

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Swampscott, MA 01907**

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Naomi Dreeben, Chair Peter Spellios, Vice Chair Pat Jones, Selectmen Don Hause, Selectmen Laura Spathanas, Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald,

Pledge of Allegiance 7:05 pm

Resident Comment:

Tom Pallaria -30 Stanwood Road addressed the Board regarding By-law Article V- section 13 under streets and sidewalks states- No person shall play with a ball or puck on the street- Mr. Pallaria is asking for the Board to sponsor an article for this year's Town meeting to change the language Mr. Pallaria also spoke in regard to the acquisition from National Grid of an easement within an abutting such a right of way that relates to the rail trail. Abutters hired legal representation and title research- and presented findings to National Grid. Mr. Pallaria voiced his concern if the Board takes a vote tonight it can be costly to the residents. Mr. Pallaria asked the Board to put off the vote tonight. Also asked to do the title research.

Presentation of the preliminary design for a public recreational path along the former railroad right of way between the present Swampscott train station and the Marblehead town line at Seaview Avenue, and possible vote on the acquisition from National Grid of easements within and abutting such right of way.

Ryan Connor gave an update on the progress of the Rail Trail

There are 7 committee members to the Rail Trail Design and Construction Advisory Committee

Discussed the various meetings the committee has had

Went through the Rail Trail dense design which had the Construction Easement, Trail shoulder, limit of work and the Rail Trail itself.

Mr. Connor reviewed the draft designs.

He discussed next steps which includes citizen feedback from the 5 public meeting they have had and refining the design.

Timeline- Preliminary design and then construction drawings and then a discussion of construction logistics which will come spring summer 2019.

Selectmen Spellios spoke about the RTDC wanting to hear from Residents and their feedback.

Over 100 changes made to the designs since the beginning.

Tonight's vote only relates to:

A portion of the easement from Stetson Avenue and Paradise Road

All of the temporary and permanent easements needed for the trail between Paradise Road and Walker road

A portion of the easement between Walker Road and Swampscott Middle School

And virtually all the easements needed from Swampscott Middle School through Humphrey Street

No action being taken tonight on any easement related to Humphrey Street to the Marblehead line

The Town will be communicating directly with residents on easement acquisition and process prior to the Board taking any vote to any of those properties.

Motion to enter public hearing- made by Selectmen Jones 2nd by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Motion to Table public hearing- made by Selectmen Hause 2nd by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Selectmen Dreeben- thanked the advisory trail for their hard work and notifying everyone about the meetings- appreciates the detail as a committee and coordination with the Town, group events, and working with Stantec, very productive process.

Motion made by Selectmen Jones for the Board Of Selectmen to adopt the order of taking to acquire Easements for Rail Trail Purposes on National Grid Property in the form presented and to award \$100.00 in damages for this acquisition- Selectmen Spathanas seconded the motion and all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Swampscott Fire Fighters Swearing In And Recognition – Chief Kevin Breen

Chief introduced himself and introduced each of the firefighters:

Justin Ramstine

Michael Salsgiver

Michael Lausier

Matthew Gambale

Sean McGovern

Captain Joseph Gambale

Lieutenant James Snow

All firefighters were sworn in by Chief Breen

All family members pinned their firefighter

Selectmen Spellios thanked the Firefighters and spoke on how the Chief always speaks highly about them.

Café Avellino Sole proprietor- looking to resume her liquor lic.and replace the brown bag License- with an all liquor license. A letter was read by Lisa Byrne supporting Café Avellino all alcohol license.

Café Avellino's Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9 am to 12:00 am Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Liquor lic. does not apply to outside

Selectmen Spathanas spoke in support to approve the license and congratulated the owner on her recent citizenship

A Motion was made to close the public hearing by Selectmen Spellios 2nd by Selectmen Dreeben All BOS members were unanimously in favor

A Motion was made by Selectmen Spathanas to approve the on-premise all alcohol restaurant all liquor license for Café Avellino at 242 Humphrey Street the motion was 2nd by Selectmen Dreeben All BOS members were unanimously in favor

Online Permitting Portal Demonstration- Max Kasper, Swampscott Building Inspector

Max Kasper spoke regarding the permit software and replacing the spreadsheet /paper base. Max went through the process online on how the portal works the buildout is still ongoing but will be online hopefully by next year.

Selectmen Jones asked if we could tie the address to the GIS and that if that is something, we can do in the future which can be done

Max confirmed that we own the data

Ana Lanzilli gave a presentation on the Adopt an Island program and revitalizing it for 2019. The program includes updates on guidelines, application, online accessibility to information and an island pageant. More information on the program can be found on the Town's Website.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda below by Selectmen Jones, 2nd by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2108, December 5, 2018 (revised), December 19, 2018 and January 9, 2019

Approval for a 1-day liquor license for an Evening of Wine Tasting for the Recreation Department on March 15, 2019

Approval of a door to door solicitation permit for Michael Tamberino of Comcast

Town Administrator gave a week in review along with department head updates.

Selectmen Spellios said he found the school dpt. very impressive on their budget and thanked them.

Town has been under 1% budget increase for the last 3 years

The budget will be presented on 2/27/19

Motion to adjourn by Selectmen Dreeben the motion was seconded by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

