

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 6, 2016
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade,
David Viera, Michelle Hines

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 welcomed newly-elected member Michelle Hines.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Andrade announced volunteers are needed on the Board of Health (3 Board of Selectmen appointments), 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).

Ms. Hines added Finance Committee (1 Moderator appointment).

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

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD
Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk

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

VOTED: To appoint officers as follows: David Andrade, Chairman
David Parker, Vice Chairman
David Viera, Clerk

PRIORITY MATTERS

Swearing-in of Timothy Bartucca to the Position of Full-Time Police Officer, Patrolman 3rd Class

Chief Mace requested the appointment of Timothy Bartucca as Patrolman 3rd class. Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

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VOTED: To appoint Timothy Bartucca as Patrolman 3rd class with the Seekonk Police Department.

Asst. Town Clerk Florice Craig swore in Patrolman Bartucca. His brother, State Police Trooper Michael Bartucca, pinned his badge.

Consider a Conditional Offer of Employment to Alex Impagliazzo to the Position of Third Class Firefighter

Chief Healy requested the employment of Alex Impagliazzo. Mr. Cadime concurred.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Alex Impagliazzo to the position of third class firefighter.

Consider the Appointment of Jessica L. Horsman to the Position of Health Agent

Mr. Cadime noted the position has been open for awhile. Interviews were held, and he recommended the appointment of Mrs. Horsman. She previously served as town nurse.

Mr. Almeida noted she has to be certified in soils.

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

VOTED: To appoint Jessica L. Horsman as Health Agent.

Consider the Appointment of Parks & Recreation Director

Mr. Cadime said Mr. Pozzi has been a special police officer from 1988 to 2011. He has ideas about outreach to other activities, not just sports.

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

VOTED: To appoint John Pozzi, Jr. to the part time position of Parks and Recreation Director

Public Recognition of Seekonk Communications Department Dispatchers

Director Christopher Campbell read his letter to Mr. Cadime and the Board in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 10-16, 2016.

Dispatchers are: Ronald Rickey – 15 years of service
Roberto Costa – 9 years

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Katherine Alves – 9 years
Katelyn Butterworth – 7 years
Jodi Pacheco – 6 years
Nicholas Rondeau – 4 years
Melissa Zasowski – 2 years
Carol-Ann Days – 1.5 years
Thomas Desserres – 3 months

Several of them were in attendance.

Chairman Andrade read the proclamation

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

VOTED: To proclaim April 10-16, 2016 as National Public Safety
Telecommunications Week.

Consider Awarding the Radio System Study Contract to J. D. Hunter, Inc.

Mr. Campbell advised that funds were approved at the 2015 Spring Town Meeting to conduct a study of the Town's radio system. He held meetings and spoke to several vendors who would be consultants but not bid on the project. A representative from J. D. Hunter was in attendance. J. D. Hunter works with Nelson Communications.

Mr. Cadime recommended awarding the contract to J. D. Hunter through the Nelson Communications State Contract in the amount of \$19,500.

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

VOT ED: To award the contract to J. D. Hunter, Inc. in the amount of \$19,500
to conduct a study of the Town's radio system.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Viera said the state bid might not be the lowest.

Mr. Campbell said the cost is well under the amount approved at Town Meeting. He could not find a consultant to provide the same services for that amount of money.

Mr. Cadime advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. this requires three price quotes and does not have to go out to bid. Mr. Campbell has been very diligent and proactive in trying to find the best consultant.

Mr. Campbell stated that he would like to have this study completed in order to bring a proposal to the Fall Town Meeting to move forward with this project.

Consider Awarding the Phone System Contract to Nelson Communications

Mr. Campbell advised the Fall Town Meeting appropriated funds for a study of the entire town phone system. A committee was formed and multiple consultants were interviewed. The committee made a unanimous decision to forward the recommendation to Mr. Cadime to approve Nelson Communications as project consultant.

He noted there have been many issues with the phones at Town Hall and the Public Safety building.

He recommended Board approval.

Mr. Cadime recommended awarding the contract to Nelson Communications, Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$29,750.

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

VOTED: To award the contract to Nelson Communications, Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$29,750 for the telephone technology consultant services.

Mr. Almeida asked how long this new system would last.

Mr. Richard Pommett, Representative for Nelson Communications, said about 7 to 12 years. It will be divided into three sections: on-site systems, hosted systems and manage systems. They will break the bids to get vendors to prepare bids on some of the systems that are more standard type systems vs. the most state-of- the-art system. The Town would be able to make a choice. Most municipalities are investing in state-of-the-art type systems.

Ms. Hines thanked Mr. Campbell and his committee for their work on this.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to Accept TIF Contract and Put on Town Warrant and Refer to the Finance Committee, Board of Assessors, and Economic Development Committee

Mr. Cadime advised it is a five-year TIF with Fed Ex. The value of the property is \$2M. Once completed the project value is at \$40M. The incentive for Fed Ex would be 48% in FY'18, 40% in FY'19, 32% in FY'20, 24% in FY' 21, 16% in FY'22, and the Town would see all the revenue in FY'23.

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The incentive for Fed Ex is to develop the project quickly. Full completion would probably not be until FY'18. There are jobs associated with this in the contract - 24 full time and 151 part time positions. There is a Club Act Provision which is if they do not meet the requirements the Town can go after back taxes as a pilot. The Town will receive infrastructure improvements (\$1.5M water main extension and \$138,000 for the opticom emergency vehicle traffic signals). There will be additional revenue with personal property value. This agreement is very beneficial to the Town.

