

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 9, 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 7:11 p.m.

RESIDENT COMMENT:

Joe Douillette stated he is a starting Swampscott Blue Big Band. Anyone can join that has prior experience playing or is currently playing. First rehearsal is Tuesday 7-9 p.m. SHS

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE AND VOTE OF ENTERTAINMENT AND LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2019-

Selectmen Dreeben voiced her concern on St. John the Baptist regarding noise and crowdedness. Selectmen Spellios said there has been no specific registered complaints.

Motion made by Selectmen Dreeben to Approve Liquor Licenses for Mission on the Bay, VFW Post 1240, Cafe Avellino, UNO Chicago Grill, Mexicali Restaurant, G Restaurant, Nguyen's Restaurant, motion seconded by Selectmen Jones all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

Motion made by Selectmen Hause to Approve Entertainment Licenses for Mission on the Bay and VFW Post 1240 motion seconded by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

REVIEW OF TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE JAN. -MAY 2019

TA discussed finding time to present Capital projects to the Board. TM is scheduled for 5/20 and 5/21 2019. Meetings in future to address, warrant, budget and capital.

RECOMMNDATIONS FOR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS:

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS- ASSISTANT TA FOR OPERATIONS- GINO CRESTA
TREASURER/COLLECTOR- ASSISTANT TA FOR ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- RON MENDES
TOWN CLERK- SUE DUPLIN**

TA discussed how proud he is of all three of their work. He is happy they have decided to continue to carry on. TA spoke individually about each and their accomplishments. Spoke about their teamwork and collaboration. TA made a recommendation to extend their contract.

Selectmen Spellios spoke of the remarkable things that happen behind the scenes. He spoke highly of their work. He stated how grateful he is of what they have done and their commitment to stay with Swampscott. Selectmen Dreeben stated how delighted she is to extend a contract to them.

Selectmen Spathanas spoke of their work ethic and knowledge and what they each do to keep the Town running.

Selectmen Hause spoke of the services that residents expect and how they make sure that those services happen.

Selectmen Jones- Agreed with his fellow Selectmen.

Sue Duplin spoke about the huge responsibility in being the Town Clerk. She stated she takes pride in all she does and thanked everyone for giving her the honor of being Town Clerk.

Ron Mendes spoke about how great it is working with everyone and an honor. Thanked everyone.

Gino Cresta thanked everyone and the opportunity to work for the town. He said he enjoys going to his job every day.

Selectmen Jones made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Town Administrator and authorize a 3-year contract extension for Mr. Cresta as Asst. Town Administrator for Operations/DPW Director, Mr. Mendes as Asst. Town Administrator for Administration/ Town Treasurer, and Mrs. Duplin as Town Clerk and authorize the Town Administrator to conclude negotiations on contract language the motion was seconded by Selectmen Spathanas all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

Change of Manager for Chipotle

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2018 and December 8, 2018

A motion was made to approve all the above by Selectmen Spathanas and seconded by Selectmen Hause all BOS members were unanimously in favor.

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Town is working on a 40R initiative – Planning Board will have a Public meeting on January 17, 2019 to answer all questions you may have.

Spoke about the MBTA and possibly having the Town revisit purchasing it.

SELECTMEN'S TIME

Selectmen Dreeben stated a resident suggested banning plastic straws.

A meeting will be identified in March for any selectmen who wants to put any forward any articles.

Motion was made by Selectmen Spellios to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21(a) (2) – To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with non- union personnel or to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel – Community Development Director. Motion was approved by Selectmen Spathanas, Selectmen Jones, Selectmen Dreeben, Selectmen Hause.