainage easement from Walter & Loraine Stephenson.

Mr. Castinetti moved the Board vote to accept the foregoing drainage easement from Walter and Lorraine T. Stephenson hereby accepting by the Town of Saugus, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 83, section 4 and every other authority appertaining on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

3.) Request for acceptance of drainage easement from Anthony Sapochetti.

Mr. Kelleher moved the Board vote to accept the foregoing drainage easement from Anthony Sapochetti hereby accepting by the Town of Saugus, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 83, section 4 and every other authority appertaining on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

4.) Request for acceptance of drainage easement from Jason Wall & Nichole Reinold

Mr. Horlick moved the Board vote to accept the foregoing drainage easement from Jason Wall and Nichole Reinold hereby accepting by the Town of Saugus, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 83,

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section 4 and every other authority appertaining on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Horlick said this has been an issue for quite some time and thanked the Manager and residents of the area for getting this done.

6.) US Census 2010 re: Notification of Door to Door Census.

Mr. Castinetti read the letter into the record as follows: *"Between April and July 2009, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood of your community. In order to conduct the 2010 Decennial Census, the Census Bureau must know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay. Our Census employees will wear official identification and carry hand-held computers to capture physical addresses and their GPS coordinates. We are reaching out to police departments, local governments and civic organizations to inform the community about this important activity, thereby reducing public concern. Enclosed is an awareness poster for you to post in a public area. We appreciate your cooperation and support in educating your community. The U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist working in your area will contact you in the near future to answer any questions you may have. Sincerely, Kathleen N. Ludgate, Regional Director, Boston Region."*

Mr. Castinetti said obviously this is an important event and said funding is tied to the census numbers and asked citizens to please be cooperative.

Mr. Castinetti said there have been some issues the Board has been carrying on for some time and would like to dispose of them and said the Board requested recommendation from the Police Chief regarding 1AM closing for liquor establishments.

Mr. Castinetti moved to dispose of this request at this time.

The Chairman excused himself from the table and passed the Chair to Vice Chairman Castinetti.

Mr. Rossetti moved as a courtesy to Mr. Castinetti that the Board vote to dispose of the request. Vice Chair seconds. Mr. Rossetti speaking on the motion said the Chief did recommend not to do this and did not see a need. Mr. Horlick speaking on the motion said they can out into the file and may restrict any establishment's hours. The Vice Chair said they always have the right to restrict hours. Vote: 4-0.

Mr. Wong returned to the table and resumed the Chair.

Mr. Castinetti said another outstanding request is regarding individual meters.

Mr. Castinetti moved to dispose of the request. Chair seconds. Mr. Rossetti speaking on the motion said essentially they dealt with this by putting a process in place adopted by the Sewer Commissioners and explained. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Horlick said the request was trying to get new construction to have individual meters.

Mr. Castinetti moved to take the 7:45 PM public hearing off the table. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

7:45 public hearing to review and amend the Town's Traffic Rules & Regulations ARTICLE V "Stopping, Standing, Parking" by designating Two Hour Parking from 8AM to 6PM except on Sundays where One Hour Parking currently exists on both sides of Jackson Street from Essex Street to Bond Place.

Mr. Kelleher said there has been a change since this was posted and need to repost it. Mr. Castinetti asked how it should have been posted. Mr. Kelleher said locations are where they are not meant to be.

Mr. Kelleher moved to close the hearing. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Kelleher moved the Board vote to take no action. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Kelleher moved to take up at next meeting re: Jackson Street and Lt. Swezey will submit recommendation to the Board. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

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The Chairman announced the following:

- Saturday, April 18 “Fight Night” at SHS fundraiser for youth groups.
- On Monday, April 27 “Taste for Education” fundraiser of SBEC for schools.
- Recycling drop off center open April 18 from 8-12 noon.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> NLL opening day parade.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Patriots’ Day Town Hall closed.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> SALL opening day parade.
- Street sweeping has started and if any area needs more to contact the Town Hall.
- April 15 is tax day and clean up day with Essex County and DPW picking up trash around Town.
- Compost open Saturday April 18.

Member’s motions

Mr. Castinetti: Welcome and congratulations to our two new police officers and wish Officer Cash & Officer Wilson the best of luck.

- said the “Slow” signs voted for Floyd Street have been posted.
- said recycling bins are available.
- said he received calls regarding broken curbing and other things and they are being addressed and to please call.

Mr. Rossetti: April 15 deadline for taxes.

