

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**JUNE 18, 2014**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade,  
Michael Brady, Gary Sagar

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, anybody recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording the meeting both audio and video.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE**

Mr. Almeida announced that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Energy Committee, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Property Tax Work Off Committee, Recycling Committee, Senior Center Building Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ms. Rogers explained that three appointments will be made at this meeting and she has talent bank forms that have to be reviewed for the next meeting.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

**Vote to Reappoint Special Police Officers, Matrons and Constables**

Mr. Cadime explained that he researched Mass. General Laws on appointments. There was a question whether appointments have to be made annually or every three years.

Chapter 41, Section 96, indicates that special officers can be appointed for one or three year terms. Our police officers also need to be reappointed that way. That applies to any town that is not under civil service. It has to be done going forward.

The collective bargaining agreement for special officers indicates they should be appointed annually upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Chief Mace felt it would be better to do it annually. He recommended the following appointments.

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A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint the following Constables for a one-year term:

Chief Craig Mace	Lt. Anthony Araujo	Sgt. David Enos
Capt. Frank John	Sgt. David Ciszkowski	Sgt. Christopher Kelly
Lt. David Dyson	Sgt. Matthew Jardin	
Lt. Michelle Hines	Sgt. Gerard LaFleur	

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was

**VOTED:** 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To appoint the following Matrons for a one-year term:

Myra Cavallaro	Sandra Phillips	Katelyn Butterworth
Lisa Parker	Katie Alves	

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Chairman Parker – Abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint the following Special Police Officers for a one-year term.

Anthony Azulay	Edward McDonald	Ronald Rickey
David Bourque	Gary McNally	James Roy
Ronald Charron	David Miller	Arthur St. Hilaire
William Dallaire	Jason O’Hara	Nancy Sheldon
Scott Dumond	Thomas Piquette	Dennis Smiley
Stephen Lucke		

Prior to the vote, Mr. Sagar asked the Chief if he had hired any special officers in recent years and did he intend to do so.

Chief Mace replied not now. He is trying to get through the full time positions. Special police officers have to go through the same testing as full time officers. He felt it’s working with the mutual aid for details.

### **Discussion on Senior Center Building Grant with Human Services Director Bernie Huck**

Mr. Cadime advised that Mrs. Huck and he met with Sharon Gay, who has been very successful in applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. It is a federal grant designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs.

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Seekonk is not an entitlement community because the population has to be 50,000. There are some scorings with regard to eligibility of grants. Seekonk's community needs score was 25. It goes up to around 150. There are two separate categories of competitive funding.

The CDF1 has about \$15.5M. Seekonk makes the cutoff and can decide to go into this category or CDF2. The funding is only \$2.7M annually and is for communities with lower statistical needs. These grants are highly competitive.

Mr. Cadime recommended the CDF2. It allows \$800,000 for a single activity. The Town could possibly have multiple activities or enter into a joint venture with another community and be eligible for \$900,000.

The grant process starts in February. The Town wouldn't be notified until August. Bids cannot be awarded until there is funding from the grant. That would mean 2016 unless it was done in phases. Approved plans would have to be in place.

Human Services Director Bernie Huck stated that the State wants to give grants to senior centers. Most communities already have centers. The Seekonk Senior Center provides services for all ages. She felt they meet the need.

Mr. Sagar said the project could be done by that time and possibly not get the grant.

Mrs. Huck suggested they start the project with the money they have and apply for the grant for the remainder of the project.

Mr. Sagar noted that Mr. Brady is a well-known and respected grant writer.

Mr. Brady asked if the money is just for the state or nationwide.

Mr. Cadime said it is federal money handed to the state.

Mr. Brady suggested they contact Rep. Kennedy for his support.

He noted that the costs will be higher by next August. He felt they should move forward with the plan right now. There could be a phase two.

Mr. Cadime said the cost of basic renovations to the first level of the building is \$1.6M.

Building Committee Chairman David Bowden stated that a RFP, an owners project manager, an architect and engineering have to come from whatever money they have right now. A RFP is necessary if the cost is more than \$1,499,000. He suggested "thinking outside the box" to save money.

Mr. Brady said he would be very happy if they didn't need any of the above.

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A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To direct the Town Administrator to pursue any grant opportunities available.

Mr. Almeida commended Mrs. Huck for looking out for the community.

