

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 26, 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. Almeida read from the list of openings for volunteers as follows: Board of Health (one appointment by Board of Selectmen), 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), Finance Committee (1 Moderator).

PUBLIC HEARING

Transfer of Liquor License – Eleven Forty Three Fall River Avenue, LLC to Well's Liquors, Inc.

Chairman Parker opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Atty. Robert S. Ovoian, representing Well's Liquors, Inc., was in attendance. He explained that the current owner, Hill's Liquors, has agreed to sell the license to Well's Liquors and real estate entity separately to Raymond Realty LLC. Mr. Mui of Raymond Realty was in attendance.

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

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Almeida stated that he had a concern last year because this individual had seven violations. At that time, he said his son was going to run the business. He asked what will happen with this business.

Atty. Ovoian said Mr. Mui will operate the business. The violations were in a restaurant. He has had liquor stores in Attleboro and Norton. He has had one violation in a package store setting in 29 years.

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He addressed and took corrective action with respect to violations. There were two separate penalties of temporary shutdowns. He decided to get out of the restaurant business.

Mr. Viera said it is probably not under the jurisdiction of the Board but it is not a good idea to sell individual cans or bottles of beer.

Mr. Cadime recommended approval as submitted.

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

VOTED: To approve the transfer of liquor license from Eleven Forty Three Fall River Avenue, LLC to Well's Liquors, Inc.

LICENSE HEARING

Consider and Vote on Mobile Food Carts for the Pink Elephant Carhop Reunion Providence Canteen and Simcock Farms – Ice Cream

Mr. Cadime recommended approval of the site specific request, including entertainment.

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

VOTED: To approve the request to allow food carts - Providence Canteen and Simcock Farms (ice cream) site specific at the Pink Elephant Carhop Reunion on September 12, 2015.

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

VOTED: To approve one-day entertainment on September 12, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pink Elephant Carhop Reunion at 66 Leavitt Street, Seekonk, MA.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Advisory Regarding a Charity Bicycle Ride – Sean's Ride

Chief Mace advised this is the third annual ride in memory of MIT Officer Sean Collier. Over 300 police officers from across the nation will participate. They should be in Seekonk at around 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Chief Mace will participate. He invited well wishes to attend.

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

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VOTED: To approve Sean's Ride coming through Seekonk at around 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Consider Lieutenant Anthony Araujo (Retired) to the Position of Special Police Officer

Chief Mace advised that Lt. Araujo retired on August 8. He requested and Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Lt. Araujo (retired) as special police officer, effective immediately.

Consider and Vote on Promoting Sergeant Gerard LaFleur to the Rank of Lieutenant

Chief Mace recommended and Mr. Cadime concurred with the promotion.

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

VOTED: To promote Sgt. Gerard LaFleur to the rank of Lieutenant with the Seekonk Police Department.

Lt. LaFleur was sworn in by Asst. Town Clerk Florice Craig.

Chairman Parker thanked him for all he has done and will continue to do.

Moderator Committee Recommendation

Town Moderator Michelle Hines announced there are enough people for the By-Law Study Committee. Bill Rice, Precinct 1; Bob Blanchard, Precinct 2; David Sullivan, Jr., Precinct 3; Bob DelRosso, Precinct 4; and Beverly Hart, alternate at large, also from Precinct 4.

Ms. Hines posted an organizational meeting for tonight. They need to be sworn in.

According to the Charter, the by-law committee can only be appointed for one year. If necessary, she will reappoint members in August 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointment of Bernadette Huck to the GATRA Board

Mr. Cadime recommended the reappointment.

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

VOTED: To reappoint Bernadette Huck to GATRA.

Mr. Almeida asked when transportation would be in Seekonk.

Mrs. Huck said they are looking at it; hopefully, when the new center is open. The Board would have to assume responsibility of providing drivers.

Accept, with regret, the Resignation of Brian Fisk, Electrical Inspector

Mr. Cadime recommended, Mr. Brady motioned, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Brian Fisk as electrical inspector, with regret.

Consider the Appointment of Michael Medeiros to Electrical Inspector

Mr. Medeiros was in attendance.

Mr. Cadime advised that Mr. Medeiros is currently working in Swansea and Rehoboth. He has done work in Seekonk on time-sensitive inspections.

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

VOTED: To appoint Michael Medeiros as electrical inspector.

At Mr. Medeiros' suggestion, the Board directed Mr. Cadime to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Charlie Fisk, who did the job for over 20 years.

Discussion and Vote to Refer Zoning By-Law Amendments to Planning Board for Public Hearing

Town Planner John Aubin III explained the amendments.

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

VOTED: To refer zoning by-law amendments to the Planning Board for a public hearing.

Advisory for September 11th Ceremony (to be held on September 10, 2015)

Mr. Cadime advised that the ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 6 p.m. Everybody is invited to attend. He thanked Town Clerk Janet Parker for putting this together.

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Chairman Parker noted that last year Mr. Brady, who is a police officer, spoke. This year he would like to have Mr. Viera speak. He is a retired fire chief and veteran.

Discussion and Vote on Fall Town Meeting Date

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

VOTED: To set November 23, 2015 as the date for the Fall Town Meeting and to open the warrant as of today, August 26, 2015, and close on Friday, October 2, 2015.

Discussion and Vote on Mobile Food Cart and Ice Cream Vendor

Mr. Cadime advised that this document forces individuals to provide information before departments sign off. He looked at various communities. It includes event and site specific.

Chairman Parker said it is very well thought out and well written and addresses concerns of the Board of Selectmen as to being consistent.

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

VOTED: To accept the policy on mobile food cart and ice cream vendor.

Chairman Parker and Mr. Brady noted this is a policy and can be changed by the Board.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Ms. Michelle Hines, as a representative of the Seekonk Non Profit Coalition, announced the 8th Annual Food for Fuel Pasta Fest would take place on Thursday, September 24, at the high school from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4 to 12, and free for children three and under. Take out is available. Tickets will be available at the Save-A-Pet Craft Fair on September 12. Proceeds go to the fuel and utilities account of Human Services. All of the money stays in Seekonk.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime advised that general contractor bids will be opened for the senior center on Tuesday, September 1. The gas company has submitted a request for a permit for curb cut to extend the gas line to the property.

A couple of individuals attended the pre- bid walk-through for the animal shelter project. There was question about two large trees that might have to be removed. Bids are due on September 14, 2015.

The RFQ for the old town hall will be advertised in the Central Register on September 2. The bidding will end of October 2. M.G.L. requires 30 days for sale of property.

The contract was signed for the library facilities study. They are in the process of putting together a new RFQ for architect services.

The deadline is Friday for submission of capital improvement plans from department heads. Mr. Cadime will prepare packages and present recommendations to the Board.

Items for the Annual Town Report are due on September 11. Finance will not meet the deadline because Schedule A will not be competed. Also, the treasurer is waiting for reports from the School Department.

The executive assistant position will be posted internally and externally on the MMA. It will also be on the Town's website.

Interviews for building inspector should be held next week.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. LaFlame will prepare a job description for part time secretary to the Veterans Service Officer.

The sealer of weights and measurers position is available – might have an employee who is interested.

Mr. Cadime has a meeting on Monday to review the job description for DPW Superintendent to get that posted next week.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Mr. Noel Baker of 57 Anthony Street talked about a dispute with the Health Agent.

Chairman Parker advised that the Board of Selectmen has no control over that but is willing to listen. He suggested that Mr. Baker contact Ray Grant, Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. Cadime will follow up on it.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

School and Town Consolidation Committee Report

Nothing to report.

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report – Mr. Brady and Mr. Andrade)

Mr. Brady said they will meet next Wednesday.

Mr. Viera said they will have a donors list for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Almeida said he read in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle about multiple gas leaks in Seekonk. He felt that issue was addressed last year.

Mr. Viera requested written documentation from the gas company as to a plan of action.

Ms. Hines noted that she has seen gas company employees working to detect any kind of leak.

Mr. Viera requested a warrant article to get a generator in town hall before the cold weather.

Mike Brady mentioned that DPW workers did an excellent job cleaning up after a bad storm. However, there is a tree truck near Martin School.

Mr. Cadime said that would be taken care of now that the contract has been signed with the tree company.

Chairman Parker announced the Save-A-Pet Craft and Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hurley Middle School. He thanked the many sponsors.

He announced the Kiwanis Club 5K and 1.5 Walk to take place on September 27, 2015 at the Martin School starting at 10 a.m.

He suggested that residents who want a smaller recycle container should contact Mr. Cabral at DPW.

Mr. Viera suggested that the Board's representative to SRPEDD should keep the Board apprised of what's happening at SRPEDD to assist communities with purchasing.

Mr. Cadime said there isn't much of a difference with supplies. He could have Ross Perry from SRPEDD come to a meeting.

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Mr. Andrade read a letter from John Mahoney, a resident. Mr. Mahoney complimented Chief Healy and firefighters on the appearance of the fire station. He thanked Firefighters Alex Schlageter, Dan Murray, and Kyle Laprade who graciously took the time to show his two young children around the fire house and apparatus.

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Brady motioned, seconded by Mr. Viera, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3); not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary