

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 22, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera

Absent: Michelle Hines, Chris Zorra

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Former Selectman Robert McLintock and Charlie Fisk, a long time electrical inspector with the Town of Seekonk.

The Chairman 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. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Registrars (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Capital Improvement Committee (1 BOS), Charter Study Committee (up to 6 BOS), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Cultural Council (1 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (3 BOS), Parks & Recreation (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), Recycling Committee (up to 4 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Mr. Kyle Corbin of 29 Alameda Drive and also a member of the Board of Health spoke on behalf of several neighbors in attendance regarding the development on Woo Drive that has caused properties to flood. Residents have come to town hall to complain. They were told it is a private development. It was developed in 2005. Mr. Corbin felt the plans are not adhered to. Detention ponds have not been put in.

Chairman Andrade said nothing can be done until the town accepts the development.

Mr. Cadime said the Planning Board is aware of this.

Mr. Viera wanted an agenda item to discuss with representatives from Planning, DPW, and the building inspector. He suggested that Mr. Corbin contact Mr. Cabral.

The order of business moved to:

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Allowing the Fire Chief to use the Houston Galveston Area Council Collective Purchasing Program to Purchase the New Fire Truck that was voted on and approved at the Spring 2018 Town Meeting

Fire Chief Michael Healy requested Board approval to join the council in order to get a better price for the truck.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Fire Chief to join the council in order to use the Houston Galveston Area Council Purchasing program to purchase the new fire truck as approved at the Spring 2018 Town Meeting.

The order of business returned to:

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Michael Gilligan as a Probationary Third Class Firefighter/Paramedic

Chief Healy requested. Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Michael Gilligan as a Probationary Third Class Firefighter/Paramedic.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Alex Pratt as a Probationary Third Class Firefighter/Paramedic

Chief Healy requested. Mr. Cadime recommended.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Alex Pratt as a Probationary Third Class Firefighter/Paramedic.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Corissa Steward as Assistant Health Agent – Ms. Steward no longer interested in the position.

Consider the Request from Seekonk Firefighters IAFF Local 1931 to Conduct a “Toll Road” at Commerce Way on September 8, 2018 to Collect Donations to Support the Muscular Dystrophy Association “Fill the Booth Campaign”

Consider the Request from Seekonk Firefighters IAFF Local 1931 to Conduct a “Toll Road” at Bakers Corner on October 6, 2018 to Collect Donations to Support the Muscular Dystrophy Association “Fill the Boot Campaign”

Tim Goodwin, representing the Seekonk Firefighters, requested permission to conduct a toll road. They raised \$6,500 last year and hope to raise \$10,000 this year.

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

VOTED: To approve the requests from the Seekonk Firefighters IAFF Local 1931 to conduct “Toll Road” at Commerce Way on September 8, 2018 and Bakers Corner on October 6, 2018 to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Consider Accepting the Donation of \$50 for the Human Services Donation account from Lois Tatarian in Memory of Demmy Demou

Mr. Cadime recommended accepting the donation.

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

VOTED: To accept the \$50 donation from Lois Tatarian for the Human Services donation account in memory of Demmy Demou.

LICENSE HEARINGS

Consider the Request for a Change of Manager to Renee Wood for Rare Hospitality International, Inc., d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse #5518, 80 Highland Avenue

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

VOTED: To table until the next meeting.

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Consider the Request for a Public Amusement License for Michael Quill, Fear Town Productions, LLC, to Operate Fear Town Haunted House at 1710 Fall River Avenue (Seekonk Speedway) September 27, 2018 to November 10, 2018

Mr. Quill stated he has been at this location for five years.

Mr. Cadime noted the Board had denied the 2 a.m. closing last year and changed it to 1 a.m.

Mr. Quill said the event closes at 12 a.m. but people are still going through the event. \

Mr. Almeida had to problem with the 2 a.m. closing at least one day.

Mr. Viera suggested they hire an ambulance detail.

Mr. Quill said it is not a common occurrence to hire a detail. He heard several people got sick last year.

Chairman Andrade said he would agree if it is just for one particular night.

Mr. Almeida agreed.

Mr. Viera said he would not support 2 a.m. on any day.

