

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Patrick Jones, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald, Assistant Town Administrator, Town Treasurer, Ron Mendes.

Members of the Finance and School Committee were in attendance.

7:05 p.m. School Committee Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance and introduced themselves.

Mr. Franklin discussed Mindfulness along with representation from students (Lexie Howard and Mac Midland) currently enrolled in Mr. Franklin's mindful classes. School Committee members had a discussion with the students regarding how mindfulness has been helpful to them.

Olivia Barton was presented the Gold Key Scholastic Writing award.

Superintendent, Angelakis spoke about the ALICE Training program and safety in the schools. Chief Madigan reassured everyone schools are safe. Detective Cheever discussed security and trainings the security trainings that will be happening in the next week.

Several public outbursts were made regarding the Stanley School principal. Amy O'Connor kept meeting in order.

8:12 p.m.- Joint Board of Selectman's meeting begins. Meeting began with the introduction of members of the Board of Selectman, School Committee and Finance Committee.

Review of MSBA Process

There was a discussion on the MSBA Process including a slideshow presentation of what the process has been and how we will meet the needs and move forward.

There was an MSBA touring for the statement of interest for Hadley. Tour included the other elementary schools and when awarded the statement of interest it was suggested to include the other two schools. This is allowing to put all 3 buildings into the project.

It was suggested that a discussion on collaboration is needed between boards and committees. Priority needs to be made to educate all committees including the community on this project. Videos are being shared on school website to help educate. Discussion on a need to create working group. Discussion on feasibility study and how much it will cost and what we need to do. We should not stop at elementary school and should be thinking about renovating Middle School.

A Request was made of 1-2 people from committee/boards to get a working committee together to meet and go back and educate their own committee regarding the feasibility project. School Committee will send an email to all chairs and they will appoint someone to the working committee.

Creation of Special Ed Fund

There was a discussion on establishing a Special Education stabilization fund which helps for unexpected changes to the actual Special Education Budget.

Superintendent, Angelakis requested \$300,00.00 for the Special Education stabilization fund. Board of Selectman, Peter Spellios is concerned there is a 2 ½ % increase in school budget and a 3% increase in town funding. If we have \$300,00.00 in the Special Education stabilization fund, that makes a 4% increase which we cannot sustain.

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald will draft a warrant and recommendation for an article for the Special Education stabilization fund and will circulate to all committees.

FY19 Town Administrators Budget Presentation

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald presented the FY19 budget to the Board of Selectman, Finance committee, and School Committee.

- FY19 Proposed Budget \$67,620,861 (1.58% Increase)

Administration and Finance

- Proposed Budget includes an increase of \$538,600 (17%) over FY18, total FY19 budget \$3,749,306

Community Development

- Increase of \$58,471 (10%) over FY18, total FY19 budget \$616,129

Public Services

- Increase of \$457,887 (16%) over FY18, for a total FY19 budget of \$3,306,781

Public Safety

- Decrease of \$42,914 (0.6%) over FY18, total FY19 budget \$7,427,954

Human Services

- Decrease of \$41,128 (4%) over FY18, total FY19 budget \$938,183

Education

- Reasonable Increase of \$856,564 (3% in the general fund – 2.5% increase when considering other funding) over FY18, total FY19 budget \$29,383,816

The proposed budget provides an estimated tax levy increase of 1.98%.

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve the following meeting minutes from 9/27/17, 10/19/16, executive meeting minutes 10/19/16, 11/2/16, 11/24/16, 3/29/17, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve an application for a one-day beer and wine permit from Reach Arts, 89 Burrill Street, Swampscott, Mass for their Gallery Opening Event on March 9, 2017 from 7-9 p.m., seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve an application for a one-day beer and wine permit from the Swampscott Public Library to be held on March 16, 2019 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Swampscott Library, 61 Burrill Street, Swampscott, Mass for Fabulous Friday Fundraiser, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Adjournment:

The board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to close meeting seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

True Attest:

Ana Lanzilli

Administrative Assistant