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> he participated in “Shadow Day” and a Saugus High School Student was paired with him to observe his profession and it was a great experience, a good program and Town offices participated.
- Fox Hill Bridge is on target to open April 15.
- Property Tax bills were all printed with a lien on the property and said it was a mistake.
- Street sweeping, if a street was done less than adequate to please call DPW or the Manager to let them know.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> is the NE Vocational School budget hearing.
- Patti Flickinger in the Clerk’s Office is improving.
- Tomorrow at 7PM the Board will meet on the Liquor Rules & Regulations.
- Town Meeting Articles were submitted by the Manager.

Mr. Rossetti moved to insert the Manager’s Articles into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

- National Day of Prayer, 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Town Hall Auditorium.
- Request from the Planning Board for “No Parking”.

Mr. Rossetti moved to schedule a hearing. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

- Said there were air and water quality issues at the middle school and they are being addressed.

Mr. Kelleher: Said he visited the State House and the mood is somber and explained revenues are down and they wont recover and we are in for severe cuts and asked to drop a note to the Manager to take a preliminary look at the budget because it is likely not able to be level funded and every municipality needs to brace for cuts.

- said he continues to ask questions regarding vocational school formulas and it is going to take some time to do, but there are issues throughout the state and has no doubt that there will be change and said regarding the preliminary budget has 8% increase and proposed budget has 5% increase and said there is no room for any increase and will continue to recommend to reject the budget.

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- thanked the Manager for getting an Article in regarding vendors and explained the Article regarding abandoned property will be ready for next special.
- said only the Board of Selectmen can call Town Meeting into session and would like to call 3 Special Town Meetings now to prepare if needed.

Mr. Kelleher moved the Board vote to call Special Town Meetings for July 13, 2009; August 10, 2009; and on August 24, 2009. Chair seconds. Mr. Kelleher speaking on the motion said this will allow us to act quickly if needed. Mr. Rossetti speaking on the motion said they haven't has Town Meeting due to a quorum issue. Mr. Kelleher said this will give some notice. Vote: 5-0.

- wished all the best to NLL & SALL & Babe Ruth and congratulated Bob Davis.
- asked a request go to the Manager regarding the fence at the high school and said when the State changed it from chain link to wood there was concern and the Building Dept. has repaired some, but it is an eyesore and a safety hazard and asked if there is something that can be done.

Mr. Horlick: said regarding the state budget that the deficit is growing and cuts will be devastating to the Town.

- announced the Board is looking for interested people to serve on the Cable Television Commission and the application deadline is April 28.
- said he had a conversation with the Manager regarding calls he received about street sweeping and explained the salt & sand is being blown to the middle of the street and he said the contractor will not be paid unless it is done adequately.
- said earlier the Board held interviews for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees and to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Horlick moved the Board vote to appoint Bob Cox as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds. Mr. Horlick speaking on the motion said Mr. Cox sat as a Regular Member for many years and didn't know his appointment was up and wants to continue to serve.

Mr. Rossetti moved a substitute motion to appoint Keith Littlefield as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds. Substitute motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Horlick voting in opposition.

Mr. Castinetti moved the Board vote to appoint Joanne Vannah to the Library Board of Trustees. Chair seconds.

Mr. Horlick moved a substitute motion to appoint Arthur Grabowski to the Library Board of Trustees. Chair seconds. Substitute motion fails 1-4 with Mr. Castinetti, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Rossetti and Mr. Wong voting in opposition.

Main motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Rossetti moved the Board vote to appoint Anthony Tierno as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds.

Mr. Horlick moved a substitute motion to appoint Bob Cox as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds. Substitute motion fails 1-4 with Mr. Castinetti, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Rossetti and Mr. Wong voting in opposition.

Main motion passes: 5-0.

Mr. Horlick moved the Board vote to reappoint Mark Garniss as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds.

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Mr. Castinetti moved a substitute motion to appoint Paul Cook as Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair seconds. Substitute motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Horlick voting in opposition.

- said the Board requested incident reports from the police regarding Tabu.

Mr. Horlick moved to send copy of incident reports to Special Counsel and request to meet with him to bring Tabu in for a show cause hearing. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Kelleher said regarding appointments that many people apply and all Boards are important and said Mr. Cox served a long time on the Zoning Board of Appeals and there was some confusion and he didn't come forward for reappointment and hopes nothing overshadows the time he served and thanked all that applied for both Boards.

Citizen's forum      No one present.

Mr. Castinetti moved to adjourn. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed, Clerk