Mrs. Huck said that incidents are happening at the Pleasant Street School where the center is located that never happened before. It is becoming more difficult to be there.

Mr. Cadime said he spoke to the Superintendent of Schools about setting up a meeting. She was in contact with the Director of the Collaborative. Mr. Lamoureux and Chief Mace will also attend the meeting.

Mr. Brady strongly recommended Mr. Cadime put that request in writing.

### **Vote to Reappoint to the Board of Health**

There was no action on a motion by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady (for discussion) to appoint Robert Costa to the Board of Health.

Mr. Brady expressed reservations about appointing a person to a board without knowing his feeling specifically with an issue that arose in the last six months with employees regarding who they answer to and the chain of command. He cannot vote to reappoint a person without knowing his point of view.

He added that the Board of Health is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and should reflect the interest of this Board.

Mr. Andrade asked if it would be out of line to ask those people how they feel.

Mr. Brady said he spoke to the Chairman of the Board of Health, who told him the Board would have supported Option 2.

Mr. Andrade said that should have been addressed at Town Meeting.

Mr. Almeida asked what would happen if an individual has a change of mind after being appointed.

Mr. Brady said he would move to rescind the appointment.

He emphasized he was not singling out this one individual.

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A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table the appointment of Robert Costa to the Board of Health and request that he attend the meeting of July 2, 2014.

**Vote to Reappoint to the Board of Registrars**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Frank Oliver to the Board of Registrars (3 year appointment).

**Vote to Reappoint to the Community Preservation Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Willit Mason to the Community Preservation Committee (3 year appointment).

**Vote to Reappoint to the Conservation Commission**

Mr. Sagar noted that Conservation Commission members voted to support the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Richard Wallace to the Conservation Commission (3 year appointment).

**Vote to Reappoint to the GATRA Advisory Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Bernadette Huck to the GATRA Advisory Board (1 year appointment).

Mr. Almeida said he has never seen a GATRA vehicle in Town.

**Vote to Reappoint to the Historical Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Eleanor Resnick to the Historical Commission (3 year term).

**Vote to Reappoint to the Human Services Council**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Beverly Dellagrotta and Guy Boulay to the Human Services Council (3 year term).

**Vote to Reappoint to the Taxation Aid Fund Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Jane Damiani to the Taxation Aid Fund Committee (3 year term).

**Vote to Reappoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To reappoint Keith Rondeau to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term).

**Update on Boards and Commissions and Pending Talent Bank Forms with Anne Rogers**

Ms. Rogers advised that vacancies exist on the Board of Health, Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Committee, Parks and Recreation and Zoning Board of Appeals. She has talent bank forms for Board of Health, Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Committee, and Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Cadime stated that he prepared a spreadsheet which shows all the committees, the appointing authority and the number of members. He couldn't find the number of members for the Economic Development Committee or Energy Committee. These committees currently have two members.

He needs direction as to the roles and responsibilities. He has had people approach him, particularly about energy.

Chairman Parker said the Energy Committee would deal with alternative energy in town buildings and explore solar farms.

Mr. Sagar noted that the open space committee hasn't met in years.

Chairman Parker will research the policies.

Mr. Cadime said eight talent bank forms were submitted for various boards. He felt the announcement at Town Meeting generated interest.

**Discussion with Anne Rogers with Respect to Mobile Food Carts and Request to Reconsider Past Two Applications:**  
**Kim Fagundes, Mobile Hot Dog Cart and Susanne Santos, Simply Yummie Catering**

Ms. Rogers explained this came up because this is the first year of the by-law. Mobile food trucks have come through the Board of Selectmen for approval. If not approved, those requests are not forwarded to the Board of Health. All license applications need to be signed off by department heads. The Police Department has to run fingerprints at a \$100 fee. The Health Agent has to inspect the carts.

In Massachusetts, a resident of a city or town can have a mobile food cart in another city or town. The applicant has to have signoffs from the Board of Health in both communities. The applicant pays for that process. These individuals have gone through all the requirements.

Kim Fagundes has a lease on a location to put her cart. Susanne Santos wants to do it at Sam's Club.

Ms. Rogers recommended the Board of Selectmen approve them. The permits are issued by the Board of Health because it is food.

Mr. Brady stated that the Board is not consistent. He felt the applicant should be referred to the Board of Health if all requirements are met.

Chairman Parker said the previous requests came from people who either purchased or rented land in town and pay taxes.

Mr. Sagar noted that Susanne Santos' request is for a specific seasonal event and weather permitting.

He invited Ms. Fagundes to open a store. He felt her request is very unfair to other businesses.

Mr. Andrade said the argument is more that the businesses in town have overhead that carts, trucks, etc. do not have and it has nothing to do with residence.

Mr. Almeida understood Mr. Brady's point. He said ice cream vendors are not all residents of Seekonk. He would abstain on this issue.

Mr. Andrade noted that Ms. Fagundes was going to set up on Rte. 44 near Chaddonay's, Toti's and other businesses.

Mr. Cadime said there needs to be consistency. Applicants that are event specific should be told not to waste their time and money to apply. There needs to be a definition as to what will be approved or not.

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Mr. Sagar noted that Ms. Fagundes was previously denied and Ms. Santos never came before the Board.

Mr. Brady suggested the bylaw should be amended.

There was no second to a motion by Mr. Brady to rescind the vote on Ms. Fagundes and approve Ms. Santos.

A motion by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Chairman Parker, was

**DEFEATED:** 2 Ayes; 3 Abstentions; To approve Ms. Santos' request because it was event specific.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Abstained, Mr. Andrade – Abstained; Mr. Brady – Abstained.

Mr. Brady advised he would be requesting to amend the by law in the fall.

### **Update and Discussion on Contract for ABC Disposal with DPW Superintendent**

Mr. Cadime said this has been one of the most frustrating processes to go through. At the last meeting, he advised that the contract was sent to Kopelman and Paige. They advised that the Board could not enter into a contract over ten years without going to Town Meeting. There were concerns. Mr. Cadime drafted an e-mail to Atty. Mark Reich with copies to the Board. It was very specific with regard to Chapter 40, Section 3. He questioned why it was allowed in the past. There was a five-year contract that did not go to Town Meeting and that is exempt from Chapter 30B. He also asked for language to suggest that the Board has authority to enter into a one-year contract.

The Charter indicates the Board of Selectmen has the ability to set policy and is the executive branch. Given that fact, Mr. Cadime recommended to award this contract on a ten-year basis as voted by the Board. He followed up by a phone call. Atty. Reich had talked to Atty. Joe Fair. At the end of the conversation, Atty. Reich agreed it was a policy decision, and he recommended to approve the contract at three years with two 3-year extensions. The language under Chapter 30B says the procurement officer cannot enter into a contract for more than three years including extensions.

Mr. Cadime questioned that.

He asked Atty. Reich to put his recommendations in writing. He got that on Monday, June 9. The response to back up what he basically said in an e mail is not to enter into a ten-year contract without Town Meeting approval.

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Mr. Cadime is concerned because the Board authorized ABC to move forward with the purchase of vehicles. He disagreed with Atty. Reich's opinion. There are many discrepancies. He is the procurement officer and did not enter into a ten-year contract. He is doing so based on the authority of this Board.

He would be comfortable and recommended to move forward with the ten-year contract. ABC is comfortable with language changes as long as it is a ten-year contract.

If the Board wanted to go with a five and five-year contract, that would require another vote.

Mr. Sagar said he voted against this but he does not agree with town counsel.

Mr. Brady said this was ratified when Town Meeting voted that budget.

Mr. Cadime noted there is a favorable nation clause in the contract.

Mr. Lamoureux said that some surrounding communities have ten-year contracts with ABC. Fairhaven has a 20-year contract.

Mr. Cadime will send out the contract with changes.

**Consider and Accept Request from DPW Superintendent for Road Improvements for the 2015 Construction Season**

Mr. Cadime advised the funding amount is \$581,000. Mr. Lamoureux prepared lists for FY'15 and FY'16 in the event it is the same amount of funding.

Mr. Lamoureux noted that he included a 1997 memo asking for \$850,000. The costs have nearly tripled yet the amount awarded is \$581,000.

Mr. Lamoureux stated there were 75 to 80 unaccepted roads over the past several years. As of last year, only the developments under construction are not accepted by the State.

The proposal for 2015 would be Chestnut Street, Lake Street from Lincoln St. to Rte. 44, Cross Street N.E., Apple Orchard Lane, Peep Toad Road, Peep Toad Court, and Hill Court.

He said there are many needs as far as road improvements. He is looking to do a road rating survey through SRPEDD.

He explained the chip seal process. It is supposed to give a 10-12 year life expectancy.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the 2015 road improvement plan.

**Consider Approval of WRRRP for Chapter 90 Project Request from DPW Superintendent**

Mr. Lamoureux advised the amount of additional money from the State is \$87,308. He will try to do \$2,500 ft. of Newman Avenue. He will encumber additional monies from this fiscal year to use toward this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Lamoureux, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the WRRRP for Chapter 90 project.

**Discuss and Award Bid for the Animal Shelter Roof with DPW Superintendent**

Mr. Cadime thanked Mr. Andrade for his assistance and expertise in this area. There might have been a moisture problem with that roof if not for him.

Mr. Lamoureux also thanked Mr. Andrade. Because of the information he got from Mr. Andrade, he asked the contractor to re-quote the roof, which he did using one inch DensDec roof board. The proposal is for an additional \$1,000. The contractor (B & R Fournier) is the low bidder at \$10,800. The next one is \$13,000 and the other is \$22,000.

Mr. Sagar would support this. This contractor has done work in the Town before.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To award the bid for the animal shelter roof to B & R Fournier at \$10,800.

**Update and Discussion on Demolition of the Police Association Building behind the Library with DPW Superintendent**

Mr. Cadime said there was question about access to the property.

Mr. Lamoureux advised that he spoke to a representative at DEP. Based on that and discussion with the Conservation Agent, the Conservation Commission would allow minimal access as long as any disturbed area is filled in with mulch. The quote for demolition and to haul away is \$22,500. The concrete slab will stay in place. There is lead but no asbestos.

He would like to meet with Mr. Cadime to discuss how to proceed.

Mr. Andrade wanted to make sure there are no hazardous materials in the slab.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To award the contract to Acme Abatement Contractors, Inc. at \$22,500 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update and Discussion on Old Town Hall with Wampanoag Tribe, Historical Commission and Community Preservation Committee**

Mr. Michael Markley, Chairman of the Seekonk Historical Commission, indicated he is a citizen of the Seekonk Wampanoag Tribe and for the past eight years he has recused himself from all discussion, debates and votes.

Mr. Cadime said it was indefinitely postponed at Town Meeting regarding the funding source which was the stabilization account. The question is whether to appropriate money for the roof and whether it should be an historical or asphalt roof.

CPC Chairman John Alves said the tribe would be able to obtain funding that nobody could because of its status as a tribe. The CPC approved the initial \$100,000 for mold and asbestos removal and a new roof. There was no discussion on what type of roof.

Mr. Andrade noted that there is an estimate for a wood shingle roof replacement at \$130,000. An asbestos roof would be significantly cheaper. There is \$50,000 left from the \$100,000. According to the lease, the Town is required to replace the roof. It doesn't specify what kind of roof. In 2009, it was estimated that it would take \$1.6M to bring this building to the standards for the National Register.

Mr. Markley said it was \$1.3M according to the architect brought in to study the plans.

Mr. Andrade said there has never been a vote by the Town to spend in excess of \$1.3M. By now, that figure has increased to at least \$1.9 to \$2M.

He questioned if the Town wanted to spend \$130,000 on the roof or a lesser amount to put on a roof that would meet the requirements of the lease.

Mr. Markley said the Historical Commission came to the Town Administrator on May 22 with plans for what had to be done.

Mr. Andrade felt it is foolish to spend \$130,000 before a decision is made.

Mr. Sagar said this Board decided last August to move forward with negotiations with the tribe and a lease was signed in December.

He said that six months has passed and the tribe has not done any work on the building. Once the tribe had control of the building, they were supposed to apply for funding to renovate the building.

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Mr. Markley read from the lease. He said plans were done in 2009. There was no discussion about the roof. The CPC met with the Town Administrator earlier this year to talk about what should be done first.

Mr. Brady asked how long an asphalt shingled roof is on the building because that has become part of its history.

Mr. Dan Horton said the Historical Commission had a letter from the Mass. Historical Commission stating the fact that when the vinyl siding is off and windows back to the original configuration, the MHC would consider it for the National Register. Some modern improvements are not intended to remain on the building.

Mr. Brady said he would not feel comfortable without this going to Town Meeting.

Mr. Andrade said it is an asphalt shingle roof that should go on that building and, when the Town votes to get it on the National Register, they should then look at steps that have to taken to get it there.

Mr. Almeida asked tribe members if an asphalt roof would affect the tribe moving forward with renovating the inside.

