

**Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting of January 4, 2023
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street
BOS Meeting Room**

Members Present: Justin Sullivan, Chris Zorra, Adam Petronio, Michael Healy, David Andrade (via Zoom)
Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:00p.m.

Roll call vote: Michael Healy-Present; Adam Petronio-Present; Chris Zorra-Present; David Andrade-Present (via Zoom); Justin Sullivan-Present

Board and Committee Openings

C. Zorra read the Board and Committee vacancies into the record.

Community Speaks – N/A

A. Consider the request to amend the Conditional Offer for recruit John Domagala from Special/Reserve Officer to full-time Police Officer

Police Chief Dean Isabella asked the Board to modify recruit John Domagala from a special/reserve officer to a full-time police officer. Chief Isabella asked if they could make Office Domagala's appointment effective January 5th.

S. Cadime stated his recommendation was as stated by the Police Chief.

A. Petronio made a motion to amend the Conditional Offer of employment to John Domagala from a special/reserve police officer to the position of full-time Police Officer with all conditions of employment to remain in effect as read into the recording during the August 3, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting and will be effective January 5, 2023; C. Zorra seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

B. Public Hearing: Consider the request for an Alteration of Premises of an Annual Wine and Malt Package Store license for Tony's Seafood, Inc., 1365 Fall River Avenue, Anthony Pirri, manager

C. Zorra made a motion to continue the public hearing to January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the request for an Alteration of Premises of an Annual Wine and Malt Package Store

license for Tony's Seafood, Inc., 1365 Fall River Avenue, Anthony Pirri, manager at 6:24 p.m.; A. Petronio seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

C. Continued discussion regarding the Flock Camera System

Present: Chief Dean Isabella
Detective Sergeant Nicholas Peterson

Police Chief Isabella stated in follow up to his previous discussion regarding the Flock Camera System. The Board asked him to look at the maximum camera coverage and review other competing companies that provide the same service. Detective Sergeant Nicholas Peterson reviewed the locations and geographically mapped the Town. In summary, the Flock Camera Systems and Rekor Systems were compared. Highlights to the Flock system include costs, access to data collected by more communities, and services.

C. Zorra asked how the system would work within the department and reliability.

Detective Sergeant Peterson answered they can customize the system to fit their needs (i.e. prioritize, who needs to be notified, and/or it could go through dispatch).

C. Zorra asked if there was state funding available to help with the cost.

Chief Isabella said he has not heard anything available at this time but there are Smart Grants for technology. He said he can look at that going forward with the ongoing costs of the system.

C. Zorra asked if the cameras could be movable.

Detective Sergeant Peterson answered they could, but currently they have two cameras that are movable.

A. Petronio asked if a cost analysis was done comparing 14 cameras instead of 20.

Detective Sergeant Peterson answered would be some open areas or areas not captured. Someone could slip through on secondary roads. As we move down the tiers, those areas will increase. He said having 20 cameras would be optimal.

A. Petronio asked if the existing movable cameras were compatible with the Flock system.

Detective Sergeant Peterson said they are stand-alone system and not compatible.

A. Petronio asked if that would mitigate risks.

Chief said no because it is a different kind of camera. The Flock system cameras are not surveillance cameras. They capture license plates and type of vehicles.

M. Healy said this protection is needed for the Town and the Department and would support Tier One (20 cameras).

Chair Sullivan agreed with 20 cameras. He also said ARPA funds should be utilized for year one and year two so it would not impact next year's budget. This would allow the department to budget for year three.

D. Andrade made a motion to approve option Tier One, 20 cameras, and to utilize ARPA funds for years one and two; A. Petronio seconded it; and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

D. Consider the amendment to Seekonk Police Department Order GO 3.05 "Vehicular Pursuit"

Police Chief Isabella said they are reviewing all their policies to be in compliance with accreditation standards. The following was added, "The termination of a vehicle pursuit does not prohibit an officer from continuing to follow a vehicle in a non-emergency capacity and matter, and while complying with all traffic laws, as long as permission to continue following the vehicle is granted by a Shift Supervisor and their actions do not constitute an active attempt to continue the pursuit."

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the amendment to Order GO 3.05 Vehicular Pursuit as presented; D. Andrade seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

E. Consider approving the contract and Scope of Work for the continued remedial activities at Attleboro Dye Works under the most recent Mass Development grant in the amount of \$250,000

Conservation Agent, Jennifer Miller, stated due to the increase in costs, the \$500,000 grant from EPA did not cover the remediation of all three lagoons. The proposed contract will continue the remediation of the lagoon. This grant will focus on covering the cost for the disposal of soils.

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the contract and scope of work for the continued remedial activities at Attleboro Dye Works under the most recent MassDevelopment grant in the amount of \$250,000; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

F. Vote to continue to endorse Save-A-Pet Society

A. Petronio made a motion to endorse Save-A-Pet Society; D. Andrade seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

G. Vote to allow the Town Administrator to accept gifts, monetary and tangible, donated by Save A Pet Society to the Seekonk Animal Shelter during the year 2023

A. Petronio made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to accept gifts, monetary and tangible, donated by Save-A-Pet Society to the Seekonk Animal Shelter during the year 2023; C. Zorra seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

COMMUNITY SPEAKS: - N/A

OTHER BUSINESS - N/A

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. South End Fire Station Building Committee – Presentation with the Committee Chairman and Architect will be given to the Board on January 18, 2023.
- B. Department of Public Works Building Committee – The Committee is hoping to meet with the OPM next Tuesday to discuss the next steps with the design and services.

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- A. Accounts Payable Warrant
- B. Bristol County Advisory Board (M. Healy) – N/A
- C. Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report (C. Zorra) – A meeting is scheduled for next Thursday via Zoom to approve all final invoices. A final report should be available at the next Board meeting. Mr. Zorra said an article was recently released about improvements needed to each school. He explained Aitken School's roof was listed on the report but explained it is only for the portion of the roof that was not done at the time of the addition. It is on the old wing of the building.
- D. 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report – No new updates at this time.

A. Petronio thanked all those who sponsored a holiday tree and said ornaments can now be removed. He asked the Board to consider voting for the “best decorated” tree next year.

Adjournment

A. Petronio made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. and may reconvene in open session for contract approval for item a) to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the United Steelworkers Supervisors Unit Local 16031 per MGL c 30A § 21(a) (3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; and b.) to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Police Chief, per MGL c 30A § 21(a) (2) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Michael Healy-Aye; Adam Petronio-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; David Andrade-Aye; Justin Sullivan-Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Petronio, Clerk

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Items Distributed at the January 4, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Email from Chief Isabella requesting modification to John Domagala’s offer of employment
- Application for alteration of premises from Tony’s Seafood
- Follow up report from Chief Isabella regarding Flock Cameras
- Proposed amended to Seekonk Police Order GO 3.05 “Vehicular Pursuit”
- Proposed contract and scope of work for the continued remedial activities at ADW (Mass Development Grant)