

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 27, 2016
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. A moment of silence was observed in memory of previous Town Administrator Pam Nolan, who passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday.

Chairman Parker announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, any person recording the meeting must notify the Chair.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Brady announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Health (3 Board of Selectmen appointments), 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), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Veterans Memorial Park Committee (2 BOS), Parks and Recreation Committee (1 BOS). Talent bank forms are available at Town Hall or on the website.

Mr. Brady noted that, with the exception of the Finance Committee, individuals can serve on more than one committee.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Appointment of Patricia Marino to the Position of Part Time Secretary to the Veterans Service Officer

Mr. Cadime advised that, following discussion at the previous meeting and in talking to the Veterans Service Officer, the part time position will be increased to 19 ½ hours. This would allow Mr. LaFlame to do more outreach with veterans. Mrs. Marino will resign her current position at the library. He recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Patricia Marino as part time secretary to the Veterans Service Officer.

Consider A Conditional Offer of Employment to Kevin English as a Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class

Chief Michael Healy noted the Board had accepted two resignations at the previous meeting. He requested authorization to extend a conditional offer of employment to Kevin English. Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Kevin English as a firefighter/paramedic third class.

Consider a Conditional Offer of Employment to Matthew Bradford as a Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class

Chief Healy requested authorization to extend a conditional offer of employment to Matthew Bradford. Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Matthew Bradford as a firefighter/paramedic third class.

Consider the Appointment of Kerry Anne McCabe to the Position of Assistant Animal Control Officer

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

Animal Control Officer Sharon Hall explained that Mrs. McCabe started out as a kennel worker and then applied for the assistant animal control officer position.

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

VOTED: To appoint Kerry Anne McCabe as Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Invitation from Michael Durkay to Attend Informative Meeting from TAPPE Architects Regarding Library

Mr. Michael Durkay, Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, noted the facilities study committee was appointed by the moderator following the vote at Town Meeting in November 2013. There was an allocation of \$25,000. The state provided \$50,000 and the Board of Library Trustees \$60,000 from previously awarded state grants. The committee began a needs assessment with input from the community. Tappe Architects was chosen as the firm. This firm has many years of experience in building design, construction, state regulations and bureaucracy

that goes along with that.

Phase I will be a series of public hearings to listen to ideas from the public about going forward. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the library. The Board of Selectmen and residents are invited.

Mrs. Anne Miller, Chair of the Facilities Building Committee, invited Board members and residents to attend.

Accept Donation to the Animal Shelter from the Joan & Leonard Engle Family Foundation in the Amount of \$250 in the Name of Ethan Engle

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

VOTED: To accept the \$250 donation from the Joan and Leonard Engle Family Foundation on behalf of the animal shelter.

Mr. Almeida thanked the family for the donation.

Consider the Appointment of New Poll Workers

Mr. Cadime recognized the Town Clerk, who organized a meeting of poll workers from surrounding communities to hear a presentation from the State. Approximately 70 poll workers were in attendance.

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

VOTED: To appoint new poll workers, as attached.

Finance Committee Appointment by Town Moderator

Town Moderator Michelle Hines advised she had five applicants. She was able to speak to four of them. One was unavailable. One individual did not qualify because of the stipulation that town employees cannot be on that committee. There was another who felt she could go a different direction. She has two applicants here for a vacant position that will expire in 2017. The terms of two others will expire in June.

Russell Horsman previously served on the Planning Board. He runs a unionized construction company. He works with multimillion dollar budgets. His wife is a part time employee at Town Hall. He would be happy to serve on the Finance Committee.

Benjamin Furman has had no previous municipal experience. He has 30 years experience as a chief financial officer in the non-profit sector. He is responsible for a \$2.5M budget. He is not a member of any other board in town. He would be happy to serve.

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Ms. Hines appointed Mr. Furman to the position that expires in June 2017. If he is reappointed then that would be a three-year appointment.

She advised he needs to get sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Chairman Parker said both are very qualified people.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider the Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Inn Holder License for Q Lounge, LLC to Pramukh Greenport Real Estate d/b/a Ramada

The public hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

Atty. Matthew J. Fogelman and Raj Patel were in attendance.

Mr. Cadime recommended approval.

Mr. Almeida asked if the Ramada has no liquor license.

Atty. Fogelman said this is a transfer from the Q Lounge.

Mr. Patel said this is for function rooms.

Mr. Almeida felt this will help Ramada's business.

Mr. Viera asked about two licenses under one roof since El Marachi has its own liquor license.

Mr. Cadime said it is all right for both licenses.

The hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Inn Holder license for Q Lounge, LLC to Pramukh Greenport Real Estate d/b/a Ramada.

