

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Patrick Jones, Peter Spellios, and Interim Town Administrator, Gino Cresta.

Selectman Hause wished his son Andrew a Happy 10th Birthday.

Open discussion on appointments & re-appointments to the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Selectman Spellios spoke on the many items being done through the hard work of the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Board. Selectman Spellios commented that this Board has had many recent volunteers applying and showing a great interest in serving on this Board than any other Board or Committee in Town.

Selectman Spellios opened the discussion and presented his recommendations for appointments and spoke on having new applicants on the Board that have not served on any committees, new ideas, different and newer backgrounds.

Selectman Spellios recommended the following names for new appointments to the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Board, Ryan Patz, Mark Wolinski and Ulf Westhaven, Selectman Spellios briefly spoke on each applicant.

*Selectman Spellios recommended the following for re-appointments:
Jackson Schultz, Mounzer Aylouche, Milton Fistel, Glenn Kessler, Jacqueline Kinney, Neil Rossman .*

Selectman Spathanas questioned why the re-appointments were for 6 members out of the 7 currently on the Board. Selectman Spathanas questioned why member MaryEllen Fletcher was not recommended for re-appointment.

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the conflicts of interest she believes with any Board members being on a committee that financially can affect that committee. Selectman Dreeben recognized Mary Ellen Fletcher but still concerned with her as a member of the Finance Committee.

Selectman Spellios commented it has nothing to do personally with the person and is should not come across as negative, being on the Finance Committee as a member in his opinion is a conflict of interest when the Finance Committee is the body approving funding for Board and Committees.

Selectman Spathanas questioned why Mary Ellen Fletcher was appointed to the Finance Committee by the Town Moderator after she was already a member of the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee and why is there a conflict now.

Selectman Spathanas believes that this will be viewed personally by member Mary Ellen Fletcher.

Resident and member of the Harbor Advisory and Waterfront Committee Glenn Kessler spoke on behalf of Mary Ellen Fletcher as a member of the same committee. Mr. Kessler stated that Ms. Fletcher has done many positive things on the committee, researches everything, gets things done, and is a quality individual. Mr. Kessler questioned her appointment by the Town Moderator to the Finance Committee if it was a conflict.

Selectman Jones suggested that a member of the Finance Committee and or any Board can recuse them from a financial vote if it has to do with a Board or Committee they are a member of.

Vote of the Board:

- 1. The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to recommend that the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Board increase their membership from seven (7) to nine (9) members including one (1) ex-officio member, seconded by Selectman Jones.*
- 2. The Board voted 3 to 2 in favor of on a motion by Selectman Spellios to re-appoint the following members to the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee, Jackson Schultz, Mounzer Aylouche, Milton Fistel, Glenn Kessler, Jacqueline Kinney, Neil Rossman, terms to expire June 30, 2017, seconded by Selectman Hause. Selectman Jones and Selectman Spathanas opposed the motion.*
- 3. The Board voted unanimously in favor on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Ryan Patz, Mark Wolinski and Ulf Westhaven as new members to the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectman Hause.*

New & Old Business:

Chairman Dreeben spoke on a grant that had been started with the Seaport Economic Council regarding a \$50K grant to the Town as it would be a matching grant. This is a 20% matching grant and the match can be in kind services. Selectman Dreeben commented the Town is still able to receive this grant as an extension has been given to the Town.

Chairman Dreeben would like to continue the work on the Seaport Economic Council Grant and suggested having one person be the point person to organize and keep track of grants that have been applied for, possibly someone at Town Hall as a liaison to speak on policies on grant applications.

Selectman Jones spoke of an afternoon of movie music that will be held on February 12, 2017, at the Swampscott High School from 3-4:30PM sponsored by the Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Selectman Spellios and Selectman Hause, spoke on a recent meeting with the Sisters of Mercy / Marian Court along with Pete Kane, Town Planner and Gino Cresta, Interim Town Administrator on the future use and plans of their property including the previous agreement being no longer valid. Brainstorming ideas, interest of the Town, Historical significant were all topics spoken of.

Town Administrator's Report:

Gino Cresta, Interim Town Administrator spoke on the following:

- *New Town LED lights almost completed / some light shields need to be added.*
- *Complete Street Policy-Pete Kane, Town Planner was recognized.*
- *B'nai Birth closer to going before the ZBA –Will be meeting with neighbors soon at a future meeting.*

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to adjourn meeting, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Adjournment:

True Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Administrative Assistant*