Dr. Lincoln said the cost of the insurance would increase.

Mr. Markley said a lot of the outside work has to be done before they can do work inside. They have to wait until the Town decides about the National Register.

Dr. Lincoln said the tribe applied for a grant from the Mass. Historical Commission and given pretty strong assurances that they are eligible for grants from the American Native Administration. It could be six months to a year to get grants.

The tribe will try for grants for the inside of the building. He understood that the CPC and Historical Commission would take care of the outside.

Mr. Markley felt there should be a subcommittee of the tribe and Historical Commission to work toward funding.

The tribe has asked the CPC to give them the \$30,000 back from funding that was taken from architect services.

Mr. Alves said that money is no longer available.

Mr. Horton said that the Historical Commission has a long history with this building. They opted to do it in phases. A former town administrator drew up a different lease.

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Mr. Andrade said he would be happy if the tribe would include in any grants the funds to bring this building to the National Register level.

Mr. Brady asked if the CPC could go out for a bond.

Mr. Alves said it would require a Town Meeting vote and would need a figure. If there is an existing bond, the CPC is responsible until it is paid off.

Mr. Markley indicated he would suggest to the Historical Commission to go to the CPC and request money for the architect.

A motion was made by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Sagar, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To proceed with an asphalt shingle roof on the old town hall building.

Mr. Horton talked about the actual gutter system. The original fabric has to be protected when doing overlay work. There is \$51,000 left.

Mr. Alves said that CPC funds can be used for an asphalt roof but not for the National Register.

Dr. Lincoln addressed the issue of the insurance. He had a copy of the policy for review by the Board. He is looking for value and replacement value of the building.

### **Update on Part Time Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Cadime advised the two part time positions are in the budget. The 12 hour position at \$19.98 is filled. The vacant position is 10 hours at \$10.51 per hour. In speaking to Building Commissioner John Santos, he would like to increase those hours to 19 and hire a person who is locally licensed that can enforce the zoning laws. That would require another \$5,000 in the budget. If the Board agrees, he will bring back proposals.

Chairman Parker said the person who worked the 10 hours was brought on for sign enforcement.

The person in the part time position works only on Wednesdays because employees of that office do not work on Wednesday nights.

Mr. Almeida stated he would only approve the part time position if the person worked a few hours either on Saturday or Sunday for sign enforcement. Most of the complaints he gets are on weekends.

Mr. Andrade felt the police would be able to do it on weekends. However, Mr. Brady noted that police cannot enforce zoning laws.

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Mr. Brady said the positions in the Building Department are appointed by the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen and those people should work the hours they are supposed to.

He said that position was created to help with inspections; not sit in the office on Wednesday nights.

Chairman Parker agreed with a 19-hour position that could help with inspections but mostly sign enforcement.

Mr. Andrade said he knows for certain that members of the Building Department are here after 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Cadime will make sure that office is open on Wednesday nights.

### **Continued Discussion on Charter Changes for the Fall Town Meeting**

#### **1. Set Date for a Work Session in July with Board of Health, Conservation, Planning and Assessors Regarding Changes**

Chairman Parker asked if it should be all four boards. After Town Meeting, they know what choices will be accepted by them.

A tentative date of July 23 2014 was scheduled for a regular meeting with one item on the agenda to meet, discuss, and vote on this.

Mr. Almeida suggested department heads should also be in attendance. In watching a past meeting of a committee, some members disagreed with what the department head had agreed on with the Board of Selectmen.

### **Continued Discussion in Combining Services with the Schools**

#### **1. Set Date for a Work Session in July with the School Committee Regarding Combining Services**

The School Committee wants to meet with the Board to discuss possible consolidation.

Mr. Cadime said he spoke to the Superintendent of Schools. The School Committee is meeting on Monday, July 14, and possibly the Board could attend that meeting.

Mr. Sagar wants meetings with the School Committee to be televised.

Mr. Cadime will get a date from the Superintendent.

### **Discussion on Goals and Objectives**

Mr. Cadime said that he incorporated all the goals. To enhance communications – to make sure meetings are posted on line, make sure the website and TV9 are up to date. He would like to work with Kopelman & Paige on Charter discussions. Quarterly meetings with the Board of Selectmen, Finance, and School Committee. Employee evaluations and negotiations with bargaining units. Evaluate potential of consolidating services. He would like to see quarterly updates in the form of presentations to the Board of Selectmen on finances. Stabilization accounts – coming up with an internal policy re: SPED, CIC as to what the minimum balance should be. Work with department heads to meet deadlines on capital requests and develop a capital plan with CIC. Public Safety – make sure they have proper equipment and vehicles. Preliminary discussions on location for south end fire station.

