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BOARD OF SELECTMENS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Called to Order: A meeting of the Swampscott Board of Selectman was held at the Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street, Swampscott, Mass at 7:00P.M.

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Selectman John Callahan, Matthew Strauss, Peter Spellios, and Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator.

Resident Comment:

Resident and Chairman of the Historical Commission , Sue Munafo spoke on a having a meeting together with various Boards and Commissions for a shared vision or an understanding regarding the Marian Court property. Selectman Callahan as the Liaison to the Historical Commission agrees with collaborating with Boards and Committee on the above matter relating to Marian Court.

Open Discussion:

Chairman Linso van der Burg of the Swampscott Finance Committee spoke on the FY17 budget parameters / spoke on improvements/ expectations /new growth/ debt service and free cash, investment in technology and capital investments.

Selectman Spellios would like to spend some time and shed some light at Town Meeting regarding the budget process. Chairman Linso van der Burg agrees to educate regarding the budget at Town Meeting.

Mr. Thomas Younger will attend a future Finance Committee meeting and will speak on his goals on reduction of taxes, new growth, debit service and free cash.

Historical Commission appointments & re-appointment dialogue.

An open discussion took place on future appointments including resident and non-resident appointments. Sue Munafo, Chairman of the Historical Commission gave the Board an update of all current members. Ms. Munof spoke on new applicants interested in serving on the Historical Commission.

Ms. Munafo spoke on the reappointment of member Jean Reardon and stated she expressed no interest in being appointed per her remembrance of a conversation at the end of a previous Historical Commission meeting. Selectman Spellios questioned that conversation from his point and suggested that Jean Reardon be contacted for further clarification on being re-appointed.

Discussion on volunteers that are not from the Town with Selectman Spellios commenting that zip codes matter and would request that the Town re-double their efforts for volunteers being filled by Town residents with no disrespect for the current applicants.;

New & Old Business:

Selectman Strauss spoke on the member on the Council on Aging and questioned whether it was 7 or 9 members.

Selectman Spellios stated the Municipal Design Committee will have a timeline for DPW Director, Gino Cresta.

Appointment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Callahan to appoint Benjamin Franklin, to the Historic District Study Committee, seconded by Selectman Strauss.

The Board voted unanimously on the recommendation of Selectman Spellios to appoint Mark Routzohn, Scott Faulkner, Sean Quirk, and Robert Pasersky, and John Tripp to the Artificial al Field Turf Construction Advisory subcommittee, seconded by Selectman Strauss.

Town Administrator's Report:

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator spoke on the following items:

- *Building permit fees*
- *Harbor and Finance meeting next week.*
- *Treasurer's Office-turn over forms.*
- *Regionalization meeting with Salem regarding the Veterans Agent.*
- *Towns Twitter Page and Public Information.*

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Spellios recognized and thanked Helen Kennedy who had worked for many years as the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals secretary who recently moved to another community, Selectman Spellios wished her well for the future.

Selectman Dreeben mentioned an upcoming annual meeting of the MMA (Mass municipal Association) to be held on January 22, 2016.

Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Strauss to adjourn the meeting seconded by Selectman Spellios.

By Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Board of Selectman*