

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 12, 2020
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Andrade, David Viera, Justin Sullivan, Chris Zorra. Nelson Almeida was absent.

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Sullivan announced that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Commission on Disability (5-13 BOS), Economic Development Committee (4 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (2 BOS), Recycling Committee (up to 3 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 alternates).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Under the 48 hour rule, Fire Chief Michael Healy provided an update on the Town's response to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Presently, there are no confirmed cases in the Town of Seekonk or in Bristol County. It changes every day. He met a week ago with the police chief, health agent, fire captain and police captain.

Every office in Town Hall, the senior center, and the library has hand sanitizers for employees and the public. Counters are wiped down. Chief Healy, Chief Enos, and health agent meet about three times a week. He has also reached out to the EMS and the medical director at Sturdy Hospital.

Chief Healy recommended the Board consider some type of local state of emergency.

Mr. Cadime advised that all activities at the senior center have been terminated. The center will be open for seniors to go there. Those seniors will be manually checked in by staff and the statistics put into "My Senior Center."

Mr. Cadime noted the Superintendent of Schools is doing a phenomenal job on the schools side. There has been talk in the community about closing schools. Some communities are closing services on the town side. He spoke to Chef Healy. They hope to maintain services and also public health. He will update the Board should there be major changes.

He has talked to legal with regard to possible change in the upcoming elections.

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Mr. Cadime said it would be a good idea to have the Chairman sign a Declaration of Emergency. It would be used to apply for state and federal funding, if needed.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign a Declaration of Emergency, if needed.

Joint Meeting with the Aitken School Expansion Building Committee to Consider Awarding the Addition and Renovation Contract to Bacon Construction

In attendance: Kim Sluter (School Committee), Mr. Smally from Drummy, Rosane, Anderson (Architect) Michael Quinn (Project Manager).

Members had copies of the contract.

Chairman Andrade clarified that none of the alternates listed in the RFP were included.

Project Manager Mike Quinn explained the alternates were included to provide bid flexibility should it come in high but that was not the case. He said construction should start in a week or two. Projected completion is May 1, 2021.

Mr. Sullivan noted furnishings are not included.

Chairman Andrade said the bid came in under the amount allotted by Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To award the contract to Bacon Construction in the amount of \$9,540,700 for the Aitken School Expansion and Renovation project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

David Viera, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Contract with Bacon Construction distributed to the Board.

