

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2015**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

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

Absent: David Andrade

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

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

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

Mr. Almeida read from the list that volunteers are needed on the Board of Health (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Economic Development Committee (1 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (2 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 BOS), Permanent Building Committee (5 BOS) and Finance Committee (1 Moderator).

Seekonk residents can obtain talent bank forms at Town hall or on the website.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License; Transfer of Stock, Issuance of Stock, New Stockholders – TGI Friday’s, Inc., 1105 Fall River Avenue**

Chairman Parker opened the hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Cadime advised that representatives from TGI Friday’s were unable to attend.

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

**VOTED:** To postpone the hearing until the meeting of October 21, 2015.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Consider the Appointment of Michael Dressler to the Historical Commission**

Mr. Dressler stated that he is very interested in historical property.

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

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**VOTED:** To appoint Michael Dressler to the Historical Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2018.

**Consider the Appointment of Tim Tolman to the Art/Cultural Council**

Mr. Tolman was in attendance. He is a painter and professional at RISD.

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Tim Tolman to the Art/Cultural Council.

**Consider the Appointment of Michael Campagnone to the Conservation Commission**

Mr. Campagnone was in attendance. He is a civil engineer and has some experience with septic systems. He is familiar with the Wetlands Protection Act, which is a major part of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Cadime strongly recommended the appointment.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Michael Campagnone to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2018.

**Consider the Appointment of Bob Damiani to the Tax Work-Off Committee**

Mr. Damiani introduced himself.

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Bob Damiani to the Tax Work-Off Committee.

**Consider the Appointment of Raquel Lima to the Position of Part Time Kennel Worker**

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Raquel Lima as part time kennel worker.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider, with regret, the Acceptance of Sharron Goguen's Letter of Resignation as Fire Department Senior Secretary**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the resignation of Sharron Goguen as Fire Department senior secretary, with regret, and to post the position.

**Consider the Gift to the Seekonk Veterans' Memorial**  
**JL Marshal & Son – 52 yards of Concrete Valued at \$5,000**  
**JL Marshal & Son - Rebar and Mesh Valued at \$1,500**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the donations made to the Veterans' Memorial from JL Marshal & Son of 52 yards of concrete valued at \$5,000 and rebar and mesh valued at \$1,500.

Mr. Cadime and Board members commended the members of this committee for their efforts.

Mr. Viera expressed his appreciation for the support. He said the goal is to hold the dedication on Memorial Day 2016.

**Discussion and Consideration of Town Hall Generator**

Fire Chief Michael Healy and Acting DPW Superintendent David Cabral were in attendance.

Mr. Cadime said Mike Medeiros, electrical inspector, checked the Army surplus generator at the Fire Department. It is operational but not enough to take care of the entire Town Hall.

Mr. Medeiros said it would cost about \$300,000 for a new generator. He recommended tying into the generator at the public safety complex.

Chief Healy felt the military surplus generator could be serviced and put on a trailer to use as needed during a storm.

Chairman Parker said there is a difference between "need" and "want." He talked to a couple of department heads in this building and found there is nothing that would require an emergency generator.

Mr. Viera said there are a couple of issues. There are records in the basement which is serviced by sump pumps. Those records could be ruined by water damage. The sprinkler above the

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system is a dry system kept dry by air pressure run by a compressor. If there is a power failure and the sprinkler becomes dry, it could be a similar situation that occurred in the Planning office last year (water damage).

Mr. Cabral felt they can handle sump pumps with portable generators.

Chairman Parker noted the problem in Planning was a pipe that froze. Power was never lost.

Mr. Brady said Town Hall is a government building and should be open at all times. There might not be a need to power the entire building, just the essentials.

Mr. Almeida felt it would be worth looking into running power from the Public Safety Complex to Town Hall if it is a significantly lower cost. That generator is oversized.

Chief Healy noted that only essential personnel should be in the building during an emergency situation.

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

**VOTED:** To move forward and obtain solid figures on the cost to provide power to the essential functions at Town Hall.

Mr. Cadime noted that in the event of a natural disaster the emergency operation center is the Public Safety Complex.

Mr. Almeida would like to consider the ability of running the generator to the animal shelter in the future. That had previously been discussed when the senior center was going to be built on Town Hall property.

### **Discussion on Winter Supplies and Winter Readiness**

Acting DPW Superintendent David Cabral updated the Board on available equipment and vendors. He has five sanders – two on vehicles and three additional that will be put on trucks in November. There are eight front line vehicles. There are two back up vehicles. The contract for salt is the same as last year at \$70.40 per ton.

Applications were mailed out to 30 vendors; 18 were from last year. An ad in The Sun Chronicle will run two consecutive Sundays. He has two sidewalk plows. He needs snow blowers.

Mr. Cabral said that attachments for tractors are very expensive. He would like to purchase a trackless vehicle (\$43,000).

Chairman Parker noted this equipment was not included in the budget..

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Mr. Cabral said it is on the state bid lost.

Chairman said the biggest problem a few years ago was not having enough vendors.

Mr. Cabral said all 16 vendors from last year have showed an interest in returning.

Mr. Almeida thanked Mr. Cabral for stepping up, as always. He said the DPW crew is doing a great job.

**Consider the Approval of Open Session Minutes of September 9, 2015 and September 23, 2015**

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

**VOTED:** To accept regular session minutes of September 9, 2015 and September 23, 2015.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS** – None.

**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 Mr. Andrade was unable to attend the meeting because of family matters.

The first construction meeting was held at the senior center site. Weekly onsite meetings were scheduled. Mr. Jack Vatcher is serving as OPM and will have an office there. The property will be fenced off during construction.

Mr. Parker said he heard at a meeting of the MMA that legislation has been introduced to eliminate the OPM requirement.

Mr. Cadime said invitations will be going out for an official groundbreaking ceremony. The senior center should be completed in 24 weeks.

He advised that bids were opened for the animal shelter last week. Once again, bids came in extremely high. Mr. Cabral and Mrs. Cloutier will talk to the two vendors that bid to try to figure out what is driving the cost up.

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There was one bid for old town hall

Mr. Cadime is still working on the Annual Report. It should be ready to go to print in a couple of weeks.

Five candidates, both internal and external, will be interviewed for the position of Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen.

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

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

Mr. Brady said Mr. Andrade and he have got to find out who the liaison is for the School Department. He noted the School Department did assist with snow removal last year. There might be other areas that could be consolidated and coordinated to facilitate a better outcome for both sides.

**Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report** – done.

**Accounts Payable Warrant** – none.

Mr. Viera inquired about solar panels or solar farms. .

Mr. Cadime said that is a matter for the Energy Committee.

In talking about the plan to save on electricity costs, Mr. Cadime said that Seekonk is next to being approved.

Chairman Parker noted that everybody will be included. Residents who do not want it will have to opt out.

Mr. Brady inquired about the building commissioner position.

Mr. Cadime advised he got another application this week. He noted there is a part time building inspector on the job.

Mr. Almeida asked about the status of the Recreation Director.

Mr. Cadime advised she withdrew her letter of resignation.

Mr. Blanchard said he has a negotiated rate with a company other than National Grid. He asked if residents who opted out could reconsider and get back in..

Mr. Cadime referred to the SRPEDD link on the Town's website.

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Mr. Brady suggested having the representative from SRPEDD attend a meeting for more information.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Viera, motioned, Mr. Brady seconded, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Dispatch Unit (AFSCME) M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations per M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21(3), and to consider approval of Executive Session minutes of September 9, 2015 and September 23, 2015; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary