

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Swampscott, MA 01907

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Naomi Dreeben, Chair Peter Spellios, Vice Chair Pat Jones, Selectmen Don Hause, Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald,

Pledge of Allegiance 7:010

Resident Comment:

Larry Newman from 355 Essex Street spoke regarding the hazardous crosswalk on Humphrey Street and his concerns of residents being hit in the crosswalk. Commended Gino Cresta for being the only Town Employee who has addressed this matter. Would like this it remedied immediately.

Mr. Spellios said he will have a dialogue about this issue and will have Mr. Newman involved.

Rose also spoke about witnessing an accident on that crosswalk years ago.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF POET LAUREATES BY SELECTMAN Naomi Dreeben. Selectmen Dreeben honored Adult Poet Laureate- Shelli Jankowski-Smith & Young Poet Laureate and Harper Merritt. Selectmen Dreeben presented both of them with a plaque.

PRESENTATION ON CORNERSTONE PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH THE NORTHSORE YMCA- GERALD MACKILLOP, JR – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LYNCH/van OTTERLOO YMCA. This has been a 2 -year journey for the Y. In the Essex county 4400 people are diagnosed in a year with a cancer. The Y is well positioned to help those who have cancer. Cornerstone is asking for partnership and asks that we spread the word of Cornerstone. If you or anyone in your family has been diagnosed with cancer in the last 5 years or you have lost someone from cancer or currently have cancer you qualify for essential daily living support. Clinical partners- Dana Farber, Lahey, Spaulding, Care Dimensions, Steward and AYA alliance.

Corner Stone is heavily dependent on community support.

Selectmen Dreeben asked about transportation and the Y is currently actively addressing this.

Selectmen Hause also commended the program and all it is doing.

TA offered 3 vans from the Senior Center to help with the transportation.

APPOINTEES TO AGE FRIENDLY STUDY COMMITTEE- BOB POWELL AND HEIDI WHEAR

Bob Powell thanked the leadership. He also spoke of the variety of people that have asked to join the board. The plan is to hold the first meeting on January 3, 2019.

Bob discussed the schedule of the Age Friendly Study and the process on solicitating members. A drafted letter was printed in the newspaper and also many calls were made. They will not deny anyone to serve on the committee.

Pat Jones made the motion to appoint the following to the Swampscott for all Ages Committee the motion was seconded by Naomi Dreeben all BOS Members were unanimously in favor.

Tom Driscoll, Ilene Vogel, Rich Raymond, Beverly Longley, Collette and John Green, Muriel Hurwitz, Marla Gay, Neil Barry, Patrick McCarthy, Ian Holland, Warren Sawyer, Debby Segil, John McCormack, Joyce Levitt, Matt Strauss, Jenn Nisbet, Kevin Breen, Peter McNerney, Paul Crowley, Matt McDonald, Brian Flynn, Emily Cilley and Bill Quinn

WATER AND SEWER PRESENTATION

Total Water use from MWRA Report for 2017 = 510.16 (in millions of gallons)

Swampscott Water Distribution Maps were presented

Residential Water & Sewer Base Rates- 2017- Base Charge \$19.75 /bill

Combined Rate Increases -1990 through 2017 rates changes were very erratic – Enterprise funds set up in 2002

4 Year Historical Revenues vs. Expenses

Swampscott Water Rate vs other MWRA Communities- more towards the higher due to paying down debt associated with 10 million of water work in the last 15 years

Swampscott combined rate vs. other MWRA communities- on the lower end

Swampscott Sewer rate vs. other MWRA communities – on the lower end

Showed an overview of what Swampscott Water and Sewer pays for

Status of factoring roadways into water rate

Annual rate setting- July will set with BOS with August implementing it.

Rate Analysis/Forecast- Annual assumptions: Uncollected Bills = 3% of revenue

Expense Growth Rate = 2.3% (consistent with 10-year D.O.R. historical Average for enterprise accounts)

Forecast increasing rates by 1.5% Feb. 2019

Increase will roughly increase average bill by \$22 for 2019

Selectmen Spellios asked for a Debt service schedule and to dig a little deeper into the paving and how many lineal feet \$100,000 would cover.

Recommendation it to increase water/sewer rates by 1.5% in Feb. 2019 and revisit in July 2019

Next steps vote on rate and implement rate change

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: POLICE CHIEF & FIRE CHIEF—TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Chief Madigan has 18 Years as the Chief and Chief Breen 9 years and entering his final year

Selectmen Spellios discussed finalizing both contracts.

Chief Breen's contract will take him through 2019.

Chief Madigan's contract will take him through 2020.

Selectmen Spellios commended their leadership.

Selectmen Hause spoke on how valuable both these individuals are.

TA Fitzgerald stated they both represent a standard in public service and work collaboratively. He proudly will recommend both of them on their contract.

Chief Madigan is proud to be the Chief of the Town he grew up in. He said the job is rewarding and loves being there to help people. Commended his police force and the work they do. Looks forward to continuing to fill this role.

Chief Breen thanked the BOS and TA for their kind words. He spoke regarding 2 major changes in his career air bags and smoke detectors and the difference they have made. Discussed his deep connections to the town and committees he will continue to serve on. Looks forward to continuing to help the community.

Selectmen Hause made the motion to approve a 3 year contract extension recommended by the Town Administrator for Police Chief Ronald Madigan to commence July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, and to approve a 1 ½ year contract for Fire Chief Kevin Breen to commence July 1, 2018 through January 5, 2020 (the exact terms and conditions will be finalized in the next few weeks), motion was seconded by Selectmen Jones and all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

Vote of new Historical Commission Members- Dana Anderson, Robert

Motion made by Naomi Dreeben and seconded by Pat Jones all BOS members were in favor.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

- *Change of manager for Uno Chicago Grill*
- *Vote to Accept All Blue gift in the amount of \$265,014.64*

Selectmen Spellios acknowledged all blue foundation and thanked them.

Motion made by Selectmen Hause and seconded by Selectmen Dreeben all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

Town Administrator gave a week in review along with department head updates.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectmen had nothing to report

CHAIR REPORT

BOS selectmen going out in January along with Age Friendly Survey.

Thanked colleagues who attended the joint retreat last Saturday.

Selectmen Dreeben talked about shared goals and moving in the same direction.

Selectmen Hause thanked everyone for making the efforts on having all boards communicate together.

Selectmen Spellios thanked Ana Lanzilli for her work on the logistics on the joint meeting.

Follow up on the Idea exchange- in January you will hear more of what people talked about and are thinking about.

Motion to adjourn by Selectmen Spellios seconded by Selectmen Dreeben all BOS members were in favor.

