

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 3, 2021
REGULAR SESSION

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

Town Administrator: Shawn Cadime

Asst. Town Administrator/
Director of Human Resources: Carol-Ann Days

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 7 p.m. He announced that, per Governor Baker's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this Board of Selectmen meeting. Public comments could have been submitted to the Board in advance by completing the Google Form prior to the meeting by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The meeting will be broadcast live via Seekonk Cable TV9, streamed live on TV9's Facebook, and streamed live on the Town of Seekonk's YouTube channel.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any person recording must notify the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Mr. Petronio announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Assessors (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Capital Improvement Committee (2 BOS), Commission on Disability (5-13 BOS), Economic Development Committee (5 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Historical Commission (3 BOS), Parks & Recreation (1 BOS), Recycling Committee (3 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 Alternates).

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

VOTED: To move the Public Hearing on the FY 2022 budget to follow
License Hearings and General Business.

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

**Consider the Request for a Mobile Food Cart Permit for Timothy Spaulding to Sell Food at
Seekonk Speedway Flea Market, 1782 Fall River Avenue**

Mr. Cadime advised this is an annual request from Mr. Spaulding. All documents are in order.

Mr. Viera asked for clarification if it is for the flee market and the Speedway.

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The motion made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Petronio, was amended and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request for a mobile food cart permit for Timothy Spaulding to sell food at the Seekonk Speedway Flea Market and at the Seekonk Speedway.

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

Consider the Request for a Change of Officer/Director for Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, located at 1301 Fall River Avenue

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

VOTED: To approve the change of officer/director for Outback Steakhouse of Florida LLC, located at 1301 Fall River Avenue.

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

Prior to the vote, Atty Joe Develin, representing Outback Steakhouse, advised that two executives in the Florida office have retired and replaced by Christopher Meyer and Kelly Lefferts as LLC Managers. There are no changes in the operations of the restaurant. The ABCC has approved and is waiting local approval.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Clerk Lottery Drawing for Ballot Positions for the Upcoming Election

Town Clerk Florice Craig drew the ballot positions via technology for Board of Selectmen as follows. It was not necessary to draw positions for other boards.

Christopher Zorra
Michael Healy
Douglas Brown
David Viera
Nelson Almeida

Consider and Sign the Warrant for the Upcoming Town Election

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

VOTED: To approve and sign the warrant for the upcoming town election to be held on Monday, April 5, 2021.

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

Vote to Refer the Request for Street Acceptance of Woo Drive located in Woo Estates to the Planning Board for a Recommendation

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

VOTED: To refer the request for street acceptance of Woo Drive located in Woo Estates to the Planning Board for a public hearing.

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

Consider Amending Category 17A (Earth Removal) and Category 17B (Placement of Fill) of the Town of Seekonk General By-Laws

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

VOTED: To amend Category 17A (Earth Removal) and Category 17B (Placement of Fill) with the exclusion of commercial landscapers.

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

Consider Awarding the Bid to Pomroy Associates as the Owners Project Manager for the South End Fire Station

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

VOTED: To award the contract to Pomroy Associates as the Owners Project Manager for the South End Fire Station and authorize the Town Administrator to enter into negotiations for fee..

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

Prior to the vote, Mr. Cadime explained that the South End Fire Station Building Committee interviewed four finalists of the seven applicants.

Mr. Viera said Pomroy far exceeded the other applicants. They viewed the site and made recommendations. They identified the principals of the company. They are hands on owners and will be at the site daily to make sure the project is done to our expectations.

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Mr. Viera pointed out there were great applicants..

Mr. Andrade asked if Pomroy would be coming before the Board. The Board had previously discussed sample packets for building committees and OPMs.

Mr. Cadime said he has a list of items. The first step is to work on negotiations and come back to the Board to talk about cost. Pomroy will introduce themselves to the Board of Selectmen and work with the building committee to proceed with the project.

Chairman Sullivan expressed his appreciation to members of the building committee for the time they put in.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Hearing

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

VOTED: To open the Public Hearing on the FY2022 budget at 7:22 p.m.

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

Mr. Cadime advised the presentation is on the Town's website. He thanked department heads for their effort in putting the budget together. This past year, they built a budget that was sustainable and unprecedented due to COVID-19. There was no impact on services.

Mr. Cadime went through a visual presentation of the budget.

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

VOTED: To close the public hearing on the FY2022 budget at 8:28 p.m.

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

Board members commended Mr. Cadime on the budget.

At this time, Chairman Sullivan provided an opportunity to department heads or residents for comments, statements, or questions – None.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS- None.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

DPW Facility

Discussion at the next meeting.

ExecuTime

Employees still in the testing environment.

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Bristol County Advisory Board – None.

Aitken School Exchange Building Committee Report

Mr. Zorra said they are waiting for furniture.

540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report – None.

Veterans' Council

Mr. Viera reported that the Council will meet with the Veterans' Agent to work on a program for Memorial Day.

He asked for suggestions from Board members.

Chairman Sullivan and other members felt the people are ready for a parade with a backup motor parade.

South End Fire Station Building Committee

Mr. Viera would like to bring it to Fall Town Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9 p.m. Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Petronio, to go into Executive Session to:

- A. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the negotiating position of the town (472 Taunton Avenue);
- B. Conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Director of Communications per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2);

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C. Conduct Strategy sessions with respect to Seekonk Public Library Employee Association, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) 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.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Items Distributed at the March 3, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting

FY2022 Budget

Documents for Timothy Spaulding Mobile Food Cart Permit at Seekonk Speedway

Documents for Outback Steakhouse Chane of Officer/Director

Warrant for Town Election

Documents for street acceptance of Woo Drive

Documents for Category 17A and 17B General By-Laws

Documents for award of contract for OPM – South End Fire Station