

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 25, 2012
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, Francis Cavaco, William Rice

Absent: John Whelan, Robert McLintock

Town Administrator: Pamela T. Nolan

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. He announced the meeting was taped via audio and video. Mr. George Morse of the Seekonk Star was taping audio.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes for December 14, 2011, December 21, 2011, and January 11, 2012

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

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of December 14, 2011, December 21, 2011, and January 11, 2012.

Consider Reaffirming Letter of Support for Save A Pet with Patricia Cloutier

Save A Pet President Patricia Cloutier and Animal Control Officer Sharon Hall were in attendance.

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

VOTED: To reaffirm the Letter of Support for Save A Pet.

Mrs. Cloutier announced that the Annual Auction will be held on March 13, 14, and 15, 2012 at Johnson & Wales Inn from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen approval for Save A Pet to accept gifts will be on next week's agenda.

Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Cloutier and the Save A Pet organization for their help.

Consider Acceptance and Sign Contract with Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, Inc.

Mrs. Nolan advised that payment will not be made until the ambulance is delivered to the Town.

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

VOTED: To approve the contract with Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, Inc. for an emergency medical vehicle in the amount of \$227,410 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Building Costs of Empty Town Buildings

DPW Superintendent Robert Lamoureux reported that the old town hall currently has no electric or fire/security alarm. There is significant mold in that building. The generator is still workable and could be put in next year's auction.

Vacant buildings are checked twice a week. DPW maintains the grounds during the summer.

It cost \$324 annually to monitor the security alarm at the old police association building.

The building at 69 School Street has electricity and fire/security alarm.

The County Street station is used. There is heat and electricity, but the building is not winterized. There is about \$3,000 in the budget for fuel.

Mrs. Nolan said the Wampanoags are still interested in old town hall and possibly the School Street building. They want the Town to give them a lease to the old town hall. She would like to start discussions with legal counsel to write a lease that the Wampanoags cannot occupy the building until the mold and asbestos has been removed. They cannot apply for any monies available from Indian tribes until they have a lease.

Update on Senior Center

Mr. David Bowden, Chairman of the Building Committee, advised the committee has come up with the design. The cost would be \$2.5M. They can't do much until they know if there will be funding. Bond counsel has come up with the wording.

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

VOTED To include the debt exclusion question on the April ballot.

Chairman Parker commended the committee on the brochure they prepared.

Update on Banna Station

Mrs. Nolan stated that she attended the last meeting of the building committee. The committee will solicit estimates on a one and two story modular building. They will have to go back to the Zoning Board.

She advised that Mr. Foulkes will be resigning from the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Acceptance of Chris Zorra as DPW Snow Plow Vendor

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

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Chris Zorra as DPW
Snow Plow Vendor.

Consider Request from V. Kinniburgh for Independent Attorney for Open Meeting Violation Complaint

Withdrawn by Mrs. Kinniburgh.

Mr. Rice asked why.

Chairman Parker stated it concerns a citizen who filed an open meeting law violation because he was not allowed to tape a Board of Health meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion on District Local Technical Assistance Program through SRPEDD

Mrs. Nolan advised the Planning Board could not come up with a project for this. She noted that the Town had already applied for e permits. There is approximately \$2M for district local technical assistance through SRPEDD. The recommendation from SRPEDD is to implement the regional growth plan to address one or more of the sustainable principals, develop municipal partnerships, or create and sustain on-going collaboration within communities She asked Board members to contact her with any ideas.

Chairman Parker said that he was informed that the Board of Selectmen representative to SRPEDD intended to resign within the next week.

Mr. Rice stated that he attended the Southeastern Commuter Rail Task Force meeting today and will report to the Board at the next meeting.

Letter from American Legion of Rhode Island with Reference to Annual Convention to be held in Seekonk

Mrs. Nolan said this is the first time the American Legion of Rhode Island has taken the conference across state lines. It will be held in June at Johnsons & Wales. They have requested a welcome letter to include in the ad book and possibly a speaker to talk about the Town of Seekonk.

Rabies Clinic to be Held on March 10, 2012

The clinic will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the DPW building.

Mrs. Nolan advised that she and Mr. Alexander have completed the departmental review meetings on the budget and will be reporting to the Board in early February.

The 16th Annual Taste of the Town sponsored by the Kiwanis Club is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Johnsons and Wales Inn in Seekonk. The snow date is February 8th. The cost is \$30 per ticket.

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Accounts Payable Warrant

Mr. Cavaco advised that the warrant is in order. He will not sign the pay order reimbursement for the Town because he is receiving a check.

Chairman Parker advised that the 200th Anniversary dinner/dance was held last Saturday. Everybody seemed to have a great time despite the snow. The YMCA will celebrate on Sunday, February 12th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - free activities for all ages. They ask that participants bring a canned good item.

There will be a celebration on July 7th at the Pawtucket Red Sox with food and fireworks. The Seekonk Police Honor Guard will present the colors. There are 200 tickets available for purchase.

There are two tickets left for the Celtics basketball game in March.

Mr. Cavaco stated that the Town has to take appropriate action regarding the senior center on Pleasant Street. The building is not safe. He will request a report from the Fire Chief and Building Commissioner.

Chairman Parker noted that the CIC received a comprehensive report of town buildings.

Mrs. Nolan advised that building was included in the report.

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Mr. Cavaco requested information on how many lane miles are plowed on main and secondary roads.

Mrs. Nolan said she does not have that information.

Chairman Parker requested a phone call if it is going to be a lengthy process to get that information.

Mr. Rice inquired about the sign at the entrance to Peck Street.

Mrs. Nolan said it should be in place any time now.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

In response to Mr. Blanchard's question about obtaining a copy of the budget, he was told that candidates receive the same packet as Board members as soon as the filing closes.

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

VOTED: To dissolve at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary