

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 6, 2013
REGULAR SESSION

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

Absent: Robert McLintock

Finance Director: Bruce Alexander

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Cavaco called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, Chairman Cavaco stated that persons taping the meeting must notify the Chair. Board of Selectmen meetings are recorded via audio and video and broadcast on Seekonk Channel 15.

Jonathan Friedman of The Patch was recording audio.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE HEARING FOR CARNIVAL

Rockwell Amusement to Hold Carnival at Showcase Cinema Grounds on Fall River Avenue

Mr. Harold Fera of Rockwell Amusements was in attendance. He stated that the carnival will benefit the American Legion, District 9. They have permission from Showcase Cinema to use the grounds.

Ms. Rogers responded to Mr. Almeida's concern that a CORI check was performed on management.

Chairman Cavaco read a letter from the American Legion regarding the carnival.

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

VOTED: To approve the license for a carnival to be held from April 25 through May 5, 2013 to benefit the American Legion, District 9.

WORK SESSION

Health Department

Chairman Cavaco advised the Chairman of the Board of Health was unavailable.

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

VOTED: To table the Heath Department budget.

Treasurer/Collector

Treasurer/Collector Christine DeFontes advised that nothing changed. It is just negotiated increases.

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

VOTED: To approve the 2014 budget for the Treasurer/Collector's office.

Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

Mr. Alexander said that the budget is level-funded with the exception of an additional \$10,000 for unforeseen expenditures. There are no changes to the Board of Selectmen budget.

He noted that he budgeted additional monies for the copy machine (about \$500 per quarter). It is for the per copy cost including toner and staples. The Personnel line item is contractual.

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

VOTED: To table the Town Administrator's budget until March 20, 2013.

Finance Director

Mr. Alexander noted that the Personnel line item is contractual. The expenses are driven by the increase in the licensing for MUNIS software (5%). Part of that is in the Finance Director budget and part in the MIS budget.

He advised that Mrs. Nolan suggested budgeting 4 hours per week of computer service calls from MX. That is in the MIS budget.

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

VOTED: To approve the 2014 budget for the Finance Director's office.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with Board of Health on Sharps Program

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

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VOTED: To table discussion on the Sharps Program with the Board of Health.

Sign Contract for United Steelworkers Clerical Union

Previously approved in Executive Session. Mrs. Nolan had the document.

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

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To table the signing of the contract with the United Steelworkers Clerical Union.

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

Update on Special Town Meeting Date from March 25, 2013 to March 27, 2013

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

VOTED: To close Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 in order to attend the Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Support of American Legion for Memorial Day Parade

Mr. David Viera requested permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2013 at 10 .a.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the American Legion's request to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

Mr. Viera requested permission to use the postage machine in Town Hall to solicit donations from businesses.

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

VOTED: To approve the request to use the Town Hall postage machine for mailings to solicit donations from businesses.

Consider Change to Entertainment License Stipulations for Seekonk Speedway with Respect to Detail Officers at Non Firework Event Nights

Mr. Ed St. Germain of the Seekonk Speedway requested authorization to amend the staffing details from 25 to 18 officers on non firework event nights.

Capt. Craig Mace advised that the Police Department agrees but would retain the option to increase the details if needed.

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

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the request to reduce the number of detail officers from 25 to 18 during non firework event nights.

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

Consider and Promote Lieutenant Frank John to the Rank of Captain
Consider and Vote to Promote Sergeant Michelle Hines to the Rank of Lieutenant and Sergeant Anthony Araujo to the Rank of Lieutenant
Consider and Vote to Promote Officer Christopher Kelly to the Rank of Sergeant

Police Chief Ronald Charron explained the promotion process. Fifty percent is the written exam and the officer must attain a mark no less than 70. There is an educational point total and there is another section for discipline and a section for seniority. The last section is the oral board review panel interview which is 40% of the score. There is only one officer eligible to be promoted for captain. He was on the first list which expired. Of the two lieutenant candidates, Sgt. Hines scored higher. Sgt. Araujo is the other candidate for promotion.

The swearing in ceremony will be on March 20, 2013.

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

VOTED: To approve the promotion of Frank John to Captain, effective March 21, 2013.

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

VOTED: To approve the promotion of Michelle Hines to Lieutenant, effective March 21, 2013.

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

VOTED: To approve the promotion of Anthony Araujo to Lieutenant, effective March 21, 2013.

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

VOTED: To approve the promotion of Christopher Kelly to Sergeant, effective March 21, 2013.

Chief Charron said the above individuals are dedicated and will do a good job for the Town.

He noted there are two vacancies within the Police Department.

Mr. Sagar thanked Chief Charron for his service.

Chairman Cavaco expressed his appreciation to Chief Charron on behalf of the citizens for his time, dedication and service to the Town of Seekonk. He will be missed.

Chief Charron said it was good to work with them.

Interview Candidates for Recreation and Youth Committee
Appoint Two Members to Recreation and Youth Committee

Director Bridget Garrity said that she was not sure the candidates were expected to attend. An e-mail with recommendations was sent to Mrs. Nolan.

Mr. Parker said that they need the recommendation of the Town Administrator.

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

VOTED: To appoint Mr. Brad Abreau and Ms. Kristen Gorton to the Recreation and Youth Commission subject to the recommendation of the Town Administrator and verification of the termination date.

Appoint Two Members to the Veterans' Memorial Garden Committee

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

VOTED: To appoint Mr. Sean Healey and Mr. Robert DeFontes to the Veteran's Memorial Garden Committee, subject to the recommendation of the Town Administrator and verification of the termination date.

Appoint Member to Recycling Committee

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

VOTED: To appoint Mr. John Pozzi, Jr. to the Recycling Committee, subject to the recommendation of the Town Administrator and verification of the termination date.

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of February 13, 2013

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

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the regular session minutes of February 13, 2013.

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

At this time, the Chairman called for a ten-minute recess.

Town Administrator Pamela Nolan arrived at 6:42 p.m.

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

VOTED: To revisit the Town Administrator's budget.

Mrs. Nolan advised that engineering expenses include GPI projects to be shared with the DPW.

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

VOTED: To approve the FY 2014 budget for the Town Administrator's office.

Mrs. Nolan stated that she recommended those appointed to the committees (above).

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Accounts Payable Warrant

Chairman Cavaco advised the warrant is in order.

He announced the Board would not meet on March 13 and members were invited to volunteer at the Save A Pet auction on March 12-14, 2013.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Nolan advised that items A, B, and D would not be discussed at this time.

Mr. Sagar felt the Board should discuss item B (update on MCAD suit).

Mrs. Nolan said the attorney wants to be in attendance. He is getting facts and statements. The attorney is from Kopelman & Paige and is representing the Town and insurance company.

Mr. Sagar motioned, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

VOTED: 2 Ayes; 2 Nays; To discuss Item B (update on MCAD suit) in Executive Session.

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

Mr. Parker and Chairman Cavaco wanted to take the advice of counsel.

Mr. Sagar noted that March 20, 2013 would be the earliest these items could be discussed

At 7 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, to go into Executive Session to discuss/update on contract negotiations for new police chief; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Sagar, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary