

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 14, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

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

Absent: David Parker

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade 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 both audio and video.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Almeida announced that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee (2 Board of Selectmen and 1 Moderator appointment), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Economic Development Committee (1 BOS), Finance Committee (2 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Appointment of Carolyn Kach to the Position of Secretary to the Veteran's Agent

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Carolyn Kach to the position of Secretary to the Veteran's Agent.

Consider the Appointment of Jim Aguiar to the Position of Temporary Building Commissioner

Mr. Cadime noted the Town needs to have a Building Commissioner until Building Inspector Neal Abelson is certified. Mr. Aguiar will be paid per inspection.

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

VOTED: To appoint Jim Aguiar to the position of Temporary Building Commissioner.

Town Moderator Appointments to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee

Mr. Hoogerzeil announced the appointments of Jack Horton, 49 Sunset Drive, and Ann Hartnett, 20 Racine Avenue, to fill two vacancies to expire in June 2018.

He also appointed Nicholas Hamel of 350 Taunton Avenue to the Capital Improvement Committee for a three year term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Town Moderator Appointment to Finance Committee

Mr. Hoogerzeil reappointed Justin Sullivan of 29 Emily Way and Matthew Salisbury of 45 Rosewood Drive to the Finance Committee.

He noted he has made all appointments needed.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Brad Lucke for the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Police Chief Crag Mace advised interviews were conducted to fill three open positions.

He requested the Board extend a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Lucke. He is a Seekonk resident who has been working in Burrillville, RI.

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment Brad Lucke to the position of Patrolman 3rd Class.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Wayne R. Thornhill for the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Chief Mace requested the Board extend a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Thornhill.

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

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VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Wayne R. Thornhill as Patrolman 3rd class.

Consider the Disclosure of M. G. L. Chapter 268A Section 20(f) and the Reappointment of Special Police Officers (below)

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

VOTED: To accept the disclosure of M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Section 20(f) for the following:

Special Police Officer David Miller
Special Police Officer Ronald Rickey
Special Police Officer James Roy
Special Police Officer William Dallaire
Detention Attendant Katelyn Butterworth
Detention Attendant Kathleen Coyle
Detention Attendant Carol-Ann Days
Detention Attendant Nicole Bourgeois
Detention Attendant Lisa Parker
Detention Attendant Melissa Zasowski

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

VOTED: To make annual reappointments as follows:

Special Police Officer David Miller
Special Police Officer Ronald Rickey
Special Police Officer James Roy
Special Police Officer William Dallaire
Detention Attendant Katelyn Butterworth
Detention Attendant Kathleen Coyle
Detention Attendant Carol-Ann Days
Detention Attendance Nicole Bougeois
Detention Attendant Lisa Parker
Detention Attendant Melissa Zasowski

Consider the Reappointment of Constables, Special Police Officers, and Detention Attendants not Requiring Disclosure as Recommended by the List Provided by the Chief of Police dated June 12, 2017

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

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VOTED: To make annual reappointments as follows:

Constables 2017-2018

Chief Crag Mace
Capt. Frank John
Lt. David Dyson
Lt. Matthew Jardine

Lt. Gerald LaFleur
Sgt. David Enos
Sgt. Christopher Kelly
Sgt. Eric Chalifoux

Sgt. Sean Dowd
Sgt. Thomas Hedrick
Sgt. Shaun A. Kelley
Sgt. Gregory Casper

Special Police Officers 2017-2018

Anthony Araujo
Scott Dumond
Gary McNally
Arthur St. Hilaire

Ronald Charron
Edward McDonald
Jason O'Hara
Nancy Sheldon

David Ciszkowski
James MacDonald
Thomas Piquette

Detention Attendants 2017-2018

Myra Cavallaro

Sandra Phillips

Consider an Award Recommendation from the Awards Committee of the Seekonk Police Department

Chief Mace advised this involves an incident that took place on November 22, 2015. Four officers were able to take custody without firing a gun. The Awards Committee recommended that Lt. David Dyson, Sgt. David Enos, Sgt. Gregory Casper and Patrolman Benjamin Mello receive commendations which will be issued by Chief Mace.

The Awards Committee also recommended that Sgt. Enos should be awarded the Board of Selectmen Award for actions above and beyond the call of duty. He recommended the Board of Selectmen Award be presented to Sgt. Enos at a date to be determined.

Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To present Sgt. David Enos the Board of Selectmen Award for actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Recognition of Special Officer Joseph Sousa for 33 Years of Service to the Town of Seekonk

Chief Mace noted that police officers were in attendance.

He recognized Officer Souza's dedication to the Town.

Chief Mace and Mr. Cadime recommended that the Board accept the resignation with regret.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Special Officer Joseph Sousa with regret.

Presentation by Seth Pickering, MASS/DOER, Regarding Green Communities Benefits and the Stretch Code

Mr. Pickering introduced Michael Berry, stretch code hired expert. He works for ICF International.

There are 204 stretch communities now. The number of green communities is the same at 185.

Mr. Berry had a presentation on the stretch code. The building inspector will hold the same code requirements and inspections as now. The difference is working with a third party energy model hired by the contractor. Only new residential and commercial properties are required to meet the stretch code. The stretch code requires performance testing. The Hers Rater reviews building plans and that is used by the contractor to get building permits.

Mr. Berry talked about Mass. Save incentives free of charge such as the Residential Construction Program. There are also incentives for commercial properties.

Mr. Berry responded to questions.

Mr. Pickering noted that all five criteria have to be met in order to apply in the fall.

He recommended the Town sign a Memorandum of Understanding with SRPEDD for grant money for technical assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the Acceptance of a \$1,000 Donation from Wal-Mart to the Seekonk Fire Department

Mr. Cadime advised that Capt. Michael Bourque has been applying for the grant every year. It will be used for software.

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

VOTED: To accept the \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart to the Seekonk Fire Department.

Consider the Radio Project Ballot Question

Mr. Cadime read the language for the ballot question prepared by Atty. Goldberg.

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

VOTED: To include the language for the radio project on the ballot.

Consider the Proposal by James Viara for the Proposed Greenwood Firehouse Museum

Mr. David Brady of Caputo and Wick and Mr. Viara were in attendance.

Mr. Viara said he will put up the building on Greenwood Avenue to store his fire equipment and serve as a museum.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Cadime research what has to be done to become museum status.

General Discussion of Spring Town Meeting

Mr. Almeida said there seemed to be 40 or 50 more people in attendance.

Chairman Andrade felt the use of the sign boards may have helped.

Mr. Viera noted that about half the people left after the full day kindergarten question passed. He cautioned about doing that because items are brought back for possible reconsideration at the end.

Ms. Hines said she was unable to attend but she watched the video. She felt there were quite a few people there after that vote. She would like an agenda item for the next meeting to set the dates for the fall and spring town meetings. That would enable department heads and others to plan ahead.

Mr. Cadime advised the fall town meeting will be in November because that's when the tax rate is certified by Department of Revenue and the Board votes on the tax factor.

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 thanked residents for their support of the warrant articles.

He noted that one deed was located for the old town hall. Looking for another. Should know something within the next few days.

Mr. Viera said it has taken far too long.

Mr. Cadime said the RFQ for the animal shelter is closed. (Chairman Andrade stepped out of the room.)

Six architectural firms applied. The building committee will try to narrow it down to the top three or four and schedule interviews for next week. It's all about qualifications. There is no monetary value associated with this.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera advised that most of the stones that needed to be repaired have been repaired. There are 15 new stones to be added.

He received a call from Mr. Benson. He wanted the Board to know there is a right of passage on that property that is being transferred to the Town. Mr. Benson offered to walk the property with Board members.

Mr. Cadime said it would have to be posted if it's done as a group.

Mr. Viera wanted to talk about creating a Veterans Commission. They had talked about dissolving the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. The Commission could work with the Veterans Agent.

Mr. Cadime felt it is a good idea. They need to talk to the Veterans Agent about a better way to outreach veterans.

Mr. Viera said he has been in charge of the Memorial Day Parade for 39 years. It is not a job for one person. The Veterans Agent and Veterans Commission could work together on that.

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It could start out as an ad hoc committee and then a formal commission.

Mr. Cadime will talk to Mr. LaFlame and check with other communities.

Ms. Hines congratulated the 8th graders and wished them luck at the high school.

Mr. Almeida added his congratulations to the high school graduates.

He went to the Seekonk Meadows kickoff. There were vendors and crafts. It was a great time.

Chairman Andrade noted the water main project has started on Route 6.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Almeida, 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), DPW AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), United Steelworkers of America Clerical Unit Local 16031 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), Dispatch AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), and Seekonk Public Library Employee Association, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; to return to Open Session.

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

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:54 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the contract with the Communications Director as presented, effective May 4, 2017 to include a salary of \$70,000 with 2%, 2% in years 2 and 3.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary