

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 13, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

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

Absent: David Andrade

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Vice-Chairman Almeida opened the meeting 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(f), any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and visual.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Charter Study Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Finance Committee (2 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), and Zoning Board of Appeals (1).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Keith Dias for the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Police Chief Craig Mace requested and Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Keith Dias as Patrolman 3rd class.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Jared Turkington for the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Chief Mace requested and Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Jared Turkington as Patrolman 3rd class.

Consider the Reappointment of Alex Dunwoodie to the Cultural Council

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

VOTED: To reappoint Alex Dunwoodie to the Cultural Council.

2018 License Renewal Hearing – (See Attached List)

Alcohol, Class I, II, III, Motor Vehicles, Entertainment, Amusement Machines Antiques and Second Hand

Mr. Cadime advised that Plaza Azteca was cited by the Board of Health. The issue has been resolved.

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

VOTED: To approve all license renewals with the exception of Plaza Azteca.

Mr. Cadime read the memo from the Board of Health.

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

VOTED: To approve the license renewal for Plaza Azteca.

The paper work for manager of record is in process with the ABCC.

In discussion prior to the vote, Atty. Michael Levinson, representing Plaza Azteca, introduced Themis Reyes, manager, and explained steps taken to rectify the issues.

Mr. Viera asked if it is the policy of the Board of Health to have septic system pumped out annually.

Atty. Levinson felt it is up to the establishment.

Mr. Viera also wanted to know the person that installed the hot water heater without the proper permit.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2017 and November 29, 2017

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of November 15, 2017 and

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3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the minutes of November 29, 2017.

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

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 four licenses are outstanding and should be on the next agenda. The process was streamlined and approvals began at the end of November. Mrs. Testa and Mrs. L’Heureux have made reminder phone calls.

The Town should take delivery of the new loader within two weeks. The new DPW fuel system has been installed. All headlamps in the town hall parking lot will be replaced. The Shell Station on Route 44 is selling trash bags as well as Price Rite and Good Seed. Work will begin the next day on the town hall generator.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera reported no work during the winter months.

He felt the Board needs to be more involved. He has been talking about policies for more than two years. The Board should be doing the job allowed under the charter. They need to start talking about the budget. He felt that Mr. Cadime does a great job with the presentation but the Board needs to take a leadership role.

Ms. Hines extended best wishes for a Merry Christmas. She thought there wouldn’t be a meeting at the end of December so she made plans and will not be in attendance.

She thanked the volunteers and all the seniors who attended the Christmas Party at the senior center. Mr. Cadime and Mr. Cabral helped serve. Young’s Caterers did an excellent job with the food.

Ms. Hines felt there should be a streamlined process for businesses who renew licenses yearly.

Mr. Parker asked about the website update.

Mr. Cadime said he has a meeting next week with the contractor.

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Vice-Chairman Almeida extended wishes for a Merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:29 p.m. Mr. Parker motioned, seconded by Mr. Viera, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy session with respect to negotiations with DPW AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) and Dispatch AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having negotiations in Open Session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; not to return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the December 13, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Memo from Police Chief Craig Mace re: employment of Keith Dias and Jared Turkington

List of License Renewals

Memo from Jessica Horsman re: Plaza Azteca