

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MARCH 23, 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 offered for the victims of the attack on Belgium, Mass. State Police Officer Thomas Clardy, who was killed in the line of duty, and long time employee of the Police Department Eileen Brown.

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

**BOARDS 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), Historical Commission (2 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 BOS), Permanent Building Committee (5 BOS), Recreation Committee (1 BOS), and Recycling Committee (1 BOS). Talent bank forms are available on the Town's website and at Town Hall.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Ceremonial Induction of Christopher Platt-Hanoian to the Position of Full-Time Police Office – Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

Chief Craig Mace advised the officers were sworn in by the Town Clerk. He requested authorization to introduce Officer Hanoian. The Board of Selectmen approved the appointment on June 17, 2015.

Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

**VOTED:** To introduce Christopher Platt-Hanoian as Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class with the Seekonk Police Department.

Officer Hanoian recited the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor. His dad pinned his badge.

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**Ceremonial Induction of Constantino Natale to the Position of Full-Time Police Officer – Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

Chief Mace requested authorization to introduce Officer Natale. The Board approved the appointment on December 2, 2015.

Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

**VOTED:** To introduce Constantino Natale as Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class with the Seekonk Police Department.

Officer Natale recited the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor.

Executive Director of the Rhode Island Chiefs of Police Association and retired Little Compton RI Police Chief Sid Wordell pinned his badge.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Verizon Installation of a New Pole - Dean Street and Oak Street**

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

A representative from Verizon was in attendance. He advised the poles will replace tree guys. DPW Superintendent David Cabral approved the poles.

Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

**VOTED:** To close the public hearing.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Verizon to install a new pole at Dean and Oak Streets (Pole #1560S).

**Verizon Installation of a New Pole – Ledge Road**

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

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

**VOTED:** To close the public hearing.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Verizon to install a new pole at Ledge Road (Pole #1255S).

### **Verizon Installation of a New Pole – Pamden Lane & Ledge Road**

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

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

**VOTED:** To close the public hearing.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Verizon to install a new pole at Pamden Lane & Ledge Road (Pole #4201S).

### **Verizon Installation of a New Pole Ledge Road**

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Cabral pointed out this one goes across the road.

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

**VOTED:** To close the public hearing.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the request to install a new pole at Ledge Road (Pole #1246S).

Mr. Almeida asked what happens to old poles.

The Verizon representative said it is a coordinating effort between those who use the poles. There is a process in place and the polls are eventually removed.

**Consider the Transfer of Stock for “Not Your Average Joes”**

Mr. Cadime explained that Not Your Average Joes was before the Board on January 16, 2016. The application submitted was for change of officers and directors. It was approved and submitted to ABCC. Upon review by the ABCC, it was determined that there was also a transfer of stock which requires a public hearing. The application was rejected by the ABCC. This application is for the transfer of stock for Not Your Average Joes and change of officers.

The public hearing opened at 7:21 p.m.

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

**VOTED:** To close the public hearing.

Mr. Cadime recommended approval.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the transfer of stock and change of officers/directors for Not Your Average Joes.

**SEASONAL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

**Crossroads Convenience**

Mr. Cadime recommended approval.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the seasonal liquor license for Crossroads Convenience with the stipulation that all S.T.O.P. renewals are recertified.

Chairman Parker advised that the state will not convert this license to annual. Additionally, there will not be any more seasonal licenses. The population has to be 2,000 more in the summer than in the winter.

**LICENSE HEARING**

**Jeannie’s Palm & Tarot Card Reading**

Mr. Cadime recommended approval. Ms. Mitchell was in attendance.

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

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**VOTED:** 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the license for Jeannie's Palm & Tarot Card reading.

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

The order of business moved to:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Review of Attorney Proposals**

Proposals were submitted for Board review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Consider the Referral of Proposed TIF Agreement to Finance Committee, Board of Assessors, and Economic Development Committee**

Mr. Cadime advised this is still in negotiations.

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

**VOTED:** To indefinitely postpone the referral of the proposed TIF Agreement.

#### **Vote to Refer the Request for Street Acceptance of Jane Howland Place to the Planning Board**

#### **Vote to Refer the Request for Street Acceptance of Tall Pines Lane to the Planning Board**

#### **Vote to Refer the Request for Street Acceptance of Betty's Way to the Planning Board**

Mr. Cadime advised these three are all the same.

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

**VOTED:** To refer the request for street acceptance of Jane Howland Place, Tall Pines Lane, and Betty's Way to the Planning Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Update from the ByLaw Committee**

Chairman of the ByLaw Committee David Sullivan was in attendance. He commended Mr. Aubin, Chief Mace, Chief Healy and Mr. Cabral for their help.

