

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 4, 2019 held in 1st Floor Conference Room, Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Ave.

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

Members Absent: Hause

Other Town Officials Present: Sean Fitzgerald (Town Administrator), Ronald Mendes (Asst Town Administrator/Admin & Finance), Gino Cresta (Asst Town Administrator/DPW Director), Kelley Stevens (Asst Engineer), John Picariello (Chair, Earth Removal Advisory Committee); Marianne Hartmann (Chair, Board of Health)

Others Present: Mercedes Balcells-Camps, John Lisa, Deb Newman, Melanie Flannery, Marianne Hartmann, Ana Lanzilli, Kathleen Tat, Alexander Greysukh, Matt Therkelsen, Elizabeth Rizzo Flanders

Mr. Spellios called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Several members of the public attended the meeting to address the board during public comments regarding the excessive blasting taking place at Aggregate Industries' quarry. The following is a synopsis of the public comments:

Residents spoke seeking support of the board regarding blasting at the Aggregate Industries' quarry. Blasts have been called in to Fire Dept. It was said that blasts are scary and unexpected and causing structural damage to homes, cosmetic damage and now dust is present both inside and outside homes in the area. The board was asked to address this situation.

Others spoke and reiterated the same concerns. Other residents said the blasts are disruptive and have caused damage to personal property. Some blasts are stronger, but they are very concerning and scary. One resident had a visitor that wasn't aware of the blasting and thought a bomb exploded.

Marianne Hartmann (39 Nichols St, Chair Board of Health) has had issues with Aggregate. They are sometimes responsive but recent blasts are stronger. She suggested installing seismographs to monitor the strength and effect of blasts in the area. She has worked with ERAC on these instruments in the past. She said neighbors can get advance notice of blasts from Aggregate if they call the company and register for a hotline.

Mr. Spellios acknowledged the presence of John Picariello, Chair of the Earth Removal Advisory Committee and his history in communicating effectively with Aggregate. He also acknowledged feeling blasts in his home on Outlook Road. He wants to see Aggregate's call list and wants to re-visit whether the Town can take over the notification process.

Ms. Dreeben wants to gain clarity on why there is such an added impact to the neighborhood. Is there something happening that is generating this heightened concern?

Mr. Spellios then asked if there were any further comments on this issue and there were none. He then said that the Board and the Town Administrator will take all this information and meet internally and with Aggregate to determine what needs to be done.

Mr. Spellios then asked if there were any additional public comments and George Potts (54 Aspen Rd) asked if there was any further information on a temporary skating rink. Mr. Spellios referred the question to the Town Administrator to speak with Mr. Potts at a later date.

Mr. Spellios asked if there were further public comments and there were none.

Mr. Spellios stated that the agenda item to appoint a new Town Accountant will be deferred at this point to a later date.

Mr. Spellios then asked if there were any questions for Mr. Cresta and Ms. Stevens on the proposed Stormwater Management Regulations. Ms. Titcomb asked if the proposed regulations were based on a best practice. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the proposed regulations came from Kleinfelder, who the Town has hired as a consultant in this matter and is based on standard MS4 best practices and is used in hundreds of communities across the country.

Ms. Titcomb also asked if the tasks outlined in the regulations are being performed now? Mr. Cresta answered that there are several parcels that are under the one (1) acre requirement stipulated in the proposed regulations that are following these procedures at this time based on conditions from Zoning Board of Appeals decisions.

Ms. Dreeben asked if there was a trigger in the building permitting process that would implicate the need for a review of compliance with these regulations and who is responsible for ensuring compliance. Mr. Cresta indicated that withholding of an occupancy permit would be an enforcement mechanism and indicated that the Building Department would be the "gate-keeper" in ensuring compliance.

Mr. Spellios expressed concern that the fees required under the regulations were minimal and likely don't cover the cost of administration of these regulations. He asked that this issue be revisited and possibly addressed with a revised fee schedule at a later date in the form of amendments to the regulations.

MOTION was made (Dreeben) to approve the Stormwater regulations as proposed and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) and it was **VOTED** (unanimous) to approve the Stormwater Rules and Regulations as proposed.

MOTION was made to approve the Consent Agenda item to appoint Jonathan Leamon of 8 Parsons Drive to the Historical Commission (Dreeben) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) and **VOTED** (unanimous).

There was then a discussion on Select Board goals for this fiscal year. Select Board suggested goals arranged by topics was previously distributed to the board members by Mr. Spellios. It was discussed that these would be goals that the board could accomplish as a group, ideally before annual town meeting in May 2020, and are not goals of individual members nor goals of the Town Administrator, which will be considered separately. The following is the list of goals arranged by topic:

1. Town Information / Resources:
 - Completion of Town Financial Guidelines
 - Town Committee Handbooks
 - Select Board Handbook
 - Resident Welcome Information/Package
 - Business Welcome Information/Package
 - Senior / Veteran Volunteer Abatement Outreach
2. Economic Development
 - Parking (off-street and on-street)
 - Summertime Parklets for restaurants to offer outdoor seating during summer
 - Façade Improvement Program
 - Business outreach
 - Humphrey Street beautification

- Establishment of a Swampscott Business Council
- 3. Pedestrian / Bike Safety Improvements
 - Crosswalk enhancements
 - Sidewalk repair program
 - Neighborhood traffic issues
- 4. Key Properties
 - Train Station Ownership/Control
 - Former Police Station Reuse
 - DPW Reuse

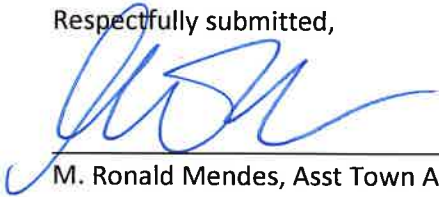
There was then a discussion about these topics, the categories of topics and some other topics that may either fall into the category of Town Administrator's goals, or individual Selectmen's goals.

Mr. Spellios then opened a discussion about the next meeting date and time and it was the consensus of the board that the next meeting will be held Tuesday Sept. 24th at Swampscott High School.

MOTION was made to adjourn (Dreeben) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) and it was **VOTED** (unanimous) to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Minutes APPROVED by vote of the Select Board 10/17/2019