

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 2, 2019 held in Room B-129, Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street, Swampscott, MA

Members Present: Spellios (Chair), Dreeben, Titcomb, Hause

Members Absent: Spathanas

Other Town Officials Present: Sean Fitzgerald (Town Administrator), Gino Cresta, (Asst Town Administrator/DPW Director), Marzie Galazka (Director of Community Development), Molly O'Connell (Senior Planner); Max Kasper (Building Inspector)

Mr. Spellios called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on Small Cell Wireless Telecommunications Equipment / will be discussed on the 10/17/2019 Select Board agenda.

Mr. Spellios reminded residents to attend two upcoming public meetings on the Draft Swampscott Harbor and Waterfront Plans to be held at the Swampscott High School on October 3rd & October 16th, 2019 in room B-129 from 7-P.M.

Resident Comment: Nicole Dooley of Puritan Road spoke of the upcoming Swampscott Harbor and Waterfront meeting and stated she thinks that meeting will be awesome, is encouraged to attend and invited everyone to attend, thinks it is a good plan to bring more businesses to the waterfront, younger generation possibly from Boston to Swampscott.

Ms. Galazka, Town Planner, Ms. O'Connell, and Mr. Kasper spoke on an Overview of Recreational Marijuana Regulations with the following Recommendations and Limitations:

Buffer Zone discussion; State recommendations; Host Agreement needs to be part of the process / Host Agreement can be tailored; Additions can be added to the host agreement---baseline conditions; City of Lynn has decreased their buffer zone; City of Salem increased their buffer zone; Overlay maps are an option for the Town; Limited to commercial area; Visual on where sites could be located; Spoke of day cares, schools and church location and process was discussed; Community meeting is a must/ requirement from applicant; Create a review team with department staff included; Applicant cannot go forward until the host community is agreed on; Does not supersede any other Town permitting process.

Staff Recommendations: Review the process going forward; Business plans and security plan; Background checks, financing capability of the applicant; Limit retail establishments to two (2); Looking into any Zoning Changes; Public Health Department involved; Public safety training; Communication between Safety Departments needs to be clear.

Mr. Spellios asked if time was being spent looking over the draft RFI-Office of Community is in the process of looking these over. Mr. Spellios would like to be able tour some of these businesses already operating. Community Development Department is reviewing the RFI. Possible implantation of a Social Equity -Town taking into consideration. Time was discussed, back before the Board within the next two weeks. Two reading rules implemented by Selectman Spellios

Trisha Malphrus spoke on a previous vote at Town Meeting for medical marijuana in 2015, questioned if medical and recreation would need to have a bylaw change in Town Medical Marijuana is only approved for now in the Town for industrial areas only.

Resident Ted Dooley questioned what would happen after the five-year host agreement was over and a new school potentially could be built, what would happen at that point relating to the 500 feet buffer zone near schools. Ms. Galazka commented that after the host agreement expires a new agreement would have to be renegotiated.

The discussion turned to status of recent capital projects:

Bathhouse projects ADA accessible project-will be pulling those designs together. Mr. Spellios suggested the office of Community Development plays a role in this project.

Beach Entrances upgrades -Whales Beach, Eismen's Beach and New Ocean house Beach. Sandy Beach / Cassidy Beach Phillips Beach / was mentioned. Preston beach entrance was mentioned. Ms. Titcomb questioned are any going to be handicapped assessable -The Design for Phillips Beach will be handicapped assessable per Mr. Cresta.

Streetlights phase three / phase two completed / phase one completed / order of remaining lights by the end of this month to be installed in the spring.

Sidewalks / snow tractor purchased and delivered /cost of \$39K.

Leaf Vacuum- postponed for another year -\$30K cost is higher than anticipated.

Infield green machine -park in breed -\$21K -has been ordered.

Electric charging stations -been ordered -Historic District Commission asked us to modify the location pole with a charger. They felt it is under their jurisdiction. New location did not delay the project - location was approved by all.

Electronic signage board-St John church location -signs will be ordered.

Mr. Spellios asked if anyone in Town wants to have an electronic car charger if they live in the Historic District they have to go before that Committee for this use.

Electrical Charging Station, Building Inspector Max Kasper working on.

