

**Board of Selectmen  
Open Meeting of September 13, 2023  
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street  
BOS Meeting Room**

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Members Present: Pam Pozzi, Chris Zorra, Michelle A. Hines, Michael P. Healy,  
Justin Sullivan entered executive session at 7:01 p.m. and returned to open session meeting  
Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime  
Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director: Carol-Ann Days

Chair Healy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
A moment of silence was held in honor Patrolwoman Kourtny DeForitis

**Board and Committee Openings**

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

**Community Speaks** – No one was present to speak.

**A. Consider the appointment of Anne Walsh as full member to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

Mr. Cadime made the recommendation to appoint Anne Walsh to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full-member. Anne is filling a vacancy on the committee and her term will expire June 2024.

**C. Zorra made a motion to appoint Anne Walsh to the Zoning Board of Appeals; it was seconded by M. Hines, and unanimously approved.**

**Vote: 4-0 all in favor**

**B. Nuisance Dog Hearing: Continuation of a Nuisance Dog Hearing for a dog owned and/or kept by Derek Amaral, 27 Blacksmith Road from July 19, 2023**

*Chris Zorra recused himself from the meeting.*

Present: Andrea Russo, Animal Control Officer  
Richard Amaral (homeowner)

Animal Control Office, Andrea Russo, stated they have not received any complaints regarding Ghost since the public hearing.

Richard Amaral, 27 Blacksmith Road, advised the Board he did look into installing an electrical fence but it was very expensive to install. He reinforced the chainlink fence and he has not gotten out.

P. Pozzi asked what reinforcement has he done since the meeting.

Mr. Amaral said he put steel bars on the bottom, has a combination of 3 locks, and 4x4 cinder blocks so he can't dig underneath the fence.

**P. Pozzi made a motion that no further action will be taken at this time as the dog has not been determined to be a nuisance dog; M. Hines seconded the motion; and it was unanimously agreed.**

**Vote: 3-0 all in favor (C. Zorra recused himself)**

*Chris Zorra reentered the meeting.*

**C. License Hearing: Consider the request for a One-Day Special Event Permit to hold a Mexican Independence Celebration, at Los Cantaritos Inc., d/b/a Plaza Mexico Cocina Mexicana & Cantina, 821 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA, to be held on September 15, 2023**

Present: Alexandra Belteton, Manager

Ms. Belteton explained at the time the restaurant opened, they had not held a grand opening. This event will incorporate a grand opening and to honor Mexican Independence Day. Alcohol will be served inside only. There will be a separate food vendor outside.

P. Pozzi asked if the Board of Health approved the vendor.

Ms. Belteton said if the Select Board approves the event, she will bring the application to the Board of Health for approval.

C. Zorra asked for clarification where the events will take place in the parking lot. He also asked if they have a rain date.

Ms. Belteton said the mechanical bull will be fenced off. If it rains, everyone will be moved inside except the mechanical bull. That will have to be cancelled. They will not have a rain date.

There was no one in the audience to speak in favor or opposition of the application.

**M. Hines made a motion to approve the One-Day Special Event Permit to hold a Mexican Independence Celebration, at Los Cantaritos, Inc.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.**

Vote: 4-0 all in favor

**D. Consider authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the Notice of Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal pursuant to MGL c 61B §9 relative to property located at Chestnut Street and Hammond Street, Assessors Map 10, Lots 305, 306, 307, 308, 309 and 310, owned by Douglas Crandall and Sandra Crandall**

Mr. Cadime explained this is the result of the action taken at Town Meeting to not act on their right of first refusal.

**M. Hines made a motion to authorized the Town Administrator to sign the Notice of Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal pursuant to MGL c 61B §9 relative to property located at Chestnut Street and Hammond Street, Assessors Map 10, Lots 305, 306, 307, 308, 309 and 310, owned by Douglas Crandall and Sandra Crandall; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and unanimously approved.**

**Vote: 5-0 all in favor**

**E. Consider rendering a decision on the Removal or Repair of the Attleboro Dye Works (ADW) Dam in order to move forward with the expenditure of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant funds for Design Services**

Dave Cabral, Superintendent of Public Works, said this is in follow up to the June 21<sup>st</sup> discussion of whether or not the ADW Dam should be removed or repaired.

**M. Hines made a motion to remove the Attleboro Dye Works (ADW) Dam; it was seconded by P. Pozzi, and it was unanimously approved.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0 all in favor**

**F. Consider accepting the donation of \$100 from Patricia Libby for the Human Services Gift and Donation account**

**M. Hines made the motion to accept the donation of \$100 from Patricia Libby for the Human Services Gift and Donation account; P. Pozzi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**Vote: 4-0 all in favor**

**G. Discussion of the Town Administrator's Goals and Objectives for FY 24**

Chair Healy asked to move this discussion until the September 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**M. Hines made the motion to continue this discussion to the September 27, 2023 Select Board meeting; C. Zorra seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**Vote: 4-0 all in favor**

**H. Discussion of the Board of Selectmen Goals and Objectives for FY 24**

Chair Healy asked to move this discussion until the September 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**M. Hines made the motion to continue this discussion to the September 27, 2023 Select Board meeting; C. Zorra seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**Vote: 4-0 all in favor**

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS:** No one was present to speak.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting. *Nothing at this time.*

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. South End Fire Station Building Committee – File sub bids due next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Department of Public Works Building Committee – A site visit of RI DOT's Portsmouth location was done last week.

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

- A. Accounts Payable Warrant – Signed
- B. Bristol County Advisory Board (M. Healy) – *nothing new to report at this time.*
- C. 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report (M. Hines) – *nothing new to report at this time.*
- D. TV9 liaison (M. Healy) – Their next meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> which Mr. Healy is not able to attend.

Chair Healy advised Kourtny DeForitis' wake is Sunday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and the funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

M. Hines reiterated the vote for Tri-County is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Chair Healy stated there will be a quad board meeting scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at the High School Library. The walkthrough for each building will begin at Martin School at 4:00 p.m..

### **Adjournment**

**M. Hines made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and reenter into open session for potential contract approval to A) conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Director of Communications, 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; 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; F) to discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices pursuant to MGL c 30A § 21(a) (4); it was seconded by C. Zorra, and unanimously approved.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-0 all in favor  
Pam Pozzi-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; Michelle Hines-Aye; Michael Healy-Aye

**Contract Approval**

**J. Sullivan made a motion to enter back into open session at 7:50 p.m.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor  
Justin Sullivan-Aye; Pam Pozzi-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; Michelle Hines-Aye; Michael Healy-Aye

**J. Sullivan made a motion to approve the MOA for the United Steelworkers Supervisor Unit Local 9517-09; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor  
Justin Sullivan-Aye; Pam Pozzi-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; Michelle Hines-Aye; Michael Healy-Aye

**Adjournment**

**P. Pozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 all in favor  
Justin Sullivan-Aye; Pam Pozzi-Aye; Chris Zorra-Aye; Michelle Hines-Aye; Michael Healy-Aye

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle A. Hines, Clerk

Prepared by:  
Kristen L'Heureux

**Items Distributed at the September 13, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- Talent Bank Form for Zoning Board of Appeals
- Memo from ACO Russo and the open meeting minutes for the July 19, 2023 Select Board meeting of the nuisance dog hearing.
- Request for a one-day special event for Los Cantaritos, Inc., d/b/a Plaza Mexico Cocina Mexicana & Cantina
- Notice of non-exercise of right-of-first refusal pursuant to MGL C. 61B, §9
- Memo from Human Services regarding \$100 donation