

Saugus Board of Selectmen

October 26, 2010

Meeting Minutes

(Approved 11/16/2010)

AGENDA

Saugus Board of Selectmen  
October 26, 2010 at 7:30pm  
Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street

- 1.) Call to order.
- 2.) Invited guests: Oaklandvale Parents
- 3.) Approval of minutes: October 12, 2010
- 4.) Continued hearings: No Parking – Lincoln Avenue & Dudley Street
- 5.) Public hearings: 0

Correspondence

- 1.) PEG Access Board of Directors re: appointment of Directors.

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The Saugus Board of Selectmen met on October 26, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street. Present were: Selectmen Scott Crabtree, Stephen Horlick, Michael Kelleher, Michael Serino and the Chairman Donald Wong. The Town Manager Andrew Bisignani was also present.

Invited guests: Oaklandvale School Parents

The Town Manager said he would like to publicly recognize Jonathan, Daniel & Joseph Soares, Jim, Kris & Nick Politano and Ray & Anthony Vasi for donating their time and effort in organizing a clean up at the Oaklandvale School. Daniel Soares was present with Ray Vasi and Jim Politano that participated and explained they got together to do something for the school and said he would like to see other schools do the same. The Manager said Town Employees take pride in their community and he appreciates it. Mr. Soares said they are looking for donations to help everyone out. Mr. Kelleher said as a former parent of Oaklandvale School he knows the great community spirit and congratulated them. Mr. Serino said he knows Mr. Soares and thanked him for helping out and said there is great community spirit in Saugus. Mr. Crabtree thanked them also and said he appreciates them pitching in and said that's what makes him proud of his Town. Mr. Horlick thanked them also and said as you see throughout Town a few people can make a big difference.

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Mr. Serino moved to accept the minutes. Chair seconds. Vote: 4-0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Kelleher.

Continued hearings: No Parking Lincoln & Dudley

on amending the Town's Traffic Rules & Regulations Article V, Section 2. Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets: by designating "No Parking" easterly on Lincoln Avenue for 40' from Dudley Street; AND "No Parking" on the south side of Dudley Street be reduced from 100' to 40' from Lincoln Avenue.

Lt. Tim O'Brien was present and said per the Board's request he met with Mr. Delios (owner) and residents that were requesting Dudley St. remain the same and said he submitted updated recommendation that the only change is to increase the no parking in front of Kane's by increasing it by 10' and said he feels it's a safety issue and he is also requesting the Board have DPW paint over the old crosswalk. Mr. Crabtree asked if it changes the number of cars that can park in front. Lt. said no and explained the handicapped parking spot in front. Mr. Crabtree asked including that spot if there would be 2 spots. Lt. said it doesn't lose any spots as a result of the recommended change.

Any in favor or in opposition? Johnny Pizzi, 5 Dudley Street, said he lived there for 30 years and for safety he is in favor and explained accidents and the view to turn onto Lincoln from Dudley and said maybe the new parking lot will alleviate the problem but enforcement is needed.

Bill Kramich, 12 Emory Street, said he is against 40' of no parking and asked the number of accidents a year. The Chair asked he direct questions to the Board. Mr. Kramich asked if all intersections are 40' no parking. Mr. Crabtree said there's an ongoing problem at this location and the vpolice evaluated it and is working with the business and agreed 40' is not appropriate for every intersection, but is for this one.

Lt. O'Brien said he did look at past 5 years and there's about 2 accidents a year and explained the police look at each intersection, they look at the angle, parking, complaints, traffic flow and view and take all that into consideration. Mr. Crabtree said the traffic is not visible coming out of Dudley. Lt. said absolutely and agreed it's blind up to 30'. Mr. Crabtree asked about moving the crosswalk. Lt. said no one was using it so it was moved to where people cross. Mr. Serino said its not a "one size fits all" and they must look at each individual problems and said he has lived in the area his whole life and this has always been a dangerous intersection and will support 40' recommendation. Mr. Horlick said he hopes the paqrking lot alleviates it also.

Nate Marsella, 77 Dudley Street, said he agrees with police proposal.

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Michael Lee, 4 Dudley Street, said he agrees with not changing Dudley St.

Paul Delios, Pinewood Circle, Wakefield & owner of Kane's said he believes the officer is well intended in his recommendation and noted 2 accidents occurred when they weren't open and asked if they would allow 1 year probation to see if the parking lot helps and asked if they would look into making Dudley one way to stop the impact on Lincoln Ave. and requested they move the bus stop to where the crosswalk is and to put handicapped ramps across the street from the bus stop. Mr. Crabtree asked the impact in front. Mr. Delios said parking is critical. Mr. Serino asked number of spots in new lot. Mr. Delios said 11 and 2 on Dudley side. Mr. Serino said the problem, in his opinion, is people are going to park in the most convenient spot and doesn't buy the argument and said the Board will have the police look at the other requests. The Chair noted the entrance was moved closer to the parking lot. Mr. Delios said the other issue is speed.

Mr. Crabtree asked if one spot or two in front. Lt. O'Brien said one spot, no change and said he respects concerns but he's talking about public safety and asked do we want parking or safety. Mr. Crabtree said it has always been a problem coming out of Dudley.

Paul Delios agreed coming out of Dudley has always been a problem and they should make it one way. Mr. Crabtree said they are not prepared to address that tonight. Mr. Delios said that's why he asks they hold off for one year.

Johnny Pizza said he hopes the Board doesn't wait a year.

Mr. Crabtree asked reasoning for moving the crosswalk. The Manager said there needs to be a handicapped ramp. Mr. Crabtree said there's a heightened danger because of visibility. Lt. O'Brien said it was moved upon request of police dept. because people were not using it. Mr. Horlick said people will cross there if there's a crosswalk or not. Mr. Kelleher asked why the bus stop was moved. Mr. Serino said it's in the same location.

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

Mr. Serino moved to amend the Traffic Rules & Regulations as recommended by police dept. for no parking 40' on Lincoln Avenue from Dudley Street (in front of Kane's); it was further voted to have the police look at location of bus stop with recommendation back; and to request the Town Manager have handicapped ramps installed on other side of Lincoln Avenue at the crosswalk. Mr. Serino speaking on the motion said he grew up in the area and feels the recommendation is right and why he supports it. Chair seconds. Mr. Horlick said he feels with additional off street parking it should alleviate parking problems. Mr. Crabtree said based on public safety coming out of Dudley has always been a problem and would like handicapped sidewalk on other side of street and crosswalk looked at again, but tonight will support the motion. Mr. Kelleher asked police to look at bus stop with recommendation back. Mr. Crabtree asked as requested the faded crosswalk be removed. Vote: 5-0.

### Correspondence

1.) PEG Access Board of Directors re: appointment of Directors.

Greg Nickolas and Nate Marsella were present and explained the annual election took place and said the Board is to appoint 2 for 1 year and as requested submitted the pool of nominees and recommended the reappointment of Janice Jarosz and the appointment of Debra Panetta.

Mr. Kelleher moved the Board vote to reappoint Janice Jarosz. Chair seconds. Mr. Serino said he will support the motion and the recommendation and said there were some complaints about the process of election.

Mr. Kelleher amended his motion to: the Board vote to reappoint Janice Jarosz and to appoint Deb Panetta. Chair seconds. Mr. Crabtree said he would like to recognize that Ms. Jarosz has been a member for some time and noted Ms. Panetta was present and may want to speak and said he will support the motion based on recommendation.

Mr. Kelleher restated his motion: the Board vote to reappoint Janice Jarosz and appoint Debra Panetta. Mr. Serino added: for one year and explained the elections and appointments

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will be staggered. Mr. Nickolas explained. Mr. Kelleher noted the organization is privately funded through Comcast, not tax dollars.

Debra Panetta, 1 Bellevue Street, was present and said she is a long standing record of volunteerism in Town and cares.

