

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2018
Swampscott, MA 01907

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

Pledge of Allegiance 7:02

No Resident Comment

CHAIR REPORT

There were working Sessions all Summer and the Top Projects that were discussed were:

40R Design and Study- Train station- would like to have this on the 2019 Warrant

DPW Year relocation and use of the property- Selectmen Hause will be working with the planning board on this project

Humphrey Street Business- needs and desire- Selectmen Dreeben will take the lead on this project

Humphrey Street Beatification- New lighting, beach entrances- Selectmen Spathanas will take the lead this/ municipal design committee

Gino gave a brief update on the Trees

Sean is working with the traffic study committee to implement recommendations on signage package/ parking programming changes

Fall Meetings:

9/20- 5 year operating budget, tax levy, and working with the finance committee.

9/17-there will be a meeting with the Capital Improvement and Finance committee that the BOS is invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and think through all possible ideas when creating the budget.

No Fall Town Meeting this year. We will be using this time for an idea summit- town meeting member, and public welcome to come and discuss ideas.

Business welcome package- Selectmen Dreeben is working on this

Resident welcome package- Ana Lanzilli is working on this

Hoping to have all this ready to publish in the late fall.

Want to thank the owners of White Court for auctioning off the items at White Court. The 25k that was raised by that auction was donated to Reach Arts.

Age Friendly committee is being created. Bob Powell and Heidi Whear are creating a task force.

Bob Powell spoke regarding the plan with UMASS Boston and working with Age Friendly Committee on a Study and Action plan.

Information will be posted on the Facebook page and Town Website.

Ana will work with Bob and Heidi to post information.

PUBLIC HEARING

Selectmen Jones made the motion to enter into Public Hearing all Board members were unanimously in favor. Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Swampscott that the Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7:00P.M. in the Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts in Room B129, at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting for all parties interested in a request for an Earth Removal Permit for 71 Greenwood Avenue, Swampscott, Mass.

John Picariello Chair of the Earth Removal Advisory Committee spoke on behalf of this project and that until the building was down a determination could not be done for removal. Selectmen Spellios felt strongly that the board has been presented with two bad choices on this project. Groom construction has filed for a permit for

3000 cubic yard removal and of that 1300 will be crushed. On site or off site/ to be determined. Met with neighbors and discussed method of removal which would 2-3 trucks making trips 2 ½ times a day. Tom Groom from Groom Construction spoke in regard to the determination. He stated he was unaware that an ERAC permit needed to be done. When he found out he immediately put together the documents that were needed to apply for the permit. The original determination was that there would be a balance and what would come out would remain on the site. Anticipated some ledge but based on 1000 cubic yard of ledge we anticipated the rest would be soil and that material could be back filled. Geotechnical analysis was not done prior. The current ledge is now 4100 cubic yards. A dozen or more of 1-yard boulders have currently been taken off site. Most of the boulders have been removed. Blasting scheduled to be completed last week, should be done tomorrow or Friday. Rock is not good for back fill or foundation as in its state. If it's processed on site, they can reuse it. The two options are trucking off site which would be less invasive for the neighborhood, but costly to the developer and the trucking would take 2-3 months. The other option is crushing on site and reusing to back fill/foundation. Selectmen Dreeben asked what the duration would be to crush on site and the timeline would be about 8 days of crushing. The developer would have a primary and secondary machine on site. The crusher would need water supply to control the dust while the machines are running. The neighbors are concerned about this. Chief Breen spoke about the dust control operation. He is not concerned about having adequate water. As the hoses became further away from the hydrant the water pressure became a less, which had created a slight problem with dust control. Used the reserve engine to help with this. Selectmen Jones stated he wouldn't want the water service taken away from residents and other town resources. Selectmen Jones asked about the cost of both options. Tom Groom said they were costly either way. John Picariello talked about possibly having sound barriers to help with the crushing. Tom Groom stated these are smaller crushers and not quarry size crushers.

Neighbors from the Greenwood area were invited to speak:

Dan Cobbett- 28 Greenwood Terrace- feels this situation is unacceptable. Feels the amount of ledge should have been anticipated. Solution fill in the hole- go to board of appeals and get a variance to go higher
Ellen Winkler 15 Greenwood Terrace- feels they are stuck with a bad choice. Doesn't feel there is enough information and the information given should be tighter and more concrete. No mitigation been presented. This is unreasonable and should not have to make a choice with the information that has been given. Quality of life has been awful. Stated again there should have been a presentation tonight with all questions answered. Feels cost should not be a question and it should just get done as quickly as possible and the most bearable way.

Selectmen Spellios said there will be a mitigation package by the developer. Said there is no way he will be voting on an ERAC permit tonight and the other Board Members agreed. Feels Geotechnical should have been done. Wants to come up with a game plan on how to accumulate information for the next meeting to get this done. Said it is the property owner's responsibility to know about the ERAC permit. Tom Groom stated that if they will not be voting on the ERAC permit he removes his permit and will crush it on site. Says he is trying to work with people. Selectmen Spellios says we need better and more information.

The Board of Selectmen asked for the following information to be provided by the developer for the next BOS meeting:

Give 2 analysis: trucking with volume and days: Crushing with volume and days

Also, recommend a detailed mitigation package.

Town Administrator will work with Tom Groom on this.

Moderator Mike McClung spoke about what the impact to the road would be the cost to the town. This information will be brought back.

Town Administrator will be meeting with the developer tomorrow at 8 a.m. at Town Hall to further discuss a solution.

Deborah- at Fuller Ave. asked what the decibel level would be. The decibel level will be regulated, and TA will discuss mitigation for noise.

Motion to continue hearing to September 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben all Board members were unanimously in favor.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

Report from Swampscott Fire Department on New Pumper Selection Process

Chief Breen and Captain Archer gave a presentation on the apparatus selection process.

Captain Archer worked on putting together the presentation and spoke.

Committee was put together to see what they would like to be see on this new piece of equipment and that was presented.

Gave a list of what the new truck should have.

Replacing Engine 21 and 22. Engine 22 is being retired.

The presentation included specifications of the new truck and how they came to recommend the Seagrave Truck.

All Board members asked questions regarding the purchase of the new truck, specification and final cost.

Chief Breen's recommendation is to purchase the Seagrave at the cost of \$645,000.00

The truck may represent Big Blue in the color. Still considering.

Selectmen Spellios made a motion to have the Town Administrator finalize the purchase of the Fire Pumper Truck consistent with the presentation, motion was seconded by Selectmen Spathanas and all Board members were unanimously in favor.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

Selectmen Hause made a motion to approve to disband the Communications Committee

And approve the Draft Meeting Minutes from June 6 and June 19, 2019. Motion approved by Selectmen Spathanas and seconded by Selectman Hause all Board of Selectmen were unanimously in favor.

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

SELECTMEN'S TIMES

Selectmen Dreeben spoke regarding the up and coming appointment of Boards and Committees. Ana and Selectmen Dreeben have been refining the process.

Selectmen gave a reminder that if there are openings on your committee to send along those recommendations.

Read a letter from Cherry Street on upkeep of housing authority property- looking kind of scrappy. Town Administrator reached out to Gino and the Executive director of housing authority. Landscaping equipment was non-operational, but is now repaired.

Selectmen Dreeben gave a recommendation to Honor Milton Fistel who was a member of quite a few committees and a great contributor to town government.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:40 by Selectman Hause and second by Selectman Spathanas; all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

