

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 16, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

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

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) anyone 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 Charter Study Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Appointment of Kristen L'Heureux to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund Committee

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

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

VOTED: To appoint Kristen L'Heureux to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund Committee.

Consider the Appointment of Erich Hassebacher to the Capital Improvement Committee

Mr. Cadime recommended the appointment.

Mr. Hassebacher was in attendance.

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

VOTED: To appoint Erich Hassebacher to the Capital Improvement Committee.

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Consider the Appointment of Steven D'Amico as the Board of Selectmen Representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

Mr. Cadime recommended the reappointment.

Mr. D'Amico was in attendance.

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

VOTED: To reappoint Steven D'Amico as the Board of Selectmen Representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

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

Mrs. Faria was in attendance.

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

VOTED: To appoint Brittney Faria as the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF HEALTH

Consider Sending a Letter of Support for Save the Bay's Application to the Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Watershed Grant

Chairwoman Victoria Kinniburgh opened the Board of Health meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Board of Health Director Jessica Horsman was in attendance.

Mike Jarbeau and Kate McPherson of Save the Bay were in attendance to explain and request support for a grant from EPA. Mr. Jarbeau explained the water shed project would be Runnins River and Hundred Acre Cove.

They will create a restoration plan and work with partners to bring together a concise report of what can be done and identify further sources of grant funding to implement this at a local level.

They met with staff several months ago. They are looking for approval from the Board to sign a letter of support and provide some in-kind services. Other towns have provided staff.

Mr. Jarbeau said it is a very competitive process.

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Mrs. Horsman said the Board of Health and Conservation Commission has worked with Save the Bay for the last twenty years.

Conservation Agent Jennifer Miller said she has been involved for about six months. It is an important project and Seekonk would benefit from the water issues.

Mr. Jarbeau said Save the Bay has two grant writers on staff.

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

VOTED: To write a letter of support for Save the Bay's application to the Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Watershed Grant and agree to provide in-kind match through the Board of Health and Conservation.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider and Sign the Ransom Consulting Master Services Agreement

Mr. Cadime advised this is funded by a \$350,000 grant.

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

VOTED: To sign the Ransom Consulting Master Services Agreement for work on Maple Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources regarding their Apiary Program

Mr. Kim Skyrm, PhD., Chief Inspector with the Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources, was in attendance.

Mr. Almeida felt this is not allowed in Seekonk.

Ms. Hines said this came about following a complaint letter.

Mr. Skyrn had a presentation on beekeeping. There is a website that people can get more information. There are a series of laws relating to beekeeping.

He responded to questions.

Consider Accepting the Donation of a Map of the Town of Seekonk, dated 1871 from Robert Emlen to the Town

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

VOTED: To accept the gift of a map of the Town of Seekonk dated 1871 from Robert Emlen.

Mr. Cadime had the map for Board members to see.

Consider Accepting the Donation of a Painting from Mr. John Belsky to the Senior Center

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

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay; To accept the painting from John Belsky to the senior center.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Zorro – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye; Ms. Hines – Nay. She indicated she would like to see the painting.

Consider Accepting the Donation from Mr. Aristotle D. Elefsiades in the Amount of \$130 for the Seekonk Animal Shelter

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

VOTED: To accept the \$130 donation to the animal shelter from Mr. Aristotle D. Elefsiades.

Moderator Appointment of Michael Brady to the Finance Committee to be read into the Record

Notice of Town Moderator appointment of Michael Brady to fill a current vacancy on the Finance Committee to expire on June 30, 2019.

Mr. Viera suggested that the Moderator should come before the Board of Selectmen to make any future appointments.

Ms. Hines noted that the Moderator is supposed to conduct public interviews.

Consider the Reappointment of David Cabral to the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group

Mr. Cadime recommended the reappointment.

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

VOTED: To reappoint David Cabral to the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group.

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

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

VOTED: To reappoint David Andrade to the Bristol County Advisory Board.

Consider the Request from Ryan DuVally for a Right of Way Permit for Lincoln Street

Mr. Cabral stated that the applicant had pulled a permit for curb cut in December 2016 and issued on December 27, 2017 for driveway. The applicant was informed at the time of the curb cut that the road was under moratorium. There has been a request for water. There is water on the side of this particular development. It is 3 ft. off the edge of the pavement toward the property. However, any right of way permit is to be granted if it falls within the town's right of way. It is 16 inch water main and goes down 5 ft. He has concerns.

