

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: *Chairman Peter Spellios, Vice Chair Pat Jones, Selectmen Don Hause, Selectmen Naomi Dreeben, Selectmen Laura Spathanas and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald*

7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Trisha Malphrus, the Chair of the Commission on Disability and resident of Swampscott spoke about the ANT bikes and her concerns about the company not relocating their bikes. These bikes are taking up the bike racks and because of that children are now leaving their bikes in the middle of the sidewalk which are causing the sidewalks to be blocked.

Traffic Study Recommendations:

No Parking Here to Corner Swampscott Ave and Paradise Road

Came at the request of Lt. Stevens both Chief Madigan and Gino Cresta support this recommendation.

Joseph and Fran Lynch of 221 Paradise Road spoke in favor of this traffic recommendation.

Motion was made by Chair Spellios to approve this recommendation and motion was seconded by Selectmen Dreeben, Board was unanimously in favor.

Removal of On Street Handicap- Only Parking Space (643 Humphrey Street)

Motion was made by Chair Spellios to approve this recommendation and motion was seconded by Selectmen Dreeben, Board was unanimously in favor.

Patricia Malphrus recommended taking an inventory of the list of known handicap spots and remove what is not needed. Town Administrator will work with the Traffic Study Committee on this suggestion.

There was a discussion on a No Drop- Off Here to Crosswalk – Puritan Road at Johnson Park

Drop off here as a sign was suggested by Selectmen Dreeben

Demo Delay Warrant Update:

Selectman Hause gave a brief review of the Demo Delay process.

Feedback from Historical Commission today was that they request to be the appeal body to the demo delay.

Selectman Hause expressed his disappointment of not coming to consensus. Selectmen Hause recommends continuing to work on this process and not make a floor amendment.

Selectmen Hause will forward the HC comments to the rest of the BOS.

Snow Removal Petition Update:

Selectmen Spathanas discussed what the responsibility of the citizens would be and went over the additional areas that the DPW will be clearing.

Selectmen Spathanas also stated additional equipment that is proposed to be purchased for the DPW.

Gino Cresta stated that he can take on this additional work only if he has two machines working. (bombardiers)

If there are multiple snow storms the street will become a bit narrower.

Gino Cresta said some of the snow is hauled away as best they can.

The cost to purchase a new bombardier is \$125k.

Selectman Spathanas spoke about the applicable fines to this petition. It was stressed that there be an enforcement component.

Chief Madigan spoke about the enforcement piece and how he fully supports this petition. He also feels the education piece is important for citizens.

For those citizens who have hardships, they can apply for a hardship through an application process. Discussion was had on an outreach to others in the community to help those with hardships. This does not add a burden to the police department and Chief Madigan feels comfortable with this petition. The BOS asked for an amendment on the language to delete each day the offense continues will be considered a separate offence.

Resident Trisha Malphrus expressed her concerns to this by law.

Chair Spellios stated the fine payment will go into a General Fund.

If people do not take reasonable steps to clear sidewalks there may be reasonable liability.

William Dimento, 1008 Paradise Road opposes the by law due to the concern that he feels the town is having a difficult time enforcing the laws now and how can this additional duty be put on our police officers.

Cheryl Barker spoke about FLOSS and Snow Angels and that much work has been put in to utilizing these two groups for those who have hardships.

ERAC

BOS had discussion on questions that happened in the last TM. John Picariello spoke on one question which how much is 600 cubic yards? He will explain this through slides at TM.

Chair Spellios stated it is important to have wording that states- No change in here reduces the jurisdiction and lessens the standard.

Safety Zone

Selectmen Spellios voiced that the BOS should not speak regarding the Safety Zones and the Town Administrator and someone in Traffic Study committee and /or Chief of the police department should speak to it.

Tri Chair update by Selectmen Spellios

There is a continued discussion of HR and Business functions being consolidated. Selectmen Spellios spoke about the feasibility study and the importance of funding it.

Warrant Articles Breakdown on which BOS will speak on what article:

Article 3-12- TA/ FINCON/ Selectmen Spellios

Article 15- BOS/FINCON

Articles- 13, 14, 16- Selectmen Jones

Article 17 -TA

Article 18- Selectmen Dreeben

Article 19-24 Selectmen Hause/Ms. Ippolito

Article 23-24 Selectmen Hause /John Picariello

Article 25-Snow Removal-Selectmen Spathanas/Cheryl Barker

Demo Delay and Collective bargaining No Recommendations

Warrant Articles

Article 1

Article 2

Article 3- (previously recommended)

Article 4- (slight changes by FINCON- Recommendation made by Selectmen Jones and motion Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas – Board unanimously in favor

Article 5-On Monday's agenda

Article 6- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Jones and motion seconded by Selectmen Spathanas -Board unanimously in favor

Article 7- Motion for Recommendation for indefinite postponement made by Selectmen Hause and motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben -Board unanimously in favor

Article 8 - (previously recommended)

Article 9- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Hause and motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben -Board unanimously in favor

Article 10- Motion for Recommendation for indefinite postponement made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Jones Board unanimously in favor

Article 11-Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Jones Board unanimously in favor

Article 12-Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Jones Board unanimously in favor

Article 13-Recommended- (previously recommended)

Article 14- Recommended- (previously recommended)

Article 15- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Hause- Board unanimously in favor

Article 16- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Hause and Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas Board unanimously in favor

Article 17- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Hause and Seconded by Selectmen Dreeben Board unanimously in favor

Article 18- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas Board unanimously in favor

Article 19- On Monday's agenda

Article 20- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas Board unanimously in favor

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Article 22- Recommended favorable action made by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas Board unanimously in favor

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Article 25- On Monday's agenda

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New and Old Business:

Update from Selectmen Dreeben on Beach Entrances and the funding previously allocated. Anticipates that the work be done by end of June and Markers and landscaping will be done at the beach entrances.

Update from Selectmen Spathanas regarding hanging plants suggested by a citizen and having a conversation with the TA about this. Also, a conversation regarding the ANT bikes with Pete Kane.

Selectmen Dreeben gave an update on Boards & Commission and hoping by the end of June we can reappoint.

Chair Spellios spoke regarding the meetings for the summer (exception of June 6), have working sessions.

Votes:

- Swampscott, Dory 5 K run on May 28, 2108*
- Draft Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2018 and April 4, 2018*
- Annual Sculpin 5k Run on June 9, 2018*

Chair made a motion to accept the Consent agenda. Motion accepted by Selectmen Dreeben and Seconded by Selectmen Spathanas, Board was unanimously in favor.

Town Administrator read his Town Administrator Report

Selectmen Time:

Selectmen Dreeben thanked Selectmen Spellios for pushing the Board to do their best.

Selectmen Jones wanted to congratulate Kevin Reen for receiving Coach of the Week by the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League.

Selectmen Hause spoke regarding Flexi Tail- pop up retail products to add amenities to our beaches.

Selectmen Spellios read a thank you letter from a citizen and congratulated Sgt Locke, Captain Alex, Officer Lucas and Officer Luck from the police dpt. for a job well done.

The Board at 9:30 p.m. made a Motion by Selectman Dreeben to adjourn the meeting the motion was seconded by Selectman Spathanas Board was unanimously in favor.