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Both chiefs have proposed new bylaws. The plan is to have the bylaws ready for a September public hearing and on the warrant for the November Town Meeting.

Mr. Cadime said they have done a tremendous job. They are currently waiting from reviews from Kopelman and Paige. It has been a learning experience for all involved. It has been a great community partnership.

Mr. Sullivan said that some of the bylaws were rewritten to comply with state law.

He suggested a budget item for a clerk to work with future bylaw review committees.

### **Consider the Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2016**

Mr. Andrade had minor corrections. At the bottom of page 3 – perc and high water model.

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

**VOTED:** To accept the Regular Session minutes of February 24, 2016, as amended.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Mr. Chris Morra, candidate for the Board of Selectmen, inquired about the Luthers Corner Project.

Mr. Cadime will have information at the next meeting.

Mr. Morra said the Seekonk Cemetery needs to be cleaned. A truck is parked there with Rhode Island plates.

Mr. Cadime said the vehicle belongs to the caretaker. Cleaning was delayed due to the recent weather.

Mr. Morra asked to have pictures of the new fire truck put on the website. .

Mr. Cadime said any resident can stop by the Fire Department to look at equipment. Firefighters are very good about showing off equipment, especially to young children.

He noted that the website will be upgraded and have easy access for residents.

Mr. Gary Sagar thanked Mr. Brady for his service. He mentioned that about a year ago he was the subject of local TV and a newspaper article about one of his business interest having outstanding taxes. Those taxes have been paid.

The Board has been looking at tax titles. When talking about taxes, they are all classified as municipal obligations. He had 14 municipal obligations and only one of those was in arrears. He took care of that when the property was sold, and he paid an additional 30% in late fees and penalties.

At the end of the election last year, he asked Board members to forward to him any e-mails they had, including e-mails that went to the newspaper and stations in Providence.

There was an e mail from a neighbor of Mr. Almeida's. He will reach out to him and let him know the taxes have been paid.

A statement made by Mr. Viera bothered him. He said voters want people that are going to be upfront. Mr. Sagar said he has always been upfront in all his dealings. His DNA is on a lot of things in this town. He extended best wishes to people running for election.

Mr. Viera did not remember saying that; but, if he did, it was a general statement and not directed to Mr. Sagar. If he didn't have true faith in Mr. Sagar, he would not have been one of the five to put him back on the ZBA. He got many calls asking not to put him back on there because of that situation. He apologized if Mr. Sagar felt comments were directed at him.

Mr. Sagar noted it was just before the election.

He said Mrs. DeFontes and Mr. Alexander treated him the same way as any other resident. They do a great job. He did not get special treatment.

Mr. Viera said he had that information prior to the election and didn't use it.

Mr. John Alves also thanked Mr. Brady for his nine years of service. He appreciates his dedication.

### **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 Chairman Parker and he participated in Discover Seekonk at the Aitken School last Friday night. It was well attended. New residents came to ask about the town. There were many businesses there.

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Interviews were conducted for Parks and Recreation Director and Building Inspector.

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

**School and Town Consolidation Committee Report** - to be removed.

### **Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report**

The dedication is still scheduled for Saturday, May 21, following the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Viera reminded residents that the parade will end at the park. He wanted to make sure Mr. Fuller is aware of the dedication.

Mr. Viera stated there is a \$50M federal grant available for radio communications.

Mr. Cadime will tell Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Andrade asked about the Holy Cross cemetery.

Mr. Cadime said he will meet with the pastor on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Mr. Almeida advised the Save-A-Pet Auction will take place on April 6, 7, and 8 at the Ramada Inn on Route 44.

He reminded residents to vote in the town election on April 11. He looked forward to working with the new member. It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Brady.

Chairman Parker asked about a new phone system.

Mr. Cadime said Kopelman & Paige has to review the agreement.

Mr. Brady said it hard to believe it has been three years. He did not plan on coming back after two terms, but there were things going on in town he did not like. A few people, including Mr. Parker, asked him to reconsider. He felt compelled and came back for one more term. He felt he can walk away leaving the town in very good hands. The people at this table are here for the best interest of the town. Mr. Cadime is the best town administrator he has served with in the nine years. He hoped he made the community and government a little bit better. He wished them all the best of luck.

He said it has been an honor and privilege to serve as an elected official.

Chairman Parker said it was a pleasure serving with him. He'll think of Mr. Brady every time he sees the stop sign at Anthony and Cole Streets.



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At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Andrade, 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 conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with DPW AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), Fraternal Order of Police MASSCOP Local 215 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), Seekonk Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1931 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), to discuss litigation strategy with respect to pending litigations re: call firefighters and other on-going litigations as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3) and to consider approval of Executive Session minutes of February 24, 2016; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary