

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**OCTOBER 30 2019**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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 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. Sullivan announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Registrars (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Capital Improvement Committee (1 BOS), Economic Development Committee (4 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (4 BOS), Recycling Committee (up to 3 BOS), Taxation Aid Fund Committee (1 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 Regular and 2 alternates).

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS** – None.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Christopher MacKenzie for the Position of Chief of Police**

Mr. Cadime requested indefinite postponement. New information has come to light. He wished Mr. MacKenzie the best and suggested the Board move away from the appointment.

**Consider the Appointment of Krystal Dos Santos to the Position of Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Senior Secretary**

Mr. Cadime noted that Ms. Dos Santos is a newer employee working in the Assessor's office.

An Interview Committee, consisting of Mr. Aubin, Ms. Miller, Mrs. Testa, and Mr. Cadime, unanimously recommended Ms. Dos Santos for the position.

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

**VOTED:** To appoint Krystal Dos Santos to the position of Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals senior secretary.

**Consider a Conditional Offer of Employment to Kevin Polson for the Position of Part-time Dispatcher**

Through Mr. Cadime, Communications Director Carol-Ann Days requested the Board consider a conditional offer of employment for Kevin Polson as part-time dispatcher. Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

**VOTED:** To extend a conditional offer of employment to Kevin Polson as part-time Public Safety Dispatcher.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Zorra asked how many applicants.

Mrs. Days said 16. She is interviewing to fill the three vacant positions.

**Consider the Conditional Officer of Employment to Paul Saisselin for the Position of Truck Driver/Laborer for the Department of Public Works**

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board withdraw and indefinitely postpone the appointment.

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

**VOTED:** To withdraw and indefinitely postpone the appointment of Paul Saisselin for the position of truck driver/laborer with DPW.

**Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Joshua Young for the Position of Truck Driver/Laborer for the Department of Public Works**

DPW Supt. David Cabral recommended a conditional offer of employment for Joshua Young as truck driver/laborer. Mr. Cadime recommended as stated by Mr. Cabral.

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

**VOTED:** To extend a conditional offer of employment to Joshua Young as truck driver/laborer with DPW.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Zorra asked why Mr. Young is leaving his former employer since it is a huge and growing company.

Mr. Cabral said he didn't like the changes being made.

### **LICENSE HEARING**

#### **Consider Approving a New Class I Motor Vehicle License for Motorsports National Massachusetts, LLC, to be located a 3-5 Progress Street**

Mr. Bruce W Brightman, Manager, said it would be a good move for them. A parking plan was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Sullivan asked where the vehicles will be parked.

Mr. Brightman said they will use some of the extra parking spaces for cars and deliveries that might not fit inside. There are 36 spots and they only are required to have 20.

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

**VOTED:** To approve a new Class I motor vehicle license for Motorsports National Massachusetts LLC, located at 3-5 Progress Street.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion of the Old Town Hall located at 646 Taunton Avenue** **Discussion of the County Street Fire Station**

Mr. Cadime stated this was put on the agenda at the request of two Board Members.

He noted the Old Town Hall is back in the Town's possession. It sits dormant.

Mr. Viera felt the fire station or land doesn't serve any purpose. It should be put on the market. It needs to revert back to a residential piece of property.

As far as the old town hall, there are not many buildings in town with significant value as far as history. The Police Department originated in the basement of that building. He suggested the Board turn that building over to the Historical Commission.

Mr. Zorra said he is willing to hear from Historical Commission members.

He asked if a business could go into the fire station.

Chairman Andrade said it is zoned residential.

Mr. Sullivan said it makes sense to sell the fire station.

He understands preserving history, but that comes with a significant cost. The old town hall is not a purposeful location. He will reserve his judgment. He is not for preserving it right now.

Mr. John Alves, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, said he would like to see the \$100,000 originally put into that come back to the CPC. He totally agrees with Mr. Viera. It is a piece of history for this town. He suggested appointing a committee to study what should be done with that building.

Mr. Alves said it cost about \$2M to \$2.5M to totally restore the building. It can be bonded through the Community Preservation Committee without affecting the tax rate.

Chairman Andrade said they previously tried to put it on the Historical Register. He asked if the \$100,000 put a preservation restriction on the building.

Mr. Alves said it obligated the restoration of the building.

Chairman Andrade said the \$2.5M was to get on the National Register. He agreed with setting up a committee.

Mr. Alves said David Saad suggested an arts center. However, Community Preservation Association in Boston advised those funds are tied into open space.

Mr. Daniel Horton of the Historical Commission said the major expense was going to be the upgrade to bring the building into conformity. There is a different criteria for the National Register. He would like to see the project move ahead but not at the same grandiose.

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

**VOTED:** To establish a committee comprised of Historical Commission members and Community Preservation members to explore the potential avenues of the project using CPC funding and report to the Board of Selectmen within six months.

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

**VOTED:** To revert the County Street Fire Station back to residential property.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Accept the Letter of Resignation from Detective David E. Mahoney, III**

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board accept the resignation with regret. He extended best wishes to Det. Mahoney on his future endeavors in his next position.

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

**VOTED:** To accept the resignation of Detective David E. Mahoney, III with regret.

**Consider Accepting Various Donations in the Amount of \$2,745 to the Animal Shelter Gift Account**

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board accept the donations and that thank you letters are sent out.

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

**VOTED:** To accept the donations in the amount of \$2,745 to the Animal Shelter Gift Account.

**Consider Signing the Purchase and Sales Agreement for Property Located at 351 Fall River Avenue**

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

**VOTED:** 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To sign the purchase and Sales Agreement for property located at 351 Fall River Avenue.