Mr. Horlick said Janice Jarosz has done an excellent job and believes Deb Panetta will bring her business expertise and will be a good addition. Mr. Kelleher said he's sure they will leave the door open for those that want to be involved and suggested they look at possibly expanding the number of seats. Mr. Serino thanked them for equipment used for roll call votes at Town Meeting.

Vote: 5-0.

The Chair announced the Veterans' Day Parade on 11/11 and hopes a lot of people attend.

Manager's Report:

- announced curb side leaf pick up dates.

- said the issue with 4 homes on Hitchings Road has been resolved and said the 4 homes were sold to a local developer and will be moved and the wall repaired. The Chair thanked him for his hard work. Mr. Kelleher said he did a lot of work and it's successfully resolved and thanked him. The Manager said it was a team effort. Mr. Horlick thanked him for protecting the public safety of the people.

- announced the Belmonte Middle School project is moving forward and MSBA has approved our project manager and will meet next week and said we will move into the next stage, design & schematics.

Member's Motions

Mr. Crabtree: said the Board met with the Manager on a CIP

Mr. Crabtree moved the Board send letters to School Committee and Department Heads to respond with feedback on CIP needs short and long term and to identify funding sources and the Board can use it as part of discussions with the Manager. Mr. Crabtree said people submit Articles and do not go through the executive branch and we should have a plan. Mr. Serino said they talked about it and the Board is to develop a 5 year capital plan.

Chair seconds. Mr. Horlick asked if it will include capital equipment. Mr. Crabtree said yes it should be all inclusive. Mr. Kelleher asked if all Town Boards, Departments including Schools. Mr. Crabtree said yes and to prioritize. Mr. Kelleher said it's a great idea and will support it.

Vote: 5-0.

- said they talked about a comprehensive report done on buildings. The Manager said he will get them a copy. Mr. Crabtree asked if he would have them update the report.

Mr. Serino: asked about street sweeping. The Manager said it has begun.

- said they need to cancel the November Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Serino moved the Board vote to cancel the November 15 Special Town Meeting. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

- said the Cultural Arts Council needs members and the Board received a letter.

Mr. Serino moved the Board vote to appoint Diane Roberts to the Cultural Arts Council. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

- said he would like an update from the library and to have the Chair come in or send written progress report.

- said the Board needs to meet on Liquor Rules & Regulations. The Board will meet on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

- thanked the Manager on Hitchinghill and for all his hard work to get it squared away.

Mr. Horlick: said there was a meeting on Hamilton St. project and the question of warranty.

Mr. Horlick moved the Board vote to have the Town Manager notify the Board before the project is signed off on. Chair seconds. Vote: 5-0.

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- said there's concern about adjacent streets and asked the Manager to have the DPW Director list and prioritize and see what we can get done.

Mr. Kelleher: said he through the Kelleher Family Trust and the Fire Chief are working on the heating assistance program and thanked Lynn Economic Opportunities.

- congratulated the Pop Warner Cheerleaders and wished them well in the next level of competition.

- said in the past, due to budget problems, snow plowing was substandard and asked if would be at normal standard this year. The Manager said yes and explained.

- said the Board received request from Mr. Meola regarding speed limit sign. Their clerk said the police are reviewing the request.

The Chair excused himself from the table and Vice Chair Crabtree took the Chair.

Mr. Serino moved to schedule a show cause hearing on Avedisian liquor license for non use. Vice Chair seconds. Vice Chair said the Board sent letter to DEP and asked status. Mr. Serino said Town Counsel was contacted and the Attorney General's Office has the location under investigation and DEP will not be responding. Mr. Horlick asked that the letter request the license holder to appear. Vice Chair added the hearing be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote: 4-0.

Mr. Serino moved the Board schedule a show cause on establishments 12 months or more in rears on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair seconds. Vote: 4-0.

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

Citizen's forum

None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed, Clerk

***Applications with supporting documentation, correspondence and documents presented and discussed at the meeting are on file in the Board of Selectmen's Office and are available upon request.***