

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

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

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 6:30 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, anyone recording the meeting must notify the Chair. The Board of Selectmen is recording audio and visual.

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Consider and Vote on an Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the School Committee**

Chairman Raymond Grant called the School Committee meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

School Committee members in attendance: William Wood, Beth Eklund, John Dietel, and Raymond Grant.

In accordance with Category 2a.4 of the Town Bylaws and M.G.L. Chapter 14, Subsection 11 of the Seekonk Home Rule Charter, Chairman Andrade explained that the members of the Boards would appoint a School Committee member to fill the vacancy that occurred in July 2016.

Jeffrey Starr Mararian, Sonia D. Schiller, Angie Baker, Cynthia Corbett, Deborah Viveiros, and Amedeo Adam Petionio, Jr. were interviewed.

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

**VOTED:** 5 Ayes; 4 Nays; To appoint Deborah Viveiros to the School Committee until April 2017.

The vote: Mr. Dietel – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Mr. Grant Aye; Mr. Wood – Nay; Ms. Eklund – Nay; Mr. Parker – Nay; Mr. Almeida – Nay.

In discussion prior to the vote, Mr. Dietel said he worked with Ms. Viveiros on the Economic Development Committee. He felt she would be a good balance between what's in the best interest of the Town and School Department. She might be willing to serve for a longer period of time because she has a small child almost ready to go to school.

Ms. Hines said it looks like there will be some candidates for the April election. Right now she feels Ms. Viveiros is the best choice.

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Mr. Viera liked that she took into consideration the town as well as schools.

Ms. Eklund thanked all candidates. She suggested they consider other boards in town because there are many vacancies. She noted that she attended School Committee meetings for about a year before she ran for office. She would like to see Ms. Viveiros try again in a couple of years when she has children in the school system.

Mr. Wood said he doesn't have children in the system and never will. He works in education. His decision is not on people who have children in the school system but rather who the person is and integrity.

Mr. Almeida said he likes Ms. Viveiros. He would prefer to have the top two candidates as part of the motion. One candidate who knows exactly what is going on in the school system.

Mr. Dietel felt all candidates were good and encouraged them to run in April.

A motion was made by Ms. Eklund, seconded by Mr. Dietel, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn the School Committee meeting.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE**

Ms. Hines announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Health (2 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), Recycling Committee (1 BOS), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Energy Committee (2 BOS).

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BRIEF OVERVIEW – Historical Commission**

Chairman Michael Markley stated the Commission is a seven-member board. Presently, there are five members. The term is for three years at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month and usually last 1 ½ hours. They discuss any topic that comes up from residents or the Board of Selectmen. They will hold a presentation on old houses on November 15 at the library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Next spring they will do something on another topic.

Mr. Parker noted that talent bank forms are available on line and at Town Hall.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS** – None.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Consider Acceptance of a Donation from the Lions Club for an Inflatable Boat for the Fire Department**

Chief Michael Healy and George Poli of the Lions Club were in attendance. Chief Healy explained the old rescue boat purchased in 1999 had to be taken out of service. The money from the Lions Club is half the price of the boat. The remainder came out of the budget. He thanked Mr. Poli and other Lions Club members.

Mr. Almeida thanked the Lions Club for the continued support to the Town of Seekonk.

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

**VOTED:** To accept the donation of \$4,000 from the Lions Club to the Fire Department to be used towards the purchase of a new rescue boat.

**Consider the Appointment of Sergeant David Ciszkowski (retired) to the Position of Special Police Officer**

Chief Craig Mace was unable to attend. Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment of Sgt. Ciszkowski.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Sgt. David Ciszkowski as special police officer.

Mr. Almeida thanked him for his service to the Town.

**Appointment of Krystin Gildea Audette to the Position of Full Time Public Safety Dispatcher Probationary**

Communications Director Christopher Campbell noted he had come before the Board to request a conditional offer of employment to fill a vacancy. She has a great amount of experience.

He requested the appointment effective immediately. Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Krystin Gidea Audette to the position of full time public safety dispatcher probationary.

**Discussion of Roadway Opening Permit for 680 Arcade Avenue**

DPW Supt. David Cabral advised the gas company has requested a right-of-way permit for new service at this location. It would be a 4 ft. by 15 ft. cut in the road. There was a fire at this location about a year ago. The gas company wants to put in replacement service connections in the street because of the fire. This portion of Arcade Avenue is under the moratorium until June 2019.

He recommended not cutting the road in accordance with the by-law.

Mr. Parker asked if the fire had anything to do with the gas service.

Mr. Cabral didn't think so.

The homeowner was in the audience.

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

**VOTED:** To table until a representative from Columbia Gas comes before the Board to explain the request.

**Discussion and Overview with Community Preservation Commission**

Chairman John Alves, 25 River Street, thanked Mr. Cadime for the new chairs in the meeting room.

The CPC was adopted at the April 2009 town election. It is a nine member commission. The Community Preservation Law requires a member from the Planning Board, Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, and Recreation Committee. Under the Town By-laws, four members were appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The CPC would like to see affordable housing and recreational space as opposed to open space.

There was a change in the Community Preservation Act in 2012. Existing land can be used for recreational purposes. Funds can be used to rehab but not to maintain. Artificial turf fields are disallowed under the law.

The CPC reviews applications to determine if they meet criteria. He invited Board members to attend the meeting of October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Alves said he will forward a link to Mr. Cadime – “Community Preservation Coalition” It is a two-hour presentation at the Town of Arlington.

The CPC does not generate applications but can accept any application from a Board or citizen.

Mr. Cadime thanked Mr. Alves. He hoped to be able to leverage capital projects using Capital Preservation funds.

Mr. Alves added that there is a bond through the CPC and it is not affecting the tax rate because that bond must be paid through Community Preservation funds.

Last year they raised \$331,309 through surtax on property taxes. They got \$85,585 and earned \$18,000 in interest.

### **LICENSE HEARING**

#### **Reconsider the Class II Motor Vehicle License for Zouhir Sendian (Gas on the Run) 1075 Newman Avenue**

Mr. Cadime advised that in July the Board had directed Mr. Sendian to go before the Planning Board for approval of a parking plan. The Planning Board unanimously approved the request with stipulations. The number of vehicles allowed is 16-20. The landlord is current on a payment plan for taxes.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the Class II motor vehicle license for Zouhir Sendian (Gas on the Run) at 1075 Newman Avenue, subject to conditions of the Planning Board, Board of Health, and ZBA.

Mr. Viera wanted to make sure the stipulations are included on the license.

Mr. Sendian said he is having a problem communicating with the Health Agent.

Mr. Cadime rejected that comment. He spoke to her and she returned his call. JR did the inspection. The fact that any member of town hall ignored Mr. Sendian is not the case.

Mr. Viera concurred. He noted that the health agent works alone, with the help of JR who is part time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discuss Setting Date for Fall Town Meeting**

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

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**VOTED:** To set the date for Fall Town Meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016 and that the warrant open immediately and close on October 17, 2016, as recommended by the Town Administrator.

Mr. Almeida suggested e-mails be sent to department heads to make sure their articles are in on time.

**Consider the Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2016**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the Regular Session minutes of August 10, 2016.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS** – None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discuss Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting** – None.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**- None.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report**

Mr. Viera said all bricks should be in the ground by the end of the month.

He asked about the status of the Old Town Hall.

Mr. Cadime said they are working with the Assessor's office to get documentation and pictures to submit to the Mass. Historical Commission. The Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed.

Mr. Viera asked about the vacant property not secured by a fence.

Mr. Cadime said there was yellow caution tape.

Mr. Viera would prefer a fence.

Ms. Hines sent condolences to Tom Mello's family. Mr. Mello was from Rehoboth but well known in Seekonk. He passed away on Friday.

She mentioned the Pumpkin Somethin' fundraiser at the Aitken School on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Food for Fuel will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 pm. at the Seekonk High School. The price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4 to 12, and free for children 3 and under. Ms. Hines and Town Clerk Janet Parker have tickets.

Mr. Almeida thanked the Save-A-Pet Society for the recent craft fair.

Chairman Andrade said he got e-mails today regarding the trash fees discussion at the last meeting. The question was asked about lowering the trash fees. That can't be done in order to build up the retained earnings account. There was also the question about switching contractors. He noted the Town is in a ten-year contract signed two years ago with ABC Disposal.

Mr. Parker said that ABC reorganized and is not in bankruptcy.

There was an e-mail regarding the Community Preservation Commission.

Mr. Cadime clarified that the Town had to retain it for five years.

Mr. Alves said it would be a ballot vote to abolish it.

With regard to the trash fee, Mr. Cadime clarified that the Town has not been running in a deficit. They have been utilizing retained earnings that were rolled over.

The trash fee covers the cost for the pick up of recycling trash and debt services. The bag fee covers the tipping costs. It cost \$73 per ton to dispose of trash.

Mr. Viera said the Board of Health talked about the possibility of increasing dumpster permit fees. It is at \$25 per dumpster. There are a number of people who are not paying the fee on time and asking to have the fees waived. He felt there should be a penalty for people who ask to have their fees waived.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:52 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Parker, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Director of Communications per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), Seekonk Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1931 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), Fraternal Order of Police MASSCOP Local 215 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), to discuss litigation strategy with respect to pending litigations with call firefighters and other on-going litigations as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), to discuss strategy sessions with respect to pending litigation relative to Robert Lamoureux as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), as having discussions in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the Town, and to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of August 10, 2016; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

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