Electronic advisory signs -\$4k each one / no longer need.

Sea wall repairs, Mr. Cresta is working with FEMA -any plans must go out to bid to do the work first not cosmetic. / with FEMA reimbursement will be able to do a lot more / we have to do the work and prove the damage was not cosmetic before funding is reimbursed

Pump Station Sewer station upgrade -already spent.

School projects tabled.

Town Hall upgrades to roof and masonry work -rubber roof-new upgrade on railing will need to be put out to bid.

Tactical Gear -Police & Fire Department.

Air lift bags request from Swampscott Fire Chief Breen.

Radio and ballistic vest have been ordered -will get update on radio from the Swampscott Police Department.

Purchase on one new police car -has been ordered.

Mr. Spellios spoke on Town vehicles that should be identified as Town Vehicle, creates a presence in the Town.

Windsor avenue playground update-waiting on estimates on pricing.

Workstation and servers' upgrades at the Library including laptops and phones.

Voting machines (new).

Pedestrian safety for Burpee Road improvements -a neighborhood meeting peter suggest -appropriated \$50K for improvements. Mr. Spellios does not want funding used for paving.

A neighborhood meeting by Mr. Spellios was suggested.

Discussion then turned to Select Board goals:

Mr. Spellios spoke on subject matters goals. Will continue at the next Select Board meeting.

Financial guideline update was given by Ms. Titcomb- No vote taken.

Mr. Spellios spoke on a suggestion of an RFI for the former Police Station on Burrill Street and to give the community a chance for suggestions.

Discussion turned to consideration of Consent Agenda:

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Hause; **SECOND** by Ms. Titcomb, is was **VOTED** to approve consent items except for approval of prior meeting minutes, which were held over to the next meeting.

Discussion then turned to Fall Town Meeting discussion / Open Warrant:

Article 2- Amendments to budget / 2020 Budget / revolving accounts / budget to reflect what was just approved at the same meeting midyear switch – (assuming the revolving account is approved) Mr. Spellios requested that Mr. Fitzgerald speak with the School Superintendent on this midyear switch.

Article 3-retained earnings for sewer

Article 4- any bills from prior fiscal year.

Article 5 School Department revolving account of the 2020 budget.

Article 5- transportation uber and lift -School Department

Article 6 & &7 free cash. (place holders)

Article 8-Roadway Payment-Sidewalk spreader /pedestrian safety

Article 9- Public Hearing notice -Affordable Housing correction.

There are minor financial changes in the budget due to unforeseen transfer of sewer funding and issues related to the Lynn Water and Sewer contract. There was a discussion on Capital Projects, Stacy Brook, on-going Kings Beach pollution, changes ahead for Solid Waste and Recycling, and issues surrounding invoicing of the Town of Nahant for tuition and issues around managing those funds.

Mr. Fitzgerald then stepped through his Town Administrator's Report and spoke on walking through the old police station building on Burrill street/ follow up with Aggregate Industries serious concerns with the blasting impact on the community and residents / blasting impact to the community-follow up meeting with Aggregate Industries to be held at the October 17, 2019 at the Select Board meeting.

Mr. Spellios requested that Aggregate Industries send the Board a copy of the e-mail list regarding blasting notifications that will be sent to the residents at least a week in advance of any blasting.

Settlement from a bankruptcy case regarding Hiltz Waste Disposal in the amount of \$110K settlement bankruptcy case -funds will be used in the future for waste removal in the future.

Selectman's Time:

Ms. Dreeben spoke on the recent Farmers Market that the Select Board attended, informal get together and commented that it is a great event -love to do this event again.

Mr. Spellios spoke on the Swampscott Public Library events, initiatives, library programs, parking, asked the Board for some help with assisting these initiatives put on by the Library, discussion in the future needs to advance.

Mr. Spellios inquired if the Board posted to reconstitute the Field Advisory Board, no shortage of good ideas from this Board.

Mr. Spellios spoke on the Tree Advisory Committee and requested the replacement of tress that had been removed need to be replacement a topic he would like to be added to a future agenda.

On **MOTION** by Mr. Hause, **SECOND** by Ms. Dreeben, it was **VOTED** to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Minutes APPROVED by vote of the Select Board 11/06/2019