

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 31, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

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

Absent: Michelle Hines

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 Mass. General Laws 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 Board of Health (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Economic Development Committee (1 BOS), Finance Committee (2 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Permanent Building Committee (5 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2), Veterans Memorial Park Committee (1 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Appointment of Brittney Faria to the Position of Assistant Director of Human Services

Mr. Cadime advised that the Interview Committee unanimously recommended the appointment.

Mrs. Faria was in attendance. She is a life-long resident of Seekonk.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Brittney Faria, as Assistant Director of Human Service, pending background check.

Consider the Appointment of Richard Perry to the Board of Health

Mr. Perry was in attendance. He said it is a privilege and honor to serve the Town of Seekonk where he has lived for 53 years. Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Richard Perry to the Board of Health for a three-year term.

Mr. Viera said the privilege is ours.

Consider the Appointment of Donald Kinniburgh to the Veterans' Memorial Park Committee

Mr. Kinniburgh was in attendance. He previously served on this committee. Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Donald Kinniburgh to the Veterans' Memorial Park Committee.

Mr. Viera thanked Mr. Kinniburgh.

Accept the Resignation of William McDonough as Alternate Inspector of Buildings

Mr. Cadime noted that Mr. McDonough has accepted the position of full time inspector in Attleboro. He thanked him for assisting Seekonk.

Mr. Parker asked about a replacement.

Mr. Cadime advised they have reached out to Swansea and Dighton.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of William McDonough as Alternate Building Inspector.

Consider the Appointment of Ashley O'Connell to the Position of Kennel Worker

Mr. Cadime noted that Ms. O'Connell was the Assistant ACO. She has requested to move to the position of kennel worker due to scheduling with her other job. H recommended the appointment.

Ms. O'Connell said she has been at the shelter for 4 ½ years and is committed to the Town.

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

VOTED: To appoint Ashley O'Connell to the position of kennel worker.

Mr. Almeida thanked her.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Andrea Russo for the Position of Assistant Animal Control Officer

Mr. Viera recused himself and left the room.

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment of Ms. Russo.

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

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To extend a conditional offer of employment to Andrea Russo as Assistant Animal Control Officer.

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

Consider the Request for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to use Taunton Avenue for Annual Procession

Mr. Cadime noted it is an annual request. A member of the club was in attendance.

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

VOTED: To approve the request of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to use Taunton Avenue on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 12 noon for approximately one hour.

At this time, the order of business moved to:

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NEW BUSINESS

Consider and Vote on the Animal Control Officer Warrant

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

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign the Animal Control Officer Warrant.

Consider the Approval of a \$5,000 Donation from “Friends of the Friends Community Services, Inc.” for a Sign at the Seekonk Senior Center

Ms. Beverly Della Grotto from the “Friends” was in attendance.

Mr. Cadime advised the donation will be applied to the \$15,000 cost of an electrical sign. The balance will come from funds left over from the senior center building.

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

VOTED: To accept the \$5,000 donation from “Friends of the Friends Community Services, Inc” for a sign at the Seekonk Senior Center.

Consider the Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 3, 2017

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

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of May 3, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider the Board Recommendations on Warrant Articles for Town Meeting

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

VOTED: That the Town Administrator put the motion on the floor at Town Meeting for the warrant articles.

Mr. Cadime will have a budget presentation.

He said there is no recommendation for the CPC article.

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 urged residents to attend the Spring Town Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017. He would like to see more turn out because all financial decisions are made at the Spring Town Meeting.

He thanked the senior center staff for hosting the Silver Tea for women 75 and over. It was a great event and well attended.

He said it is great to see how many seniors are using that facility.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera said that 15 bricks are left to engrave. Those are the bricks that were purchased through the winter and early spring. All bricks purchased prior to last fall are done.

The Memorial Day Parade went well. Attendance was more than in the past. He thanked the members of the Board of Selectmen who participated. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their help. .

The cannon should be in soon.

Mr. Parker noted that he was unable to get to the ceremony at the park because of the traffic.

Mr. Viera thanked the library staff for allowing the activities to take place.

Mr. Almeida suggested the message boards around town could be used to remind people of town meeting.

Mr. Viera said it is in the agreement with the Zoning Board of Appeals that the town can use business signs to advertise town events.

With regard to the old town hall, Mr. Cadime advised the title attorney is having trouble finding the title for one of the parcels. He is waiting for an update. He has a call into Atty. Katie Klein to find out the ramifications if the title isn't found.

Chairman Andrade said the tribe has reached out to him to find out what is going on.

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Mr. Parker said he feels the same way about School Street property. It is deteriorating.

Mr. Viera felt it would be best to take it down.

Mr. Cadime said he will have a presentation on the use of that property after Town Meeting.

Chairman Andrade noted that the Hurley Middle School roof did not qualify for state funding. The School Department window and door project was approved.

Mr. Viera said the boiler is an issue because of its age.

Mr. Cadime received a call from EPA. The Town was awarded \$350,000 for additional assessments for clean up at the Maple Avenue site. The award will be made in the fall. There is a mandatory meeting on June 21. There will be an award ceremony for communities that will get grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:36 p.m. Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Parker, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Seekonk Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1931 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), the Town Administrator per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), and Seekonk Public Library Employee Association, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in Open Session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the Town; and may or may not reconvene to Open Session.

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

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

VOTED: To enter into a three-year contract with Mr. Cadime at a salary of \$155,000 with \$5,000 increase in Years 2 and 3 and four personal days, effective April 24, 2018.

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

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

VOTED: To give Mr. Cadime a 3% pay increase, effective July 1, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary