

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 12, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, William Rice, Francis Cavaco, Robert McLintock

Absent: John Whelan

Town Administrator: Pamela T. Nolan

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Atty. Joyce Frank of Kopelman & Paige was also in attendance.

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He advised that the meeting was being recorded audio. The meeting was held at the Seekonk Public Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Issue Proclamation to the Fire Department in Recognition of National Fire Safety Week

Mr. Cavaco presented the Proclamation to Chief Jack.

Approval of Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. McLintock, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To amend the Regular Session minutes of September 14, 2011 as follow: on page 2 under Consent Calendar, Lt. was added - in memory of Lt. Col. James D. Spencer.

The vote: Mr. Cavaco ó Aye; Mr. McLintock ó Aye; Mr. Rice ó Aye; Chairman Parker ó Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. McLintock, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of September 14, 2011, as amended.

The order of business moved to:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Nolan advised that Chief Jack and she attended a Fire Department unfair labor practice hearing in Boston. She will bring the settlement on October 19, 2011.

On Monday, October 17, 2011, she will go to Boston with Chief Charron for an arbitration hearing concerning the 2010-2012 police contract.

She issued an e-mail to Board members regarding the retirement of Frank Oliver, custodian at the Public Safety complex. She intends to combine that position with the Town Hall for a trial period of six months to see if one custodian can do the job. Everett Santagata will continue to work at DPW on Saturdays for three hours.

The consensus of the Board was that she should proceed. However, Mr. McLintock questioned whether the Town Administrator could do this without the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Nolan advised that both positions are non-union.

Mr. McLintock asked about custodial services at the library.

Mrs. Nolan said the Library went with a private contractor because the Board of Selectmen would not hire a custodian for the library.

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Accounts Payable Warrant

Mr. Cavaco advised there are no problems. He will not be able to sign the pay order for the town because he is getting a reimbursement check.

Mr. McLintock said that National Grid showed up in force at Bakers Corner. He was asked if the poles could be stored at the site where the CVS will be going. There are between 66 and 99 poles to be replaced townwide; 66 poles are in that area.

Mr. Rice questioned why Mr. McLintock was involved. It is the responsibility of DPW. He noted that the Board authorized Mr. McLintock and Mr. Cavaco to serve as liaison with Mass. Highway and legislators. He asked if Mr. McLintock envisioned it was to take over all this work that is normally done by the DPW. He suggested Mr. McLintock should have called Town Engineer David Cabral.

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Mr. McLintock expressed concern about traffic north and south on 152 at Baker's Corner. The right side is very wide and the other side is not wide enough.

Mr. Rice said to call Mr. Cabral.

Mr. McLintock took issue with Mr. Rice's questioning.

Mr. Rice requested a copy of the minutes showing the vote to appoint Mr. McLintock and Mr. Cavaco as liaisons.

Mr. Cavaco stated that he is going to Bellingham, MA to talk to the Town Administrator about the removal of poles by Verizon.

Mr. McLintock said it is confusing if National Grid owns the poles that Verizon has wires on.

Mr. Rice reiterated that it is not a Selectmen's job.

Mr. Cavaco clarified that it has nothing to do with him going to Bellingham.

Chairman Parker felt this should be discussed at a future meeting.

At 6:54 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn until after the Open Meeting Law presentation.

The vote: Mr. Rice is Aye; Mr. Cavaco is Aye; Mr. McLintock is Aye; Chairman Parker is Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Meeting Law Seminar Conducted by Joyce Frank from the Law Firm of Kopelman & Paige

Atty. Joyce Frank explained the new Open Meeting Law.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

None.

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A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Chairman Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To dissolve at 8:20 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Cavaco ó Aye; Chairman Parker ó Aye; Mr. McLintock ó Aye; Mr. Rice ó Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary