

SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Peter Spellios, Selectman Naomi Dreeben, Selectman Laura Spathanas, Selectman, Don Hause, Selectman Polly Titcomb, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald, DPW Director, Gino Cresta, Community Development Director, Marzie Galazka, and Town Accountant Cheryl Stella.

Welcome Girl Scout Troop/ Citation / Bronze Award.

Girl Scouts Troop 69015 were in attendance and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Dreeben presented a citation to Juliette Hale, Hazel Hitchcock, Evelyn Miller, Scout Myersmith and Eleanor Swirski for their achievement of receiving the Bronze Awards.

Resident Comment:

Resident Mr. Neil Donnenfeld spoke on the topic of noise. Mr. Donnenfeld is hearing and noise impaired and resides on Humphrey Street. Mr. Donnenfeld has been studying noise ordinances in other communities, noise is painful, indoor and outdoor noise, noise made from motorcycles, goal is to regulate unwanted noise, easy to enforce these regulations-many other communities have achieved this, quality of life officer to assist in many issues which would unburden local police departments.

Selectman Spellios commented that the Board owed Mr. Rosenfield a response, the Board is not prepared to address this tonight, however, should advance the conversation, The Board would like to bring you back and possible set up a working group on this topic.

Resident John Feehan, 34 Puritan Road was there to comment on the Liquor License hearing that was scheduled, Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald explained that the applicant had recently withdrew his application, but the Board was required to open and close the Public Hearing.

Presentations:

The Historical Commission Chair, Justina Oliver presented the 2018 Preservation Awards to the following homes.

- 84 Banks Road -Olmstead District
- 21 Banks Road
- 32 Ross Road

The Historical Commission spoke on their 2018/2019 Goals & Task.

The Board voted to open the public hearing on a motion by Selectman Dreeben for an application for an Earth Removal Permit- Annual Permit from Aggregate Industries-Northeast Region, Inc, from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

- ERAC Chair Member John Picariello spoke on the following and gave slide presentation:
- History of past permits.
- Application process.
- Annual permit overview was discussed.
- ERAC's review with Aggregate Industries.
- Town Departments review.
- Hours of operation.
- Permit terms & conditions were discussed
- Street sweeping.
- Dust and Noise & Seismographic Reports.

- Monthly water discharge reports, fences, repairs.
- Trucks and assess road.
- Hours of operation have decreased during the nighttime for the summer months Memorial Day to Labor Day-Neighborhood quite time.
- Future Closure plan -30-50 years away.
- Next steps were discussed..
- Shelf area increase.
- Map of proposed excavation area for the upcoming year was displayed-leading to the Danvers road
- Increasing depth of the quarry from 190 down to 220
- ERAC recommends approval by the Select Board to approve this annual permit for July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Permit is not transferable

Attorney Chris Drucas representing Aggregate Industries and Quarry Managers Kurt Hines and Essam Kayden spoke briefly on improvements that been made over the years, commented it has been a rewarding experience working with Aggregate Industries over the years, closure of the plant in the future.

Discussion / Comments:

Selectman Dreeben asked about the machinery be moved inside the quarry, suggested it be moved away from the residents and their homes-Attorney Chris Drucas mentioned with the machinery being moved it would be quieter.

Selectman Spathanas asked if there were any specific changes to the permit from prior year and of the future permit for closing the plant and of a scope at the bottom of the timeline for closing.

Selectman Titcomb inquired about part of the permit regarding water ways. Attorney Chris Drucas explained.

It was mentioned that Chief Ron Madigan from the Swampscott Police Department did look at the traffic flow.

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator mentioned there was one complaint in the past year he had received from a resident.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to close the public hearing seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Dreeben to approve the draft permit as submitted with a wait time on twenty-one days before issuing seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Re-organization Vote:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Selectman Spellios as Chairman to the Board of Selectman and to appoint Selectman Dreeben as Vice Chair to the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald spoke on the following:

Changes are happening with the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission -T own concerned funding would end with a deficit due to a closing of a Garelick Farms in the City of Lynn.