Consider the Application of a Public Amusement License for Pramukh Greenport Real Estate d/b/a Ramada

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

VOTED: To approve the public amusement license for Pramukh Greenport Real Estate d/b/a Ramada.

Consider the Approval of an Amusement License for National Entertainment Network for an Additional Three Machines

Mr. Andy Morin, Territory Manager was in attendance. This is for the game room at Walmart in Seekonk.

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To approve the amusement license for National Entertainment Network for three additional machines.

Consider the Transfer of Motor Vehicle License from GDA Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Seekonk Auto Center to JN Group, LLC d/b/a/ Seekonk Auto Center

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To transfer motor vehicle license from GDA Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a/ Seekonk Auto Center to JN Group, LLC d/b/a Seekonk Auto Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Changing the Veterans Memorial Park Committee from Seven Members to Five Members

Mr. Cadime noted that so much progress has been made. He would recommend the change from seven to five members. It allows for an easier quorum.

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

VOTED: To change the number of members on the Veterans Memorial Park Committee from seven to five.

In discussion prior to the vote, Mr. Viera, Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, suggested it would be a good idea. He noted the Friends of the Memorial Park do most of the fundraising.

Mr. Andrade asked if members of the committee agree with the change.

Mr. Viera felt there are some members who would prefer to have seven.

Mr. Almeida said most of the committees are five members.

Mr. Cadime noted that significant progress has been made with the five members.

Mr. Viera noted that the Chairman had appointed two members of the Board of Selectmen to be intermediaries between the Veterans Memorial Park Committee and the Board of Library Trustees. They have moved forward. The contract was awarded. The Committee is overseeing the project right now.

Consider the Approval of Funds for Postage for the Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Mr. Cadime advised 5,120 trash bills are sent out at a cost of \$2,500. There would be no additional cost if the request for donations for the Veterans Memorial Park was sent out with trash bills, tax bills, or the census. However, he noted there are other committees in town and this would set precedence.

Chairman Parker noted that this committee received \$10,000 and then \$60,000. He got two calls from individuals who felt the Town should also pay for postage for the Kiwanis Club and Safe-A-Pet. These people felt the committee should spend the money allocated at Town Meeting.

Mr. Brady noted that the Kiwanis Club and Safe-A-Pet are private groups. The Veterans Memorial Park Committee is a town group and it will be a town memorial.

Chairman Parker said that Save-A-Pet is donating \$250,000 to build a shelter. That group was not allowed to use town money for fundraising.

Ms. Hines felt it should come from their own budget.

Mr. Andrade suggested the Board develop a plan to include all committees in town.

Mr. Viera said the feeling was to get \$10 from each household which would be \$60,000 towards completion of the memorial. The next step is Phase II.

Mr. Andrade suggested including the request in the December or April mailings or possibly through the schools.

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

VOTED: That the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen draft an Administrative Policy to set forth the utilization of town mailings by Town boards and committees under the direction of the Town Administrator.

Consider the Approval of Regular Session Minutes of December 16, 2016

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

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of December 16, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

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 the Animal Control Officer has scheduled a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the DPW building on Taunton Avenue. Dr. Truesdale will attend.

The 20th Annual Taste of the Towns sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Grand Rose Ballroom at the Clarion Inn, 940 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available from Beverly Hart, Beverly Della Grotta, and the Town Clerk.

A Tri-Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 8. The Superintendent of Schools had requested it to talk about special education costs and policies and procedures. Mr. Cadime felt it might also be a good time to include financial discussions.

He is still working with Kopelman & Paige on the Purchase and Sales for the Old Town Hall. When he gets changes, he will forward to Board members.

He toured the senior center. It should be a state of the art facility for seniors. The project is on target.

Mr. Cadime advised that he contacted Bay Coast Bank and was able to get a commitment for \$10,000 for cameras to be placed on traffic lights. He suggested Rte. 44 and 114A which is a high traffic area. If they can get multiple cameras, they can decide where to put them.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Andrade mentioned a program set up by John and Linda Gagne of Seekonk to help foster children. He suggested getting more information and maybe bringing them in and recognize them for what they have done and continue to do. They have helped 2,500 to 3,500 children in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Mr. Almeida noted it took three to four months to schedule a tri-board meeting.

He talked about trying to make a left turn onto Arcade Avenue from the future senior center.

Mr. Cadime advised the architects will put the exit more toward the Knights of Columbus to allow more room to look for oncoming traffic.

Mr. Viera asked if there will be a work session to go over policies and procedures.

Mr. Cadime will review them and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Parker commended the DPW crew on snow removal over the weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Brady, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Superintendent of Public Works per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of December 16, 2015, and to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of July 1, 2015; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary