

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**AUGUST 12, 2015**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade,  
Michael Brady, David Viera

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, anyone taping the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is taping audio and video.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE**

Mr. Brady read from the list of openings for volunteers as follows: Board of Health (1 appointed by the BOS), By-Law Study Committee (5 Moderator), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Cultural Council (1 BOS), Economic Development Committee (1 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (3 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 BOS), Permanent Building Committee (5 BOS), and Finance Committee (1 Moderator).

Chairman Parker urged residents to volunteer.

He asked Board members and speakers to talk into the microphone because some residents have indicated it is difficult to hear comments made.

**LICENSE HEARINGS**

**Liquor License – Change of Manager Apple New England LLC (Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill and Bar) Ashley Tougas**

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the change of manager for Apple New England LLC  
(Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill and Bar), Ashley Tougas, Manager.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Viera suggested that the social security number should not appear on the forms that are given to the Board.

**Mobile Food Carts – Simply Yummy and Mini Moo**  
**Save A Pet Society Annual Craft Fair on September 12, 2015 at the Hurley Middle School**

Mr. Cadime advised this is a one-day site specific event. Simply Yummy received its license from the Board of Health in March 2015 and Mini Moo in April 2015.

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

**VOTED:** To allow Simply Yummy and Mini Moo to set up at the Save A Pet Society Annual Craft Fair on September 12, 2015 at the Hurley Middle School.

In response to Mr. Andrade's question, Mr. Cadime advised he has a draft policy regarding food carts which should be finalized by the end of the week.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Consider and Vote on Conditional Offers of Employment for Firefighter/Paramedics: Douglas Young, Brittney Goodhart, and Anthony Byron**

Chief Michael Healy and Mr. Cadime recommended the conditional offer of employment, pending further testing and background check. Chief Healy said all three are paramedics. They are aware of the stipulation regarding the tuition reimbursement if they leave within five years of hire.

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

**VOTED:** To extend a conditional offer of employment to Douglas Young, subject to stipulations outlined by the chief.

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

**VOTED:** To extend a conditional offer of employment to Brittney Goodhart, subject to stipulations outlined by the chief.

Chief Healy and Mr. Cadime recommended the next individual be tabled.

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

**VOTED:** To table the conditional offer of employment of Anthony Byron.

**Consider and Vote on MASSCOP 215's Request to Place ATM in the Lobby of the Public Safety Building**

Vice President of MASSCOP Local 215 David Mahoney and Officer Adam Laprade were in attendance.

Officer Mahoney said the Town will not incur any costs. It is to afford individuals in custody a way to make bail. Pioneer Services will install the machine in the building.

Mr. Cadime asked about the fees.

Officer Mahoney said \$2.50 will go to the company and \$1.00 to the union. The union donates the money.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was

**VOTED:** 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention: To approve MASSCOP 215 request to place ATM in the lobby of the Public Safety Complex as long as there is accountability.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Chairman Parker - Abstained.

Mr. Brady asked about wireless internet. He would like to see a contract.

Mr. Viera wanted to make sure the dollar amount brought into the union is donated. He felt the Town should not pay for the electricity for the machine and the union is benefitting.

**Consideration and Approval of Three Year Tree Trimming and Removal Contract with Advanced Tree**

Mr. Cadime advised there were five bids but only two companies qualified. The others did not meet the minimum requirements and documentation. Advanced Tree is a Seekonk business that had the contract several years back.

DPW Asst. Superintendent David Cabral advised the low bid submitted by Advanced Tree is \$381 per hour for combined services.

Mr. Cadime and Mr. Cabral recommended awarding the contract to Advanced Tree.

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

**VOTED:** To award the three-year contract with two one-year options to Advanced Tree.

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Prior to the vote, Mr. Viera asked if it would be beneficial to address hurricane coverage as part of the contract.

Mr. Cabral said there is no specific language; but, in the past, Advanced Tree did work with DPW in clearing trees, etc.

Mr. Almeida was pleased to see this company back. He felt they were not treated fairly during the last bid process.

Chairman Parker agreed.

**Consider Appointment of James H. LaFlame to Veterans Agent**

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint James H. LaFlame as Veterans Agent, effective August 5, 2015.

Mr. Almeida and Chairman Parker suggested a representative from the State Veterans Affairs office come down and work with Mr. LaFlame.

Mr. Cadime noted that he worked with Rehoboth's Veterans Agent Jack Taylor. He can also get help from the State.

Mr. Viera said the American Legion in Boston has representatives who could help.

**Consider Appointment of Kristen P. L'Heureux to Part-Time Secretary to Planning Board**

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment of Mrs. L'Heureux. She has worked at Seekonk Public Library since 2001. She is also a realtor.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Kristen P. L'Heureux as part-time secretary in the Planning Department, effective August 15, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of a \$500 donation to the Animal Shelter from Joan Morris**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the \$500 donation from Joan Morris to the Animal Shelter.

**With Regret the Acceptance of the Director of Parks and Recreation's Letter of Resignation**

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

**VOTED:** To table the letter of resignation from the Director of Parks & Recreation.

**Consider Approval of Open Session Minutes of July 15, 2015 and July 29, 2015**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the Open Session minutes of July 15 and July 29, 2015.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Mr. John Alves asked about an update with the Old Town Hall.

Mr. Cadime advised he received the RFQ from Kopelman & Paige on Friday. Two sections need to be updated and resubmitted for a final review. It will then be advertised in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle and Central Register.

Mr. Alves asked about an RFQ on the Veterans Memorial. (Discussion under Board of Selectmen Liaison Reports and Comments.)

Mr. Cadime said a couple of the members have asked about the RFP process.

Acting as a spokesperson for Anne Miller, his wife, Mr. Alves thanked Mr. Cadime for his assistance with the contract for the library project.

Mr. Alves apologized to the Board and, in particular, Mr. Andrade. Several meetings ago in discussion about the Charter, he did not allow Mr. Andrade to have his say. It was improper and has bothered him since.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

None.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Cadime reported that the bid opening for sub bidders on the senior center was held today. Bids were received for all categories. There were no eligible bidders in two categories because

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they did not attend the mandatory walk through. That will be handled under M.G.L. Chapter 149. He is currently going through documentation which will be turned over to the architect. The general contractor has the ability to select the subs. The general contractor bid opening is on September 1, 2015.

Bids for the animal shelter are due on September 14, 2015.

Mr. Cadime provided an update on complaints re: Lynch Corp. Residents should call Seekonk Police. Dispatch will receive and document calls and give the information to the officer in charge. Dispatch will submit the report to the Director of Communications, who will inform Mr. Cadime and Mr. Aubin.

Mr. Aubin has reached out to the East Providence planner and building inspector. They will do an investigation on their side.

A letter addressing the violations was sent but there was no response.

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **School and Town Consolidation Committee Report**

Now that the budget season is over, Mr. Brady felt the Board should be able to find out who the liaisons are for schools and look into any type of consolidation.

### **Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report – Michael Brady and David Andrade**

Mr. Brady asked that Mr. Cadime set up a meeting with members of the Veterans Memorial Committee, Mr. Fuller, the Library Board of Trustees, Mr. Cadime and Board of Selectmen representatives for an update and projections going forward.

Mr. Almeida commended Chief Mace, the Seekonk Police, and other police departments who worked to find the individual responsible for the death of Karen McHugh.

He commented on the overwhelming number of people who attended Ernie Watson's wake.

He asked about the tree in the sidewalk on Olney Street.

Mr. Cadime said now that the contract is approved it should be done next week.

Mr. Viera suggested there should be written communication with individuals when they submit talent bank forms.

Mr. Cadime said forms are time stamped and moderator appointments are forwarded to her.

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Mr. Viera offered to turn back his stipend check in September in order to have an employee appreciation day.

Mr. Viera talked about the need for a generator for Town Hall.

Mr. Cadime noted the Fire Department has a generator on a trailer. It would need an electrical hookup.

Chief Healy said it is a military. They need to get it running.

Chairman Parker said the generator at the public safety complex is twice the size needed. However, it would cost too much to tie in to this building.

Mr. Robert McLintock, a member of the senior center building committee, said there was talk about using it when the senior center was going to be built on Town Hall property. However, the recommendation was to buy a smaller one.

Mr. Viera asked about the search for a legal firm.

Mr. Cadime said he needs to put firms together.

Mr. Brady inquired about the search for a building commissioner.

Mr. Cadime responded that Mr. Alexander will schedule interviews with two additional applicants.

Mr. Brady thanked the School Committee for rescinding the athletic and transportation fees for this year. He noted that he will be more diligent in questioning next year.

Chairman Parker noted there are several job openings.

Mr. Cadime said executive assistant, building commissioner, electrical inspector, and DPW Superintendent. There are items for discussion in executive session. Mr. Alexander will contact Mr. Watson's grandson about the sealer of weights and measures position. Det. Enos does it for the City of Taunton.

Chairman Parker said something has to be done about yard sale signs. A town by-law says a permit is needed for a yard sale. According to the police chief, there is no enforcement.

Mr. Brady said police cannot enforce civil laws. It is illegal in the U. S.

Mr. Cadime advised that six or eight months ago Mr. Santos sent a letter to all businesses explaining the sign by-law and that fines would be issued.

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Mr. Almeida noted that when the Board hired a person to check on signs he asked that person be available to work weekends.

Mr. Cadime said that individual has accepted a full time position. The only person in the Building Department right now is a secretary.

Chairman Parker noted that Board members took an oath to enforce the bylaws.

Mr. Viera gave Chairman Parker a T-Shirt which promotes the Veterans Memorial Park. Shirts are \$15 each. Mr. Viera asked if the Town Clerk would be willing to take orders.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Mr. McLintock complained about the microphones.

Mr. James Vieira of Newman Avenue mentioned that he is lead dispatcher in Norton. He expressed his appreciation to Communications Director Chris Campbell who personally offered his services on one day and brought another dispatcher with him on another day to cover so that they could attend the wake and funeral of a Norton firefighter.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Brady, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Seekonk Firefighters Local 1931 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), Library Staff Association, AFT per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), Steelworkers Clerical Unit per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations for Superintendent of Public Works per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), to conduct contract negotiations with the Superintendent of Public Works per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), and to consider approval of Executive Session minutes of July 15, 2015; not to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye. Mr. Parker will not participate in negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary



