

**Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting of May 24, 2023
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street
BOS Meeting Room**

Members Present: Pam Pozzi, Chris Zorra, Michael P. Healy
Members Absent: Justin Sullivan, Michelle A. Hines
Town Administrator: Shawn Cadime

Chair Healy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board and Committee Openings

P. Pozzi read the Board and Committee vacancies into the record.

Community Speaks – No one was present to speak.

A. Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Director, Timothy Goodwin, named EMS Coordinator of the Year by the Bristol North Emergency Medical Services Committee

Chief Lowery acknowledged EMS Director, Timothy Goodwin. Tim was named the EMS Coordinator of the Year by the Bristol North Emergency Medical Services Committee.

B. Recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week

Chair Healy read a Proclamation in Honor of National Emergency Medical Services Week and thanked the Department for the work they do for the community.

EMS Director Goodwin was present and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Seekonk EMT's and Paramedics. He also spoke of the culture of the Department and how they treat the injured, as well as the families. Director Goodwin recognized Firefighters, Oliver, Pratt, and Colaianni for mentoring new paramedics and Lieutenant Whalen, Lieutenant Bradford, and Firefighter English for the onboarding academy and training new firefighters.

C. Recognition of National Police Officers Week

P. Pozzi read a Proclamation in Honor of National Police Officers Week.

Chief Enos was present to accept the Proclamation. Chief thanked the community for their support.

M. Healy thanked Chief Enos and the Department for the work they do in the community.

D. Recognition of National Public Works Week

C. Zorra read a Proclamation in Honor of National Public Works Week.

Assistant Superintendent, Jim Halpin, was present to accept the Proclamation and thanked the Town Administrator and Select Board for their support. He also acknowledged the workers in the Department.

M. Healy thanked the department for all the work they do. There are many things the community may not know about that keeps the town running and the Board appreciates the work they do.

E. Consider the appointment of Mallory Demty as an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals

C. Zorra made a motion to appoint Mallory Demty as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals; it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 3-0 all in favor

F. License Hearing: Consider the request for a Class II Motor Vehicle License for First Stop Auto Sales, LLC, Nicolas Melo, manager to be located at 1143 Fall River Avenue

The applicant's son and daughter-in-law (Andres and Jaillen Melo) were present to answer any questions regarding the application.

The Planning Board approved the site plan at their recent meeting. The applicant received the Zoning Determination letter from the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Site Plan Decision from the Planning Board. They recommended 21 parking spots (2 reserved for employees/19 vehicles).

C. Zorra made a motion to accept the Class II Motor Vehicle License for First Stop Auto Sales, LLC, located at 1143 Fall River Ave; it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 3-0 all in favor

G. Consider accepting the various donations for the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$2,671

C. Zorra made a motion to accept the various donations for the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$2,671; it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 3-0 all in favor

H. Consider the approval of minutes from May 10, 2023

C. Zorra made a motion to approve the open meeting minutes of May 10, 2023; it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 3-0 all in favor

COMMUNITY SPEAKS: No one was present to speak

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- A. South End Fire Station Building Committee – Construction documents have been received and permitting is ongoing with the Architect.
- B. Department of Public Works Building Committee – Their first meeting with the architect was held last week. The architect and consulting firm will complete a site visit.

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- A. Accounts Payable Warrant – Signed
- B. Bristol County Advisory Board (M. Healy) – Nothing new to report.
- C. Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report (C. Zorra) – The HVAC repairs have been met and the roof leak has been repaired. They are waiting for to determine if structural support will be needed for the boiler flue. The Chairperson and Ms. Brillhante will meet to finalize budget. They are currently at \$12,633,394.58 but if structural support is needed, it will increase.
- D. 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report (S. Cadime) – Work continues and the flooring contractor is scheduled to come in.
- E. TV9 Liaison Report (M. Healy) – Nothing new at this time.

Adjournment

C. Zorra made a motion to adjourn open session at 6:28 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to reconvene in open session for potential contract approval to A) conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Seekonk Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1931 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; B) to conduct a strategy session with respect to negotiations with the United Steelworkers Supervisors Unit Local 9517-09 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 C) to conduct a strategy session with respect to negotiations with the United Steelworkers Clerical Unit Local 9517-10 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; D) to conduct a strategy session with respect to negotiations with the Seekonk Public Library Employee Association, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO 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; E) to conduct a strategy session with respect to negotiations with DPW AFSCME Council 93 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 F) to act under authority of the Open Meeting Law, General Laws Chapter 30A, §22(f) and §22(g), and review and approve the executive session minutes of March 8, 2023; March 15, 2023; March 29, 2023; April 12, 2023 and May 10, 2023 pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(7); it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 3-0 all in favor

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P. Pozzi-Aye; C. Zorra-Aye; Michael Healy-Aye

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Items Distributed at the May 24, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Memo from Chief Lowery recognizing EMS Director Timothy Goodwin
- Motor Vehicle II License application for First Stop Auto Sales, LLC
- Email from Animal Control Officers with donations to the Animal Shelter
- Draft open session meeting minutes for May 10, 2023
- Email from Chris Zorra (liaison report)