



## **Town of Swampscott Select Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 30, 2021  
Swampscott High School - B129

### **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Spellos (Chair), Polly Titcomb, Neal Duffy, Don Hause

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Grishman

### **OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; Amy Sarro, Finance Director; Allie Fiske, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives; Marzie Galazka, Director of Community & Economic Development; Patrick Luddy, Town Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER EVENT**

The Town Administrator gave an update and commended a recent event wherein the Fire Department sprayed hoses for kids to keep them cool during hot weather.

### **MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Swampscott's Massport Advisory Committee Representative Alice Stein provided an update on a recent report from MIT regarding a potential flight path change. Ms. Stein shared information from the MIT report, including a chart that showed the change in flight arrival if this procedure would be implemented. The Arrival proposal will have a greater impact on noise in Swampscott. There is a beneficial impact on Lynn, which achieves the equity goal to disperse flights. Nahant will also have a noise impact. If there was only daytime use of the 22L runway, then the impact on Swampscott would be a little less dramatic.

Ms. Stein suggests that Swampscott oppose these changes and voice concerns. Feedback should be submitted as soon as possible. Two members will work with Sean on a response to have back to the Select Board by the end of July.

## **CALYX SITE REVIEW**

Prior to seeking approvals from Planning Board and Zoning Board, it was asked that Calyx go to Select Board with site plans. Previously Calyx Peak did provide preliminary plans. There was also feedback from the community at that time.

Representatives from Calyx walked through the site plans and focused on the Pine Street intersection. They highlighted that the loading area has been moved at the request of neighbors so there is no business activity proposed along Curry Circle.

Representatives from the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion were present to provide feedback and ask questions. The groups were encouraged by the changes and relationship with Calyx. There is still concerns about cutting corners in construction. A resident spoke with concerns about parking on Curry Circle and site lines. Residents requested they be alerted when these meetings occur.

On **MOTION** (Titcomb) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** to approve site plan subject to lease modification with terms agreeable to Veterans Center. All in favor

## **NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Chairperson Spellios briefly recapped previous conversations regarding funding of the new Elementary School.

Treasurer/Collector Patrick Luddy addressed the Select Board regarding 8 scenarios demonstrating reserves usage and Single Family Household Tax Impact. The favorable scenario references a 9% pull from reserves which results in a maximum Single Family Household Tax Impact of \$300.

## **TOWN MEETING & TOWN VOTE**

On **MOTION** (Hause) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** to establish Monday, September 13 for Town Meeting and approve Tuesday, October 19 as the date for the Town Wide Election for approval of debt exclusions. All in favor.

## **TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Community Development Director Marzie Galazka provided an overview of the past actions of the Traffic Study Advisory Committee. The Select Board expressed concerned that there has been little progress made and that the system of the TSAC may not be working. There was a recommendation that the Town produce a pedestrian and traffic safety masterplan. The Select Board determined that a Select Board Member should be a liaison and attend the meetings.

## **DISCUSSION OF YEAR END TRANSFERS**

Director of Finance & Administration Amy Sarro reviewed a General Fund Year-End Transfers spreadsheet. She highlighted some of the larger transfers, including the Employee Group Health Insurance cost, legal counsel, solid waste & rubbish removal, and signs. The transfers will need to be approved by the Finance Committee and returned to the Select Board for a vote in July.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Vote to approve meeting minutes from June 2, 2021 meetings
- Vote to approve One-Day Liquor License Application for Bent Water Brewing Co. for an event on July 31, 2021 from 3:00 – 10:00 PM at Fisherman’s Beach.
- Vote to approve Common Victualler License for Njord Haven Inc. located at 406-408 Humphrey St. Swampscott, MA 01907

On **MOTION** (Titcomb) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** by roll call to approve the consent agenda with changes as suggested by David Grishman.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

- COVID-19 update
- Human Resources Update
- Town Clerk
- Library Update
- Fireworks
- Senior Abatement Program
- Senior Center
- Walker Rd.
- State of the Region

## **SELECT BOARD UPDATE**

- Don Hause suggested that the Town adopt public safety polices for protests
- Peter and Polly attended a webinar bout public safety crisis intervention.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Tentatively next full-agenda meeting scheduled for July 21.

On **MOTION** (Titcomb) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

True Attest,

Allison Fiske

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Allie Fiske, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives

*Minutes APPROVED by vote of the Select Board 7/21/2021*