

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 19, 2013
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: Nelson Almeida, Gary Sagar, Michael Brady, David Parker
Absent: Robert McLintock

Town Administrator: Pamela T. Nolan

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Almeida opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He stated that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, anybody taping the meeting must notify the Chair.

**PUBLIC HEARING TRANSFER ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL INN LICENSE
(RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE**

**Seekonk Hospitality Group, d/b/a DiParma Italian Tables, to Dublin Hospitality LLC d/b/a
The Dublin Rose, Tyler Almeida, Manager, Located at 940 Fall River Avenue and Addition
of Outside Patio Permit**

Atty. Eric Brainsky represented the Dublin Hospitality LLC. Gen. Manager Tyler Almeida and Owner Brian O'Donnell were in attendance.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that he has worked with Mr. David Darling (hotel owner), who is trying to expand his catering business.

Mr. Sagar welcomed them to town. He noted that quite a few restaurants have closed.

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

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

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

VOTED: To enthusiastically approve the transfer of all alcohol inn license from Seekonk Hospitality Group d/b/a DiParma Italian Tables to Dublin Hospitality LLC d/b/a The Dublin Rose, 940 Fall River Avenue, and addition of outside patio permit.

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**RECOGNITION OF JACOBS HILL ON THEIR 290TH ANNIVERSARY AND AS
RECIPIENT OF AAA 4 DIAMOND AWARD**

Tabled indefinitely.

PUBLIC HEARING - POLE PETITION

**Consider a Petition from National Grid to Install One (1) Solely Owned Pole 17 Ft. East of
the C/L of Allen Avenue for New Service to 151 Allen Avenue, Andrade Residency**

Chairman Almeida opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Michael Braden from National Grid advised it is a routine extension to install new service to 151 Allen Avenue.

Mr. Sagar stated that the Town has an issue with National Grid utility poles.

Mrs. Nolan advised that Mr. Cabral had taken care of that.

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

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

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

VOTED: To authorize National Grid to install one solely owned pole 17 ft. from the center line of Allen Avenue for new service to 171 Allen Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Meeting for Construction of the Animal Shelter

Mr. Sagar advised that Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Cloutier, Mr. Lamoureux, Mrs. McNeil, wiring inspector, plumbing inspector and he met with two representatives of MTTI Trade School to talk about the possibility of building the shelter. The school owner is a Seekonk resident, who is enthusiastic about this project. They will meet again next Wednesday at the school. It will be an agenda item for July 10, 2013.

Mr. Brady asked Mr. Lamoureux to explain what type of work was done by DPW at the center.

Mr. Lamoureux said a lot had to do with modifications within the building. They built cabinets, remodeled the kitchen, put in a washing machine and dishwasher, built an office for the Animal Control Officer, put a doorway to separate the dog cages from the office area, improved lighting

and exit signs, and did repairs to the bathroom. Overall it was quite extensive work. They pretty much did everything on Ms. Hall's list.

With respect to the roof, Mr. Lamoureux said it was related to a vent pipe from the bathroom. They put a new vent pipe and new flashing, and it hasn't leaked since then.

Mr. Lamoureux said they were unable to put in dog runs and doorways to outside.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (FIRST SESSION)

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Interview James Troiano for Recreation and Youth Commission

Consider Appointment or not of James Troiano to Recreation and Youth Commission

Mrs. Nolan said that she interviewed Mr. Troiano. He has three children who participate in recreation programs so he wants to remain active and help out.

She recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint James Troiano to the Recreation and Youth Commission.

Consider Employment or not of Timothy Moisao as Town Electrician

Mrs. Nolan recommended the appointment. She advised it is a part time position, on call, without benefits.

Mr. Lamoureux noted that Mr. Moisao has HVAC experience which means he could do this in the future instead of going out to bid for this service.

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

VOTED: To appoint Timothy Moisao as town electrician.

Consider Employment or not of Andrew Moniz as Town Plumber

Mrs. Nolan advised the candidate withdrew his application.

Consider Reappointments to GATRA Advisory Board, Historical Commission, and Taxation Aid Fund Committee

Executive Assistant Anne Rogers advised these are reappointments: Bernadette Huck to GATRA Advisory Board, Phil Fox for Taxation Aid, Martha Torrance and David Norton for Historical.

She noted that there are vacancies on Conservation, Cultural Council, Economic Development, Energy, Parks & Recreation, Recycling, ZBA, and MCIC. Also, the Board of Selectmen is looking for a representative to SRPEDD.

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

VOTED: To reappoint Bernadette Huck to GATRA Advisory Board, Phil Fox to Taxation Aid, Martha Torrance and David Norton to Historical Commission.

Consider Reappointments to Finance Committee and MCIC with Moderator

Town Moderator Michelle Hines announced the reappointments of David Francis and Karen Perkins to the Finance Committee; term to expire in 2016.

She noted that MCIC has an opening for a three-year term to replace the present person who has been there for six years. Anybody who is interested should complete a talent bank form and return it to the Town Administrator's office.

Discussion with Moderator on By-Law Review Committee

Ms. Hines advised the need to set up a study committee - one person from each precinct. The fifth person is a member at large who can be from any precinct. Interested individuals should call her at home or call the Town Administrator's office. It would be a one-year appointment. When she has the names in place, she will come back to the Board.

The goal would be to have this done by the November 2014 Town Meeting.

She noted that the bylaws are on the Town's website.

Discussion on Snowplow Policy and Approve or not Policy

Mrs. Nolan advised that Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lamoureux, and she met with the insurance broker to discuss this policy. They had been debating the general liability clause recommended by the insurance broker and town counsel.

Mr. Lamoureux had said if this is imposed on snowplow vendors (\$1,500) it negates what they make. Insurance has indicated the Town would still have coverage.

Mrs. Nolan recommended doing it without that clause.

Mr. Lamoureux said it would only protect the vendors themselves; not the town. It was put in as general liability optional. He said surrounding communities do not have that.

Mr. Sagar said he was happy to see it on there and now it will be removed. He has a problem with that and would like to table it until the next meeting so that he could do a little more research. He also wanted to extend the time until April 30th.

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

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Nay; To table the snowplow policy until the meeting of July 10, 2013.

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

Consider Approval or not the Purchase of Road Salt, Sodium Chloride for DPW

Mr. Lamoureux noted that a couple of years ago communities got involved with road salt bid through the State. At that time, the Town was involved with a vendor. That contract ran out on June 30th. The Memorandum of Understanding assures that the Town would purchase through the State. There would be a significant savings in the purchase of sodium chloride.

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

VOTED: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Lamoureux noted that the contractor did go down on the price during the past two years. The Town saved about \$27,000 last year.

Consider Approval or not Contract with MX Consulting Services, Inc. for IT Services for FY 2014

Mrs. Nolan advised this is a one-year contract for 8 hours per week to do all departments except the library. It is working very well. She talked to the Superintendent of Schools about the possibility of combining services for next year. The money is budgeted.

Mr. Brady noted that he did not see the 24 hour seven days a week in the contract.

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A motion by Mr. Parker was withdrawn until they get further information.

Set Date of July 25, 2013 for Special Election for Senior Center Project Funding

Mr. Sagar noted the date should be July 29, 2013.

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

VOTED: To set Monday, July 29, 2013 as the date for the special election for the senior center building project funding.

Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Parker noted it will be quiet during the morning but to change the hours would be confusing to the public. It is a matter for future discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Nolan had a notice that SRPEDD is looking for three selectmen to serve on the Mass. Planning Organization (MPO). If anyone is interested, please let her know.

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Mr. Sagar had several items. He talked about the outstanding item with Columbia Gas - computer mapping. He said maybe the fire chief could handle it.

He called Columbia Gas. They will come out and do an energy audit on town hall, library and DPW.

Board members agreed that it is a good idea.

Mr. Sagar would like to follow up on the number of people using the recycling center to possibly change the hours. Also, to put a camera out there for security purposes.

Mrs. Nolan advised that she has not received a report on Lake Street from DEP and neither has Nover Armstrong.

Mr. Sagar asked if the lease/purchase of the loader is valid.

Mrs. Nolan said that Town Meeting provided the authorization. It has always been done that way.

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Mr. Brady would like to see the procedure on the purchase of the tub grinder.

Mr. Sagar asked about the new vehicle at the animal shelter.

Mrs. Nolan said it came from the Police Department.

Mr. Sagar wanted to know the history on that and also a list of all vehicles. He will physically look at all vehicles.

He talked about an estimate for abatement of the former police association building.

Mrs. Nolan said there is an analysis on asbestos and hazardous materials abatement and a price for demolition.

Mr. Sagar requested a copy.

He said he met with Mr. Don Kinniburgh to discuss issues of last week. They are prepared to move forward.

He checked out the drainage problem at the library today along with Mr. Lamoureux, Mrs. McNeil, and Mr. Miller. There might be a solution.

Mr. Sagar would like to establish a municipal building committee prior to Town Meeting.

He suggested the Board set up a calendar of meetings through December 31, 2013.

He requested a tri board or quad board meeting over the summer.

Mrs. Nolan had sent out an e-mail for a meeting on September 19, 2013.

As to the question of whether the Memorial Day Parade money could be used on Veterans Day, Mrs. Nolan sent that to legal.

Mr. Sagar requested that the Finance Director prepare a spreadsheet that shows all vendors and when the contracts expire. He wanted the same information from the School Department. He is looking towards possible consolidation.

Going back to the snowplowing issue, Mr. Sagar stated that the Finance Director should have the original of all contracts and insurance. Mr. Lamoureux should have copies.

Mr. Parker said there are agendas posted on the website but no minutes.

Mr. Brady would like a monthly report on the status of the three main building projects. The report should come from the three chairpersons of these committees.

Chairman Almeida congratulated the recent Seekonk High School graduates.

He congratulated Matthew, Timothy, and Brian Salet. They organized a distracted driving summit held at the Mass. State House. They placed in the top six and won a \$2,000 prize.

He announced a horseshoe tournament from 3 to 5 p.m. followed by a steak fry at the American Legion on June 22, 2013 to benefit the Seekonk Memorial Park Committee.

The Meadows will officially open for the summer on June 23, 2013. Activities are from 1 to 5 p.m.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Nolan announced upcoming events sponsored by Recreation – Boston Duck Boat Ride and cooking classes.

She had a picture of three candidates graduating from fire academy this week.

She had copies of a letter from Mr. Cabral to the State regarding the Town Hall sign at the entrance to Peck Street.

She denied a request from Town Hall employees to close the Friday after the 4th of July. The Police and Fire are always on duty and would have to be paid time and a half.

There was discussion about employees using their own time and opening with one person in each office.

Mr. Nolan will survey employees.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (SECOND SESSION)

Mr. Donald Kinniburgh acknowledged that Mr. Sagar and he had a productive conversation. Today, he requested a meeting with Mr. Durkay of the Library Trustees to work out a resolution.

He apologized to the general public for comments at the last meeting. He emphasized that he was speaking for himself and not for the veterans out there. He did not want residents to have animosity toward the veterans in this town.

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At 7:16 p.m. Mr. Parker motioned, seconded by Mr. Sagar, to go into Executive Session to consider approval of employment contracts for the Town Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Works; not to reconvene in Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brady, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary