

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Pat Jones, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Thomas G. Younger .

Resident Comment:

Resident Tonia Bandrowicz, 34 Bayview Drive, Swampscott, Ma spoke on a water main situation with whom she recently met with DPW Director, Gino Cresta, Selectman Dreeben, Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator regarding water main replacements –thanked all the officials in working together for a solution.

Mr. Glen Schenebeck , 100 Bay View Drive, Swampscott, Mass was appreciative of all the work that had been done regarding the replacements of water mains and hydrants and commented of the amount of DPW Staff that the Town has currently and if that amount is adequate for all the Town's needs.

Presentation:

Selectman Spathanas presented plaques to Lee Eric Freedman and Camryn Cotter for the adult and young students Poet Laureate Awards.

Discussion/Greenwood Avenue Discussion:

Selectman Dreeben and Selectman Spellios spoke of an open meeting that had recently taken place on the Draft RFP for the Greenwood Avenue property. The meeting opened up the dialogue from residents on their suggestions and concerns, design guidelines were spoken of, touched based with every comment that was spoken of, transparency was appreciated by all of the neighbors.

Selectman Dreeben stated that once all RFP responses are returned members of the Board will meet again with the neighbors.

October 17, 2016 is the due date for submission.

Selectman Jones inquired if the time line is order.

Submitting a checklist was discussed.

Selectman Spellios commented that the level of details is more now than before and suggested that a checklist can be asked during the RFP submissions.

Resident Connie Goudreau asked what happens next with the neighbors-Selectman Dreeben responded that once the RFP responses are back she will share with the neighbors.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve the Draft RFP for the Greenwood Avenue property, seconded by Selectman Jones.

Appointments:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to re-appoint Justina Oliver for a term to end in 2019, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to re-appoint Richard Smith for a term to end in 2018, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint William Travascio to the Historical Commission with a term to expire in 2019, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Paula Pierce to the Historical Commission with a term to expire in 2019, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Appointment / Discussion:

Selectman Dreeben spoke of her appreciation to all the people that volunteer.

A suggestion was made regarding re-appointments to the Harbor Waterfront Advisory Board to look over each application again –Selectman Spellios questioned the reason for going through this practice when it had been the Committees Liaisons who made the recommendation-It was spoken by Selectman Dreeben that implementing a change of recommendations was requested by the Harbor Advisory Chair. Selectman Spellios commented that he believes the Liaisons recommendations work well and feels the Board should be trusting the recommendation of the liaisons.

New & Old Business:

Selectman Dreeben spoke to the Board and asked for Liaison updates to the Committees they are assigned to. Selectman Dreeben has been working with the Housing Director on available housing here in Town.

Selectman Spathanas spoke as the Liaison to the Disability Committee who is working on accessible education and working on how things affect all areas. Selectman Spathanas recognized the Recreation Department for working with the Disability Committee regarding the Farmers Market accessibility.

Selectman Spellios spoke of the recent situation with the Hiltz Trash Company who suddenly stopped service to the Town and asked how the Town got to this situation and how going forward are we going to be prepared. Mr. Younger spoke in a lapse of bonds and stated that each Department should be handles to track of their own bonding.

Selectman Jones spoke as the Liaison of the Athletic Field Advisory Committee on a recent field trip with Chris Hunter to look at artificial fields in other communities.

Selectman Hause spoke as the Liaison to the Historical Commission regarding permits for 57 Rockland Street in the process of trying to work things out with the possibility of a bylaw change in the future.

Selectman Spellios spoke as the liaison to the Municipal Design Committee and Conservation Committee which are working together on the Fisherman's Beach Entrance

Selectman Spellios spoke of two openings for members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and welcomed applicants.

Town Administrator's Report:

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

- *Trash Contract.*
- *Time line for special town meeting if needed / Selectman Spellios asked why we would need to have a Special Town Meeting.*
- *Small bridge repair funding –did not receive*
- *Shredding Company to be here on September 12, 2016.*
- *Upcoming Financial Meeting/ access's overlay accounts*

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jones to approve meeting minutes from June 29, 2016 and August 17, 2016, seconded Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jones to approve a gift in the amount of \$25K as part of the land court decision for 443 Essex Street, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion from Selectman Hause to approve the following meeting dates for the Board of Selectman as September 13, 2016, September 21, 2016, October 5, 2016, October 19, 2016, November 2, 2016, November 16, 2016, December 7, 2016 and December, 21, 2016. seconded by Selectman Jones.

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the recent passing of resident Mr. Eugene Bardon, and spoke of his commitment to the community and to the many Boards and committee's he has served on over many years, sympathy to his family were given. .

Selectman Patrick Jones spoke on Mr. Eugene Bardon's passing with whom he worked with on the Planning Board and stated he was a calm and stoic man who would be missed.

Executive Session.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spellios to go into executive session M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21 (2) –To conduct strategy sessions in preparing for negotiations with non-union personnel, and /or to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel– Town Administrator; Acting Town Administrator, seconded by Selectman Spathanas. Roll call vote was taken. The Board will not be returning to open session.

Adjournment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jones to adjourn meeting at 9:00PM prior to entering executive session, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

True Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Administrative Assistant*