Mr. Cadime commended Mr. Aubin, who was in attendance. He has been the lead person in drafting these documents.

These documents were reviewed by Kopelman & Paige and the State Business Development Office.

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

VOTED: To accept the TIF contract, as presented, and refer to the Finance Committee, Board of Assessors, and Economic Development Committee.

Review Warrant Articles

Mr. Cadime advised that town counsel had reviewed the articles.

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

VOTED: To include Article 1 (Reports) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 2 (place holder for budget) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To include Article 3 (revolving funds) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

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

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VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To include Article 4 (elected officials salaries) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

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

VOTED: To include Article 5 (dog license receipts) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To include Article 6 (Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To include Article 7 (free cash) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To include Article 8 (Community Preservation Committee) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 9 (disposal of surplus property) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 10 (borrow in anticipation of revenue) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 11 (Snow and Ice) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

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VOTED: To include Article 12 (purchase of land on Elm and Chestnut St.) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 13 (TIF Agreement) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 14 (ambulance receipt for purchase of computer server) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 15 (ambulance receipts for four-year lease/purchase of ambulance/EMS vehicle) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 16 was removed.

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

VOTED: To include Article 17 (acceptance of Jane Howland Place) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 18 (Tall Pines Lane) and Article 19 (Betty's Way) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 20, Article 21, and Article 22 (all pertaining to the library) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To include Article 23 (Zoning By-Laws) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

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

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VOTED: To include Article 24 (cemetery) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Articles 25, 26, 27, and 28 are voter petitions.

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

VOTED: To open the warrant.

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

VOTED: To include Article 29 (School Department request) on the warrant for the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to the vote, there was discussion about the list for equipment. Mr. Cadime said it is the same items as last year.

Mrs. Vicky Kinniburgh noted by the time they get to Articles 29 and 30 some of the people have left the meeting but School Department people stay to make sure it passes. She suggested it should be at the beginning when all residents are in attendance.

Mr. Viera noted those articles could be brought up again at the end for reconsideration.

On Article 30, Mr. Cadime advised these are capital items submitted by the School Committee and were not approved by the Capital Improvement Committee. Members of that committee will be at the next meeting.

He said there is a reimbursement from the MSBA for those projects. The School Department missed the deadline.

Mr. Viera said it circumvents the Capital Improvement Committee.

Mr. Parker said and also the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen. He added the Town doesn't have a Permanent Building Committee.

Mr. Andrade noted there are other ways of getting the money in the budget if it doesn't get on the warrant.

Mr. Cadime said the Capital Improvement Committee met with the Superintendent of Schools and School Department personnel to discuss these items.

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

DEFEATED: To place Article 30 on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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The vote: Mr. Viera – Nay; Mr. Parker – Nay; Mr. Almeida – Nay; Ms. Hines – Nay; Chairman Andrade – Nay.

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

VOTED: To close the warrant.

Consider Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2016

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

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the minutes of March 9, 2016.

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

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Mr. David Saad asked for clarification. He understood that candidates had to be at least 150 ft. away from the polling area. Apparently, there was a violation during the recent election.

He asked if a member of the Board of Selectmen could also work for the Town.

Ms. Hines replied that she checked and she would not be here if it wasn't proper.

Mr. Saad asked for a report on the feasibility study at the library.

Mr. Viera suggested that any information should be in writing.

Mr. Robert Del Rosso suggested that the Town has got to find new ways of funding necessary projects.

He said the bylaw study committee is going to recommend repeal of the permanent building committee.

Mr. Viera and Mr. Almeida felt that people don't volunteer because their recommendations are not taken. Mr. Almeida said that is why the CIC fell apart and it took a long time to get it back.

Mr. Robert Blanchard stated that Mr. Parker knows the answer to Mr. Saad's question but he doesn't want to respond. Ms. Hines checked and she knows it's all right. He asked if that is the answer to Mr. Saad's question.

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Chairman Andrade explained that the Town Administrator is going to check with the Town Clerk, who will contact the Secretary of State's office.

Mr. Parker said he checked about the candidate being too close to voters. There were no violations. The candidate did not approach any voters and did not wear any campaign material. He should be getting a ruling in writing.

Mr. Donald Kinniburgh said no matter what it is a violation to be inside polling places.

He cautioned Mr. Parker for talking about it because it is a conflict of interest.

Mr. Cadime said he would get a ruling in writing on both issues.

Mr. Chris Zorro thanked all voters for coming out in the bad weather. He stood outside for just under 12 ½ hours. He was a candidate for Board of Selectmen.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime welcomed Ms. Hines to the Board of Selectmen. He congratulated all those who ran for office. He thanked the Town Clerk, her staff, and DPW workers.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Ms. Hines thanked the voters. She will do the best she can.

Mr. Viera advised the Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 28, 2016, starting at the high school and ending at the Veterans Memorial Park for the dedication ceremony. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact him.

Mr. Almeida said the Save-A-Pet auction is on-going at the Ramada Inn on Taunton Avenue. There are good items left to bid on.

Chairman Andrade said he attended the father/daughter dance at her school. It was a great night.

He also thanked voters for coming out in the bad weather.

He thanked his colleagues for confidence in electing him as Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, to go into Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. 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 Seekonk Public Library Employee Association per M.G.L. Chapter 30A,

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Section 21(3), to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Steelworkers Clerical Unit per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(3), and to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of March 9, 2016; not to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Parker – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye. Mr. Parker would not participate in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary