

**Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting of March 29, 2023
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street
BOS Meeting Room**

Members Present: Chris Zorra, Adam Petronio, David Andrade, Michael Healy

Member Absent: Justin Sullivan

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Vice-Chairman Zorra opened the joint meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board and Committee Openings

M. Healy read the Board and Committee vacancies into the record.

Community Speaks – N/A

A. Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment for Lyndsey Nolan for the position of Part-Time Kennel Worker

Animal Control Officer, Andrea Russo, requested a conditional offer of employment be made to Lyndsey Nolan. Lyndsey is certified as a veterinary assistant and has been an Assistant Animal Control Officer.

S. Cadime stated his recommendation was as stated by the Animal Control Officer.

A. Petronio made a motion to appoint Lyndsey Nolan to the position of part-time Kennel Worker subject to and conditioned upon his successful passage, as determined by the Town Administrator, of the following: completion of a satisfactory background and CORI check; physical examination, with drug screening; completion of the rabies vaccination series; and all pre-employment paperwork; it was seconded by D. Andrade, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 4-0 all in favor

B. Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment for Kelsey Alexander for the position of Full-Time Emergency Communications Dispatcher

Director Wunschel requested a conditional offer of employment be made to Kelsey Alexander. Kelsey was a Corrections Officer and has understanding for dispatching.

S. Cadime stated his recommendation was as stated by the Chief Lowery.

A. Petronio made a motion to appoint Kelsey Alexander to the position of Full-Time Emergency Communications Dispatcher subject to and conditioned upon her successful passage, as determined by the Town Administrator, of a pre-employment background and CORI check,

physical examination, drug screening, psychological evaluation; completion of all pre-employment paperwork; and successful completion of all required certifications to be a 911 telecommunicator for the Town it was seconded by D. Andrade, was unanimously approved.

Vote: 4-0 all in favor

C. Consider appointing Carrie Marcil to the Recycling Committee

S. Cadime interviewed Carrie Marcil to discuss her interest in volunteering for the Recycling Committee. He stated his recommendation was to appoint Ms. Marcil to the Recycling Committee.

D. Andrade made a motion to appoint Carrie Marcil to the Recycling Committee; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all in favor

D. Consider the request for a Place of Public Amusement License for Jeannie Mitchell to allow Palm and Tarot Card Reading to be located at 632 Fall River Avenue

Applicant, Jeannie Mitchell, was present to request for a place of public amusement license. She had a license for Tarot card reading at her previous address for 15 years but has since moved.

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the request for the Place of Public Amusement License; it was seconded by M. Healy, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 4-0 all in favor

E. Consider accepting the MassDOT grant for Speed Feedback Signs and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign

D. Cabral summarized the grant process for one 20 mph school zone sign. The sign will be installed by DPW at the High School. The sign has the ability to capture speed data but does not capture license plate information.

A. Petronio made a motion to accept the MassDOT grant for Speed Feedback Signs and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0 all in favor

F. Consider awarding the Architectural Services bid for the Department of Public Works Building Project to Brewster Thornton Group

S. Cadime stated his recommendation was to award the bid for architectural services to Brewster Thornton Group. The DPW Building Committee interviewed two firms and recommended Brewster Thornton Group.

D. Andrade made a motion to award the Architectural Services bid for the Department of Public Works Building Project to Brewster Thornton Group; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 4-0 all in favor

G. Consider approving the minutes from March 8, 2023

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the Open Session meeting minutes of March 8, 2023; it was seconded by D. Andrade, and it was voted:

Vote: 2 in favor 2 abstentions (A. Petronio and M. Healy)

COMMUNITY SPEAKS: N/A

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. South End Fire Station Building Committee – no new updates.
- B. Department of Public Works Building Committee – Discussed during Agenda Item F.

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- A. Accounts Payable Warrant - signed
- B. Bristol County Advisory Board (M. Healy) – N/A
- C. Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report (C. Zorra) – N/A
- D. 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report – (S. Cadime) Work continues on the elevator.

A. Petronio and D. Andrade stated Election Day is April 3rd and early voting is taking place at Town Hall this week.

Adjournment

D. Andrade made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to A) consider strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Seekonk Communications and Clerical Unit, New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 126, per MGL c 30A § 21(a) (3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; B) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation pursuant to MGL c 30A, § 21(a) (3) (Wayne Thornhill, et al. vs. Meredith Silvia, Bristol Superior Court Case No. 2373CV00026) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; and C) to act under authority of the Open Meeting Law, General Laws Chapter 30A, §22(f) and §22(g), and review and approve the executive session minutes of March 8, 2023 pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(7); it was seconded by A. Petronio, and unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Petronio, Clerk

Prepared by:
Kristen L'Heureux

Items Distributed at the March 29, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Memo from Assistant Animal Control Officer, Jessica Blake, for the conditional offer of employment to Lindsey Nolan
- Memo from Director Wunschel for conditional offer of employment to Kelsey Alexander
- Carrie Marcil Talent Bank Form
- Jeannie Mitchell Place of Public Amusement License application
- Memorandum of Agreement for Speed Feedback Signs
- Draft meeting minutes from March 8, 2023