

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 29, 2019
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Andrade, David Viera, Chris Zorra, Justin Sullivan

Absent: Nelson Almeida

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 21(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. Sullivan announced that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Cultural Council (2 BOS), Economic Development Committee (2 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Historical Commission (2 BOS). Recycling Committee (up to 4 BOS), Taxation Aid Fund Committee (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS –None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider Accepting the Resignation of Christopher Campbell, Director of Communication, Effective June 21, 2019

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board accept the resignation with appreciation for Mr. Campbell's years of service to the Communications Department.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Christopher Campbell as Communications Director, effective June 21, 2019, with appreciation.

Board members thanked Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Cadime said Mr. Campbell has accepted another position. He wished him well. He was an asset to the department. He noted that Mr. Campbell has offered to assist in the transition.

Consider the Appointment of Carol Ann Days to the Position of Director of Communications

Mr. Cadime noted that the Board has hired from within on several occasions. Mrs. Days will be a great asset to the department. She has significant experience working as a correctional officer and dispatcher. She exemplifies tremendous leadership and potential. He recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Carol Ann Days as Director of Communications, effective June 21, 2019.

Mrs. Days was in attendance.

Consider Posting the Position of Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief

As a result of the above appointment, Mr. Cadime requested authorization to post the position of Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief. As required by the union, the position will be posted internally for two weeks.

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

VOTED: To post the position of Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief.

Consider the Reappointment of Steven D'Amico as the Board of Selectmen Representative for Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

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

VOTED: To reappoint Steven D'Amico as the Board of Selectmen representative to SRPEDD.

Mr. D'Amico was in attendance. He said he had previously talked about municipal broadband. There will be a meeting in June. He will send more information.

Consider the Reappointment of Brittney Faria as the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Representative

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

VOTED: To reappoint Brittney Faria as the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Representative.

Mrs. Faria was in attendance.

Consider the Reappointment of David Cabral to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

Mr. Cadime recommended the reappointment. Typically, it is the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Viera questioned why Mr. Cabral was not in attendance.

Mr. Cadime advised he was at a ceremony at the high school. His daughter is graduating.

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

VOTED: To reappoint David Cabral to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

Mr. Viera thanked Mrs. Testa for texting the information to Mr. Cadime.

Consider the Appointment of a Board of Selectmen Member to the Bristol County Advisory Board

Mr. Cadime said Chairman Andrade has been the representative.

Chairman Andrade explained this group meets about twice a year to review the budget and major projects in the county. Currently, it is the renovations to Bristol Aggie High School. He asked if Mr. Sullivan is interested because he is more suited for one of the projects.

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

VOTED: To consider the appointment of a Board of Selectmen member to the Bristol County Advisory Board.

Mr. Viera nominated, Mr. Zorra, seconded, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Justin Sullivan to serve as the Board of Selectmen Member to the Bristol County Advisory Board.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider and Vote on the Animal Control Officer Warrant

ACO Sharon Hall explained the report. She noted about 18 kittens will soon be ready for adoption.

Discussion Regarding the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)

Mr. Cadime explained this committee was put together by the Governor. There are 13 SMMPOs. It is an elected position. He hoped a member of the Board would be willing to submit nomination papers to join the planning group. It deals with Mass. DOT and allocation of federal and state dollars and sets the capital plan for some of the projects coming down through the state.

Mr. Sullivan suggested Mr. Andrade might be a good fit for this given his background.

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

VOTED: To nominate Mr. Andrade as a representative to the SMMPO.

Consider Adopting an “Employee Fraternization Policy”

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

VOTED: To adopt the “Employee Fraternization Policy.”

Prior to the vote, Mr. Sullivan asked if it was reviewed by KP Law.

Mr. Cadime said it was drafted by KP Law.

Mr. Sullivan is pleased that it deals with inter and intra office.

Mr. Cadime said it will be distributed with paychecks. Employees will sign off that they received a copy.

Consider the Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 1, 2019

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

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of May 1, 2019.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – None.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Bristol County Advisory Board – None.

Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report – None.

540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report – None.

Veteran’s Council

Mr. Viera said the Memorial Day Parade went off well. It wasn’t as large as in the past. Participation was down this year. They need portable communication to stay in touch with each other and police on the day of the parade. This is the first time the Parade Marshal was a female – Norma Mink, an Army veteran.

The ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park went well. He apologized to the Chairman and Town Administrator for not being invited to speak.

Mr. Cadime noted there was coverage from Channel 10.

Mr. Viera inquired about the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Library Trustees. He questioned whether it should reference the Veterans Council.

Mr. Cadime said Mr. Fuller has it. The MOU is good the way it is.

Mr. Zorra enjoyed the parade. He was glad to see the fire apparatus out there.

He congratulated the Seekonk High School Class of 2019 who will graduate on Friday.

The Martin School Spring Fling will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

Mr. Sullivan reminded residents of the special election on June 10 for the Aitken School Expansion Project

He asked if updated rules and regulations on recycling could be posted

Mr. Cadime said it will be on the website.

Mr. Viera said there are problems with the quality of the blue bags.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:32 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Parks and Recreation Director per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police MASS COP Local 215 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Superintendent of Public Works per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel (Police Chief) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), and to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of May 1, 2019; not return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Sullivan – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade - Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the May 29, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Christopher Campbell – Letter of resignation as Director of Communications

Carol-Ann Days – Resume for position of Director of Communications

Steven D’Amico – Appointment Form as representative to SRPEDD

Animal Officer Warrant

SMMPO from SRPEDD

Employee Fraternization Policy