Mr. Viera motioned, Mr. Almeida seconded, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request from Michael Quill, Fear Town Productions, LLC to operate Fear Town Haunted House at Seekonk Speedway (1710 Fall River Avenue) from September 27, 2018 to November 10, 2018 with the stipulation that it close at 1 a.m. and an ambulance detail will be hired if an ambulance is needed more than 4 times a day.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Discussion on the Warren Avenue Culverts Project (at County Street) at the Seekonk & East Providence Border

Mr. Cadime said there are problems with respect to culverts. There was no initial discussion with the town. There was initial approval through the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Agent Jen Miller was in attendance.

Steven Coutu, Director of Public Works in East Providence; Erik Skadberg, Engineer; and Jan Greenwood, Engineering Consultant were also in attendance.

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Mr. Coutu stated this is not a new problem. The culvert is old and undersized. The Runnins River is very influenced by rain events. A 2" storm will flood the back of 20 to 30 homes in the neighborhood. The culvert needs to be enlarged or additional culverts added. East Providence got a \$544,000 matching grant last year. The area has been reviewed by various state and local agencies.

Mr. Cadime said he received a letter from the City of East Providence indicating the city would maintain it. He would like to have legal review it.

Chairman Andrade said they need answers to some of the questions.

Mr. Cabral showed plans. He said the two wingwalls would be located on private properties.

Mr. Almeida questioned why the culverts can't be replaced where they are and not come into Seekonk.

Mr. Coutu said there was resistance from a property owner and the time had expired for the grant. They pursued another grant with redesign of the culverts on the Seekonk side

Mr. Cabral said they need a right of entry in writing from those property owners.

Mr. Coutu said instruments have not been signed.

Mr. Cadime will have legal prepare documents.

Mr. Coutu would like to do the project in September or October. There will be traffic concerns for about 30 days.

Mr. Cabral expressed concern that there will be flooding downstream on Highland Avenue.

There was talk about the lack of communication with the town.

Mr. Almeida supports the project but added that it is upsetting that two Seekonk residents will be affected by this and that preference was given to a business.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Town Administrator to work with legal to prepare documents to move forward with project.

Town Moderator Appointment of Derick Medeiros to the Finance Committee for a Three (3) Year Term

Notification from Town Moderator Peter Hoogerzeil of the appointment of Derick Medeiros to the Finance Committee for a term to expire in 2021.

Discussion Regarding the Request for a Warrant Article for Property located at 800 Fall River Avenue – not ready

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 said there are five criteria to meet for green communities. Three of those have been met. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Aubin met with Seth Pickering of the Department of Energy Resources and representatives from National Grid and SRPEDD. An individual will come in to do energy audits. SRPEDD is working on the town's vehicle inventory. Mr. Aubin submitted what is required for criteria 1 and criteria 2.

Mr. Cadime advised the Memorandum of Understanding was submitted to the Board of Library Trustees. They have asked if the Board would want to go in a different direction than the MOU. The Board of Library Trustees feel the scope has expanded. The Board of Selectmen changed five words.

Chairman Andrade can't understand why they do not want to sign the MOU. The MOU clarifies things.

Mr. Viera said the Veterans Memorial Park Committee wants to do more planting but not sure what they can do.

Mr. Cadime will be meeting with Library Director Peter Fuller on September 4.

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None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:47 p.m. Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Almeida, to go into Executive Session per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Executive Assistant and negotiation with the Chief of Police as having discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town and to approve Executive Session minutes of July 25, 2018; to return to Open Session.

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

The meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

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

VOTED: To accept the contract with the Executive Assistant, effective October 22, 2018.

The vote: Mr. Viera – 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 9:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the Board of Selectmen Meeting of August 22, 2018

Resume and application from Corissa Steward for position of Assistant Health Agent

Application from Manuel B. Salvador for DPW Worker

Seekonk Firefighters IAFF Local 1931 – Request for Toll Road on September 8 and October 6, 2018

Back up information for Warren Avenue culverts project

Check (\$50) from Lois Tatarian to the Human Services Account in memory of Demmy Demou

Documents for change of manager at Longhorn Steakhouse

Documents for Public Amusement License for Fear Town Productions, Inc.

Notification from Town Moderator Peter Hoogerzeil for appointment of Dericl Medeiros

Warrant Article for property at 800 Fall River Avenue