Chairman Parker noted that Mr. Sagar is also working on the south end fire station.

With regard to that, Mr. Brady said the routes would have to change.

Goals continued - make sure the Banna Fire Station is completed on time. The senior center and the animal shelter extension. Also, identify land for extension of the town cemetery. He will work with the Town Clerk. Public Works – street repairs and how the services are being provided and improve the appearance of town-owned property.

Mr. Sagar added prepare a bylaw for one permanent building committee.

Mr. Almeida wanted a Human Resources Board.

Mr. Brady said he would rather see a Human Resource person (possibly consolidate with the School Committee).

Mr. Almeida wanted to review department head goals.

He is embarrassed and upset that some employees lost their jobs.

Mr. Brady noted that was by choice. It wasn't from the School Committee; it came from the Superintendent's office. Six new positions were created and seven people eliminated. That was a direct decision made by a department head.

Mr. Almeida said they need to look at green renewable energy so that buildings can maintain themselves utility wise. They have got to look at savings.

Mr. Brady said the School Department outsourced the buses and kept a position for \$55,000 - \$60,000 that never existed before. They eliminated teachers and kept administrators.

Mr. Andrade said the cuts were a result of decisions made in preparing the budget.

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Mr. Almeida noted a neighboring community had an ice cream social for employees and their families. He felt the Board should do an employee appreciation day.

Mr. Cadime said it is not a goal or objective, but he intends to do something this summer.

Mr. Almeida suggested they hire a company to do a free renewable energy audit.

Mr. Brady noted that DPW was supposed to save money with the installation of panels. It is not generating enough to support itself.

Chairman Parker said there was a savings during the first year.

He pointed out that Mr. Cadime has been in Seekonk for three months. He has three buildings for construction and contract negotiations.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Al Silva felt that turning down the catering truck will create problems at Sam's Club. Similar requests have been approved every year. It is the Bay State car cruise and people won't stay there without food.

Chairman Parker suggested that Sam's Club has a food license and could operate a stand.

Mr. Andrade said he would reconsider if local restaurant owners had no problem with it.

Mr. Almeida suggested they move to Briarwood Plaza. There are two restaurants that open on Sundays.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 21, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To accept the Regular Session minutes of May 21, 2014.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting**

None.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Discussion on Economic Development Committee**

Mr. Cadime said there have been questions as to whether to have ex officio members of the Economic Development Committee who do not reside in Seekonk. A member of the East Providence Chamber of Commerce has expressed an interest. Currently, there are two members on that committee and two individuals expressed an interest.

Mr. Almeida and Mr. Andrade were not in favor.

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

In response to Mr. Andrade's question, Mr. Cadime advised that Mr. Andrade is the town delegate to the Bristol County Commissioners.

Mr. Almeida announced that The Meadows yearly outing would take place on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Mr. Sagar thanked Norm Chiccoine who has provided towing services for the Town for many years. He is discontinuing his service.

Mr. Almeida asked about extended hours at the landfill on Saturdays during the summer and fall months.

Mr. Cadime said that Mr. Lamoureux has statistics on how many people used it in the past.

Mr. Sagar stated that Mr. Lamoureux has the authority to assign someone there.

## **COMMUNITY SPEAKS (Second Session)**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Discussion on Contract Negotiations for the Director of Municipal Finance/Assistant Town Administrator (C 30A, Section 21(2))**

### **Discussion on Contract Negotiations for Steelworkers Supervisory, Clerical, AFSCME, Dispatch, DPW (C 30A, Section 21(3))**

### **Discussion on the Purchase of Property Located at 442 Taunton Avenue (Senior Center) (C30A, Section 21(6))**

Chairman Parker stated that there might be a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

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At 9:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, to go into Executive Session for discussion on contract negotiations for the Director of Municipal Finance/Assistant Town Administrator, discussion on contract negotiations for Steelworkers Supervisory, Clerk, AFSCME Dispatch, and DPW, and for discussion on the purchase of property located at 442 Taunton Avenue (senior center), not to return to Open Session. The discussion on the senior center would be the first item.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary