

Swampscott Select Board Executive Session

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street, Room B129

Swampscott, MA 01907

7:00PM Public Meeting

9:00 PM Executive Session Meeting

Attendance: Naomi Dreeben (Chair), Laura Spathanas, (Vice Chair), Don Hause, Patrick Jones, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald, Town Counsel Darren Klein.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order: 9:00 PM

Town Administrator Fitzgerald updated the Board on collective bargaining strategies with regard to the Swampscott Police Union negotiations. The Town Administrator stepped through a list of detailed requests the Town has made of the union to control costs associated with the accrual of time for collective bargaining stipulations in the contract. Town Administrator Fitzgerald expressed optimism that while the bargaining was difficult, both sides have moved toward a position where demands are being discussed and analyzed more openly. TA Fitzgerald advised the board that these types of discussions can take time and Board Members discussed strategies for seeking consensus. Town Counsel Darren Klein provided the Board with a detailed overview of the police collective bargaining timeline.

The Select Board also discussed a number of updates regarding the Town's acquisition of easements relating to the rail trail development. A number of discussions were held regarding the process for easement acquisition related to numerous properties along the corridor. No action was taken by the Board.

True Attest:

Sean Fitzgerald *Town Administrator*