

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 18, 2012
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: Francis Cavaco, Gary Sagar, David Parker, Nelson Almeida

Absent: Robert McLintock

Town Administrator: Pamela T. Nolan

Finance Director: Bruce Alexander

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; To open the meeting at 6 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; To go into Executive Session per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, to Consider Approval of Fire Union Agreement, Consider Approval of Steelworkers Union Clerical and Supervisory Contracts, Consider Approval of AFSCME Dispatch and DPW, Consider Approval of Library Union Contract and Consider Approval of Executive Session minutes of August 22, 2012; to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye.

Chairman Cavaco called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, he stated that anybody taping the meeting must notify the Chair. All Board of Selectmen meetings are taped via audio and video and televised on TV9.

Jonathan Friedman of The Patch was recording video.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Articles 11 through 30 for Town Meeting

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

VOTED: To review Articles 1 through 31.

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

VOTED: To reopen the Town Meeting warrant to review Articles 1 through 31.

Vote to Keep or Not Transfer Station Open on Saturday Afternoons

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

VOTED: To open the transfer station on Saturdays October 20, November 3, November 17, and December 1, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for a total additional cost of \$479.04.

Final Review and Endorsement of Articles for the Town Meeting Warrant Scheduled for November 13, 2012

New articles: 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

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

VOTED: To include Article 2 on the warrant (Banna Fire Station).

Mr. Sagar motioned, Mr. Parker seconded, and it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board not endorse articles until Mr. McLintock is in attendance.

Mrs. Nolan noted it could be done at Town Meeting.

Mr. Parker said that, in the past, at least the Finance Committee recommendations were available prior to Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the increases in compensation and include Article 7 on the warrant for the Town Meeting (collective bargaining – United Steelworkers Supervisors and Clerical).

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the increases in compensation and include Article 8 on the warrant for Town Meeting (collective bargaining AFSCME Public Works).

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the increases in compensation and include Article 9 on the warrant for Town Meeting (collective bargaining – Library).

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To place Article 10 on the warrant for Town Meeting (Town Clerk).

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To reduce the amount of Article 11 from \$55,000 to \$10,000 (Veterans Memorial Garden).

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

VOTED: To include Article 17 on the warrant for Town Meeting (transfer funds from free cash to municipal capital stabilization fund).

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

VOTED: To include Article 18 on the warrant for Town Meeting (sum of money for previous fiscal year bills).

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

VOTED: To include Article 19 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(transfer \$30,000 from dog license receipts).

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

VOTED: To include Article 20 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(\$15,000 to fund a portion of archives management records).

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

VOTED: To include Article 21 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(funds from the Community Preservation Fund).

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

VOTED: To include Article 22 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(School Department).

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

VOTED: To include Article 23 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Pine Meadow Drive).

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

VOTED: To include Article 24 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Conservation).

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

VOTED: To include Article 25 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Zoning).

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

VOTED: To include Article 26 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Zoning enforcement laws).

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

VOTED: To include Article 27 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(property at 69 School Street).

Prior to the vote, Mr. Sagar noted this was on the June Town Meeting with the support of the Finance Committee. It was denied.

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

VOTED: To include Article 28 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(enforcement of Category 39, Section 1B non-criminal disposition).

A motion as made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To include Article 29 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Permanent Building Committee).

Mr. Sagar said this was revised from the one submitted in June.

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

VOTED: To withdraw Article 30 (Charter review for elections).

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

VOTED: To include Article 31 on the warrant for Town Meeting
(Continued Care facility).

Mr. Parker motioned, seconded by Mr. Sagar, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the warrant.

Mrs. Nolan advised that Mr. Rice had e-mailed her. He wanted to know when the warrant closes.

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

VOTED: To postpone final endorsement of articles until Mr. McLintock is in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Final Warrant

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

VOTED: To sign the final warrant.

Consider and Approval/Disapprove Toll Road Application for Seekonk Firefighters 1931 to Raise Funds for MDA

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

VOTED: To approve the Seekonk Firefighters toll road application.

Sign or Not Fire Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To sign the collective bargaining agreement with the Seekonk Firefighters Local 1931.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

Mrs. Nolan advised that she would have the following contracts for the next meeting: Steelworkers Clerical and Supervisory, AFSCME Dispatch and DPW, and Library.

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of August 22, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sagar, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the regular session minutes of August 22, 2012.

The vote: Mr. Parker – Aye; Mr. Sagar – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting

Town Moderator Michelle Hines urged residents to vote on Tuesday, November 13. The warrant will be posted two weeks prior. She will review the articles on a TV9 television show.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

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Accounts Payable Warrant

Chairman Cavaco indicated the warrant was in order.

Mr. Sagar reported that the paving operation at Bakers Corner is completed. He spoke to police officers at the location, and he asked Lt. Dyson to thank the foreman of the paving company. They did a great job. Mr. Sagar also acknowledged the efforts of the Police Department and DPW. The job was done with minimal interruptions.

He commended the Police Department for apprehending the bearded bandit.

He acknowledged Dave Darling on his third championship at Seekonk Speedway and his father, Wayne Darling, his first championship.

Mr. Almeida would like an agenda item to discuss the Board's meeting schedule. He suggested weekly meetings and possibly alternating with Thursdays.

Mr. Sagar noted that Selectmen have been meeting on Wednesdays for a long time and other boards work around that schedule.

Chairman Cavaco said that they tried Mondays but it did not work.

Mr. Parker said he originally felt that biweekly meetings would last longer. But, surprisingly they have met biweekly for awhile now and it seems to be working. The business before the Board at this time does not warrant weekly meetings.

He said this will be the first national election that all four precincts are at the high school. This will be an exceptionally busy election. Absentee ballots are available.

Mrs. Nolan suggested that residents are prepared on the ballot questions – that might take a long time.

Chairman Cavaco felt that biweekly meetings are working. He noted that years ago executive session preceded the regular meeting but often went beyond the start time of the regular meeting.

He announced the fundraiser at the Boneyard on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Tickets are \$10 to benefit the armed forces memorial garden.

He said there will be an agenda item for the November 7th meeting to discuss the trash bill included on the tax bill.

He noted there are vacancies on boards.

Mrs. Nolan said the Energy and Economic Development boards need members.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Ms. Lauren Walsh suggested that the Armed Forces Memorial Garden Committee solicit input from residents on the three different designs. She also felt that children should be involved. The chairman of the committee did tell her he would have children at the dedication ceremony. She felt publicity would bring in donations.

Mr. Alexander suggested that Tri County or Bristol Aggie students might be able to do some of the labor.

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

VOTED: To adjourn on this sad day with the New York Yankees will go down in flames.

The vote: Mr. Parker – Aye; Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Cavaco – Aye.

Chairman Cavaco noted this was the shortest meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Sagar, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

