



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
SELECT BOARD REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2022
SWAMPSCOTT HIGH SCHOOL, 200 ESSEX STREET, ROOM B129

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Polly Titcomb (chair), Neal Duffy, David Grishman, Donald Hause & Peter Spellios

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator, Chief Ruben Quesada, Police Chief

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Kelly Kruger, One Supreme Court re: Making Supreme Court a public way. The Board agreed on March 13th to make Supreme Court a public way as long as three concerns were addressed: sidewalks, trees & lighting. Street lights have been replaced with energy efficient lighting; they met with Gino Cresta and decided that the best solution to fix the sidewalks and save the trees is to remove the bricks, loam & seed around the trees.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Swearing-in Ceremony was held for Police Chief Ruben Quesada.
- TA Fitzgerald thanked interim Police Chief Kurz for his service.
- Aggregate submitted their annual permit. TA Fitzgerald is working with them re: noise & the impact of blasting.
- TA Fitzgerald submitted a letter to the Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development re: creating affordable and inclusionary housing.
- There will be no solution to Kings Beach this coming season but TA Fitzgerald is hoping to have a proposal to Governor Baker in the next eight weeks.
- There are various DPW updates. All projects are moving along.
- There will be a viewing of a video program and reception at the Senior Center on Monday, 4/11, 11:00. Please let Heidi Whear know if you plan on attending as space is limited.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:

1. Swearing-in Ceremony: Chairperson Titcomb led the swearing-in of Police Chief Quesada. Board members thanked the Chief for his commitment to public service and public safety. Retired Police Chief Matigan was also recognized and thanked for his service. Chairperson Titcomb present the Oath of Office to Chief Quesada.
2. TA Fitzgerald introduced Jared LaLiberte as the new Town Clerk. Jared has an impressive resume, including previous government work and academic achievements. Jared has a passion for helping people and a commitment to supporting good government service.

Upon **MOTION**, duly made by Peter Spellios, seconded by David Grishman, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To approve Jared H. LaLiberte as the Town Clerk: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.

3. Review 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

TA Fitzgerald anticipates one or two additional articles for the April 12th meeting including a noise ordinance and another that Town Counsel is working on.

- a. Article 1: The Town Moderator was not present to give an update
- b. Article 2: Upon **MOTION**, duly made by David Grishman, seconded by Donald Hause, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To recommend favorable action on Article 2 – Approval of bills of prior fiscal years: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.
- c. Articles 3 - 6: No action taken. There was a discussion about retained earnings & reducing water and sewer rates (Articles 5 – 6)
- d. Article 7: Upon **MOTION**, duly made by David Grishman, seconded by Neal Duffy, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To recommend favorable action on Article 7 – Appropriation from Transportation Network Fund: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.
- e. Article 8: The School Dept. is seeking reimbursement for foster care activities. No action taken.
- f. Article 9: Upon **MOTION**, duly made by David Grishman, seconded by Donald Hause, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To recommend favorable action on Article 9 – General Bylaws Revolving Funds, with the caveat that TA Fitzgerald double checks with the Recreation Director: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.
- g. Articles 10 – 16: No action taken. Article 11 is waiting for numbers from the state; Article 13 – Zoning By-Law Amendment for Outdoor Seating is recommended by the Director of Community & Economic Development. There will be a presentation before the next Planning Board meeting.
- h. Article 17: Neal will have this completed by next week’s meeting. Thirty other communities have signed on & he hopes to have Town Meeting support before putting it into action next year. TA Fitzgerald stated that the Town is already making investments in climate action, that the Capital Plan and/or Debt Service Plan can support these initiatives.
- i. Article 18: TA Fitzgerald has attached a resolution for Indigenous Peoples Day. Upon **MOTION**, duly made by Donald Hause, seconded by David Grishman, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To recommend favorable action on Article 18 – Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.
- j. Articles 19 – 20 – Citizen’s Petitions: The Board would like to hear from both petitioners. They would like to see the current method of appointment and the recommended changes for Article 20.

4. The polling locations & ballot for the April 26, 2022 Town Election was reviewed and voted on in a previous meeting.

Upon **MOTION**, duly made by David Grishman, seconded by Donald Hause, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To allow the Town Administrator’s office to affix Select Board members signatures electronically on the Warrant: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.

5. Review of handbooks: Chairperson Titcomb would like to stay consistent with these and get them finalized before the end of her term in April. Neal discussed his changes to the Select Board Handbook which will be incorporated into it and resent to the Board for further review. TA Fitzgerald suggested one or two Board members get together and finalize all three documents.

VOTES OF THE BOARD/CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda and appointments of the Inaugural Tree Committee Members.

Upon **MOTION**, duly made by Donald Hause, seconded by David Grishman, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To appoint all members to the Inaugural Tree Committee: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.

SELECT BOARD TIME:

1. Neal Duffy: Nothing to add.

2. David Grishman: 1) Attended a site visit at 54 Foster/Archer. He recommends that residents email Marzie Galazka at mgalazka@swampscottma.gov with their questions and concerns; 2) He would like the Select Board to discuss the lease at Post 1240.
3. Donald Hause: There has been an uptick in the last few years of car accidents. He would like the town to do something, to show support for the young man who recently died in Marblehead. It seems teens/HS Seniors are falling into bad habits (texting while driving, driving impaired, speeding). TA Fitzgerald has spoken to both Chief Archer and Chief Quesada to ask that they help young citizens understand the dangers of driving while impaired or distracted.
4. Peter Spellios: Nothing to add.
5. Polly Titcomb: Next week's agenda should include: warrant review, handbook review, personnel updates and citizen petitioners presentations.

Upon **MOTION**, duly made by David Grishman, seconded by Donald Hause, it was unanimously **VOTED**: To adjourn at 8:32 p.m.: All in favor Yes. Any opposed No. Motion passes.

True Attest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Marchese". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Dianne Marchese, Executive Secretary to the Town Administrator & Select Board