The vote: Mr. Sullivan – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye; Mr. Viera – Abstained. He is a member of the American Legion.

**Consider Accepting the Warrant for Fall Town Meeting**

Mr. Cadime advised that the Fire contract was inadvertently omitted. Articles for expansion of the marijuana overlay district and the playground were added to the warrant.

Ms. Michelle Hines asked the Board to open the warrant to include an article for 540 Arcade Avenue. She has been before the Planning Board with a parking plan and also the Finance Committee. The budget estimate is \$1,477,938. This includes an elevator at \$75,000. Rep. Steve Howitt was able to get \$20,000 for the elevator. She met with Mr. Cadime last Friday. He suggested she come before the Board with the request.

In response to Mr. Sullivan's request, Ms. Hines explained the layout of the building.

Chairman Andrade clarified this discussion falls under the warrant item; therefore, complies with the open meeting law.

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

**VOTED:** To open the warrant for the Fall Town meeting.

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

**VOTED:** To include an article for renovations to 540 Arcade Avenue on the Fall Town Meeting warrant. Article to be drafted by Mr. Cadime and legal.

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

**VOTED:** To fund the renovations at 540 Arcade Avenue through the general fund in the amount of \$1,477,938.

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

**VOTED:** To close the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting.

**Assign Warrant Articles and Make Recommendations for Fall Town Meeting**

Article 1 – Reports. (Mr. Almeida to present)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 2 – EMS equipment. (Mr. Viera)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 3 (monitor/defibrillators). (Mr. Viera)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 4 (Seekonk High Schools athletic field). (School Committee)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 5 (Police contract). (Mr. Viera)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 6 (\$200,000 Public Buildings and Infrastructure Stabilization Account). (Chairman Andrade)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend Article 7 (\$500,000 Municipal Capital Stabilization Account). (Mr. Zorra)

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Chairman Andrade noted motions were not necessary.

Article 8 – Amend General By-laws for Enforcement Officer (Mr. Viera)

Article 9 – Veterans Exception (Mr. Viera)

Article 10 - Disability Commission (Mr. Almeida)

Article 11- Chicken By-law (Mr. Almeida)

Article 12 – On line permitting – (Mr. Zorra)

Article 13 – Limiting Marijuana Licenses – Mr. Sullivan against. (Mr. Sullivan)

Article 14 – Yard sale signs – Voter petition

Article 15 – Expansion of marijuana district – (Mr. Sullivan)

Article 16 – Playground – Chairman Andrade against. (Mr. Almeida)

Article 18 – 540 Arcade Avenue – (Mr. Almeida)

### **Sign Town Meeting Warrant**

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

**VOTED:** To accept and sign the Fall Town Meeting Warrant as discussed.

### **Consider Approving the Minutes of September 18, 2019**

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

**VOTED:** To accept the Regular Session minutes of September 18, 2019 as distributed.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

School Committee Chairwoman Kim Sluter thanked the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for supporting the athletic field. She asked about a follow up on the executive session between the two boards.

Mr. Cadime said that should be a special meeting.

Chairman Andrade said probably early in January.

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Mrs. Sluter felt the Quad Board meeting was productive. She asked about best practice for disseminating information to all members of the Quad Board.

Chairman Andrade said it is difficult for the Town Administrator's office to do that in November or December because of license renewals. Each board should send out its own information.

Mr. Sullivan felt each board should distribute its own information.

Mr. Viera felt it should be through the Town Administrator's office.

Mr. Cadime suggested a drop box.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Discuss Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours before the Meeting**

Chairman Andrade advised he had an update on Donald Lewis Drive.

DPW Supt. David Cabral said he reached out to All State Asphalt. Two Supervisors went out there. He got a letter from them.

Chairman Andrade said the questions were that the roadway doesn't seem like it should be and what could be done, timetable and cost.

Mr. Cabral said the contractor cannot fit anything into the schedule at this time.

He had asked about rubberized chip seal. The end result would look like Cole Street.

Chairman Andrade asked if the lack of traffic would impact the look like Cole Street. He felt the entire board would be extremely upset if it doesn't look like Cole Street.

Mr. Viera said you cannot guarantee that.

Mr. Sullivan said All State will not accept any responsibility.

Mr. Cabral said the process will be the same exact treatment 3/8" rubberized stone on the roadway.

Chairman Andrade suggested that GPI Engineering go out there within the next week or two to evaluate and compare. If they do not concur with what is in the letter from All State, there is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Zorra said they can go out and sweep after the first snowstorm.



Mr. Cabral said the roads are swept in the spring. The sweeper went out last week to the three roadways.

**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.

**Veterans' Council**

Mr. Viera said the Council is working with the Veterans Service Officer on plans for the Veterans Day parade.

Mr. Zorra announced that a grand opening will be held at the Gammino Pond on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Parking will be available at the library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:42 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6) as having discussion in open session would be detrimental to the bargaining position of the town; for negotiations with Dispatch AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session could be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; to discuss strategy with respect to litigation known as Kathleen Craig v. Board of Selectmen Town of Seekonk, Taunton District Court No. 1931CV0422 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town; and to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; not to return to open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Items Distributed at the October 30, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Resume for Krystal Dos Santos for Position of Senior Secretary in the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Offices

Communications Director Carol-Ann Days – Re: conditional offer of employment to Kevin Polson as part-time dispatcher

Documentation for conditional offer of employment for Paul Saisselin for truck driver/laborer and Joshua Young

Motorsports Nation Massachusetts, LLC – Request for new Class I Motor Vehicle License

Letter of Resignation from Police Detective David E. Mahoney, III

Various Donations to Seekonk Animal Shelter Gift Account

Fall Town Meeting Warrant