Chairman Andrade suggested that someone from DPW be at the site and cease operations if road will be impacted in any way.

Mr. Cabral said the contractor should have a presentation for the Board. He assured that he will be on site himself.

Chairman Andrade said it will not disturb the roadway, just cut into the dirt on the side of the road.

Mr. Viera concerned that it may cause a problem.

Mr. Cabral said there could be a washout or an unforeseen situation.

Mr. DuVally of Heritage Realty in Rehoboth is the general contractor. He had a plan that shows the trench box. He disagreed that some of the examples brought up are not the same. He read the by-laws. He believes the street is the paved area and not affecting the roadway. He distributed copies of the plans. He would be happy to include that as part of the permanent application.

Mrs. St. Louis, property owner, said she did not get a letter regarding the moratorium. She purchased the land in 2016.

Mr. Cabral said the road was paved in 2015.

Mr. DuVally said he got Water Department and Board of Health approval. He knew there was a moratorium on the road.

Ms. Hines read from the by-laws.

Mr. Cabral said all homeowners receive letters regarding moratorium prior to paving.

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

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay; To approve the right of way permit for Lincoln Street with the understanding that the DPW Superintendent is in attendance and all digging will stop if there are any issues of going into the road and all earth put back.

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

Consider and Vote on the Animal Control Officer Warrant

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

VOTED: To approve the animal control officer warrant.

General Discussion of Spring Town Meeting

Ms. Hines thanked everybody for attending. She liked the presentation by Mr. Cadime and School Committee members. However, it was difficult to see the graphs. It seemed liked people were prepared and it went very well.

Chairman Andrade felt residents should have asked question on a \$56M budget and some of the big items. Attendance was great.

Consider the Approval of Quad Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2018

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

VOTED: To accept the Quad Board minutes of January 17, 2018.

Consider the Approval of Regular Session Minutes of April 18, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the Regular Session minutes of April 18, 2018.

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

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonable Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime advised that portable radios were distributed to police and fire. All mobile units should be completed by the end of next week. Mr. Campbell is working with the consultant on the infrastructure. The town has an agreement for the church tower on Fall River Avenue. It is five years at no cost to the town and 4 five-year renewals. There's also the Woodland Avenue cell tower and the cell tower at public safety.

Mr. Cadime has been working with the Brewster Group for the animal shelter. Should have construction documents by June 1 for final review and then out to bid.

The senior center has a grant that has to be used by June 30, 2018. Asst. Director Brittany Faria suggested a generator. They got one quote and waiting for another.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Park Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera advised the howitzer was placed in the agreed upon location. The pad will be poured.

The Memorial Day Parade steps off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 26. There will be festivities at the park. The American Legion will provide hot dogs and hamburgers at the hall at 351 Fall River Avenue.

Ms. Hines advised the Martin School will have the annual spring fling on Saturday, June 9. She asked about Phase 2 of the senior center.

Mr. Cadime said a decision has to be made whether to continue with the building committee.

Chairman Andrade suggested the Board have an overall discussion to prioritize the projects.

Ms. Hines said the building committee was appointed by the moderator. She said they should not do one project at a time.

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Ms. Hines said it is a ridiculous statement not to have a building committee in place for projects on the list. She noted how long it took for the senior center and the animal shelter projects.

Chairman Andrade took exception to the “ridiculous” comment. He said they need a plan.

Mr. Cadime said they need to talk strategy for each project. They will need to talk to the next superintendent of schools about long term plans. Bonding will significantly impact the town.

Ms. Hines thought the line painters at Newman and Arcade Avenues missed a spot.

Mr. Cabral said that was intentional because they weren’t serving the purpose.

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; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Items Distributed at the May 16, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Talent Bank form for Kristen L'Heureux – Taxation Aid Fund Committee

Talent Bank form for Erich Hasselbacher – Municipal Capital Improvement Committee

Notification from Town Moderator of Appointment of Michael Brady to Finance Committee

Ransom Consulting – Master Services Agreement

Mr. Robert Emlen – Gift of framed map of Seekonk 1871

Mr. John Belsky – Gift of painting to senior center

Mr. Aristotle Elefsiades - \$130 gift to animal shelter

Mr. Ryan DuVally – request to road opening at 258 Lincoln Street under moratorium

Animal Control Officer – Warrant

Mr. Johathan Stone, Executive Director – Save the Bay – Request for letter of support