FY 2019 additional cost will not know until September 2019, that amount could be in the amount \$100,00.00.

- ❖ Looked at 5 Year history
- ❖ Tri-mester bills were looked at
- ❖ Swampscott 5 years of Lynn Water and Sewer payments.
- ❖ 4% higher -additional info not communicated
- ❖ FY19 & FY20 sewer budget was discussed
- ❖ Good repair of the plant / capital requirement for treatment plant
- ❖ Lynn Water and Sewer agreement was briefly discussed
- ❖ Capital needs -treatment needs-fall pipe in Lynn harbor
- ❖ Timeline was discussed
- ❖ Did not see this coming / become more familiar with rates
- ❖ Town sewer rates are low compared to other communities.
- ❖ Likely going to have to increase our rates to cover this lost.
- ❖ Increase will be more manageable
- ❖ Requested monthly bills from the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

Discussion of Waste Management / Recycling Services & Budget discussion:

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald suggested the Town have a goal in reducing the Towns overall waste numbers.

Residential pickups -Swampscott generates more waste than other surrounding communities

Cost are going to increase -need to be thinking about reducing these costs.

Possible 32-barrel limit, Organic solid waste-only suggestions.

Trying to find the right fit, more environmental responsible including the Towns financing

Weekly recycling is expensive -can we afford every week -need to evaluate options -short and long terms solutions/goals.

Waste Management will be re-visited at a future meeting of the Board.

Selectman Spellios suggested a new Ad Hoc Advisory Committee -Selectman Titcomb agreed to lead this committee.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint members to a newly formed Ad Hoc nine (9) member Advisory Committee with member from the Board of Health, DPW Director, Community Development Director, Assistant Town Administrator, Finance Committee member, and three (3) residents, seconded by Selectman Dreeben.

Fiscal 2019 Year Ending forecast & Transfer: Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator spoke on the following:

- Working with all Department Heads / Request approval of any spending over \$300.00
- Concerns not to overspend
- Goal is to have a comfortable surplus at the end of 2019.
- Less than \$400K request for a transfer -less than year before.
- Cost that are impacting the Town -\$85K over in solid waste budget this year
- End year under budget – makes some line item transfer -at the end of the year
- Vote to transfer in the line items recommended by the Town Account on a memo dated June 18, 2019 as submitted and approved by the Swampscott Finance Committee.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Dreeben to approve the transfer in the amount of \$392,487.00, as recommended by the Town Administrator and Town Accountant in a memo dated June 14, 2019, seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

Consent Votes of the Board

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause and seconded by Selectman Titcomb to approve the following consent items for approval.

Approval of meeting minutes from April 24, 2019, May 21, 2019

Approval of a vendor permit for the 4th of July festivities to be used on July 3, 2019 Vendor name Penne Fuller/ Ken Batastini for 2 carts to sell 4th of July items

Approval of a 1-day Beer, Hard Cider and Wine license by Bent Water Brewing Company at Fisherman's Beach on July 20, 2019 from 12:00 p.m.-10:00 PM.

Approval to change of the officers and directors at UNOS Restaurants, LLC

Approval to approve a 1- day Beer and Wine license for Why Not Fishing to be used at the Harbor Festival on June 22, 2019 from the hours of 4-6 p.m.

Approval to approve a one-day Wine license for Alfalfa Farm Winery for the Swampscott Farmer's Market for the following dates June 23 & 30 July 7 & 14 & 21 & 28 August 4 & 11 & 18 & 25 September 8 & 15 & 22 & 29 October 6 & 13 & 20 & 27 November 24

Approval of a one-day Beer and Wine license for Miramar Print Lab on June 29, 2019 6- 9 p.m., July 27, 2019 6-9 p.m. and August 17, 2019 6-9 p.m.

Select Board as Town Liaisons / Facilitators to the following Boards:

Selectman Dreeben -Board of Health, Council on Aging, Affordable Housing Trust (member) Planning Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee and Cultural Council.

Selectman Spellios- Finance Committee, Article 6 Committee, Historic District, Historical Commission, Rail Trail Design and Construction Committee, Conservation Commission.

Selectman Titcomb-Andrews Chapel & Renewable Energy Committee, Board of Assessors, Recreation and Open Space Committee, State Representative committee, housing authority representative

Selectman Hause-Retirement Board, Capital Improvements, Zoning Board of Appeals, Athletic Field Advisory Committee, Veterans Agent, Harbor and waterfront Advisory Committee.

Selectman Spathanas-Earth Removal Advisory Committee, School Building Committee, Recreation & Open Space, Conservation Commission, Rail Trail Design and Construction Committee.

Personnel Director Julie Dilisio - Disability Commission

Appointments to the following Board and Committees:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint to the War Memorial Scholarship Committee Martha Brine as a member, Doug Maitland as ex-officio, Duncan Maitland as Ex-Officio to a term of three (3) years, seconded by Selectman Dreeben.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Dreeben to appoint Mary Cobbett, Judith Cyr, Norma Freedman, to the Council on Aging for a term of three (3) year Seconded by Selectman Hause.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Nicolas Scibelli, Tara Gallagher, for a term of three years (3)-year term to the Renewable Energy Committee seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint to the Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee Jackson Schultz, Mark Wolinski, Ulf Westhoven, Larry Sweazy, Steven Speranza, and Amy Powell to a term of two (2) years, seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Carolina Velasquez, Katherine Curley-Katzman, to the Recreation Commission to a three (3) year term seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint to the Conservation Commission Monica Lagerquist and Monica Tamborini to a three (3) year term, seconded by Selectman Spathanas

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Dreeben to appoint Marc Kornitsky as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term, Associate Member Heather Roman for a two (2) year term seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Titcomb to appoint Ralph Souppa, Mary Ann O'Neil, and Alexi Runstadler to a two (2) year term to the Rail Trail Design and Construction Advisory Committee seconded by Selectman Dreeben.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Dreeben to appoint Tonia Bandrowicz for a one (1) year & Gary Barden for a three (3) year to the Earth Removal Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectman Hause.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to appoint Anne Quagrello and Gina Bush to Andrew's Chapel Committee for a three (3) year term, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Kim Martin-Epstein as Chairman to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term of (2) years, Joan Honig for a two (2) year term, and Naomi Dreeben to a term of one (1) year, seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Kimberly Martin-Epstein as Chairman of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term of two years (2 Years, seconded by Selectman Titcomb.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Titcomb to appoint Deb Newman to the Commission on Disabilities for a term of three (3) years, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Titcomb to appoint Tania Lillak to the Open Space and Recreation Committee for a three (3) -year term seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Titcomb to appoint Sara Hepburn to the Open Space and Recreation Committee for term of three (3) years seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Norma Freedman, Mary Cobbett and Judith Cyr to the Council on Aging for a term of three (3) seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Spathanas spoke on the first Annual Women's Forum that recently took place in Town at the Reach Arts Center. Selectman Spathanas thanked Reach Arts for their involvement in this event.

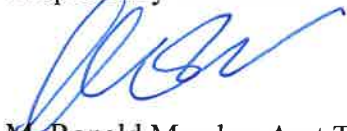
Town Administrator's Report:

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald spoke on the hanging of the LGBTQ Pride Flag that is now hanging at the Swampscott Town Hall and at the Swampscott Police Department.

Adjournment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to enter into executive session under exemption three of the open meeting laws seconded by Selectman Titcomb. The Board will not be returning to open session. Roll call vote was taken.

Respectfully Submitted



M. Ronald Mendes, Asst Town Administrator, Admin. & Finance

APPROVED by the Select Board 11/06/2019