

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 6, 2014
REGULAR SESSION

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

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 5 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.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE OPENING UPDATES

Mr. Cadime advised that volunteers are needed on Capital Improvement Committee (moderator appointment), Conservation Commission, Property Tax Work Off Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to Approve the Purchase of Property Located at 442 Taunton Avenue

Mr. Cadime advised that the Town had a purchase and sales agreement to purchase the entire parcel at 442 Taunton Avenue (Assessors Map 18, Lot 8).

He was instructed to negotiate and split the two lots. ZBA authorized the split. The original purchase price was \$695,000. He has reached an agreement with the seller to purchase just the commercial property at \$465,000. With Board approval, the closing will be on Friday. Originally, the seller was going to pay 85% of the back taxes. However, the seller has agreed to pay 100% of back taxes and taxes up through August 8, 2014 (\$116,772.45).

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

VOTED: To accept the deed as negotiated by the Town Administrator for the property at 442 Taunton Avenue in the amount of \$465,000.

Mr. Sagar complimented Mr. Cadime, legal counsel, and all parties involved. He said a lot of work has to be done, but it is an exciting time for senior citizens.

Chairman Parker also commended Mr. Cadime. He noted the Town now has \$230,000 more to spend on the senior center because the property was split.

Mr. Sagar said it adds about 10% more which leaves a balance of \$2,260,333.05 for renovations.

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Mr. Cadime thanked the Board for the accolades. He noted it was a team effort with the building committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Edith Krekorian expressed her appreciation. She noted it took about ten years. She said to “get a good architect and get moving.”

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

VOTED: To authorize the limited power of attorney to authorize the Town Administrator and representative from Kopelman and Paige to sign the necessary documents.

Vote to Approve Contract for Director of Municipal Finance/Asst. Town Administrator

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

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To approve the three-year contract with the Director of Municipal Finance/Assistant Town Administrator at an annual salary of \$94,055.29.

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

Vote to Approve Training and Wage Reimbursement for New Police Officers

Mr. Cadime advised that this document is new to the Police Department and is similar to that used by the Fire Department. This agreement is in effect for Officer Alexandra C. Cambra. The Town would pay for the training academy. If Officer Cambra would leave employment with the Town within three years, she would reimburse the Town the \$3,000.

Mr. Sagar wanted to know the difference between this and the \$5,000 cost for the Fire Department.

Police Chief Craig Mace advised the \$3,000 is tuition cost.

Mr. Cadime advised they want to recoup the actual cost.

Mr. Brady pointed out that they cannot charge for wages; it has to be actual cost.

Mr. Cadime will provide the Board with further clarification.

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

VOTED: To approve the training and wage reimbursement agreement.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Chief Mace cautioned residents of an IRS scam going on in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Susan Hogan from WPRI did a piece on this. He emphasized that the IRS communicates by mail if there is a problem and will never call residents and demand money to avoid arrest.

Chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee David Bowden said this is the beginning of the light at the end of the tunnel. It has been a long process. The committee didn't give up and with the help of Mr. Sagar and Mr. Cadime got to this point.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board members challenged Mr. Cadime to have a RFP for the senior center prepared within 30 days.

Chairman Parker announced that Kopelman & Paige is providing Open Meeting Law training at the Seekonk Public Library at 6 p.m. tonight. This is at no charge to the Town.

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

VOTED: To dissolve at 5:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Clerk