

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 11, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Viera, Michelle Hines, Chris Zorra

Absent: Nelson Almeida, David Andrade

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Mr. Viera, Clerk, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and video.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Registrars (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Capital Improvement Committee (1 BOS), Charter Study Committee (up to 6 BOS), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Cultural Council (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Historical Commission (3 BOS), Human Services Council (1 BOS), Parks & Recreation (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), Recycling Committee (up to 4 BOS).

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Dennis Pereira for the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Capt. Frank John stated that the Department received numerous applications from academy-trained police officers who want to laterally transfer to Seekonk. There is currently one vacancy and another will be available in August.

Through Mr. Cadime, he requested the conditional offer of employment to Dennis Pereira to the position of Patrolman 3rd Class.

Mr. Cadime recommended as stated by Capt. John.

A motion was made by Mr. Zorra, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Dennis Pereira to the position of Patrolman 3rd Class.

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Brian DiCristoforo for the Position of Recruit Officer

Through Mr. Cadime, Capt. John requested the conditional offer of employment to Brian DiCristoforo as recruit officer.

Mr. Cadime recommended as stated by Capt. John.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Brian DiCristoforo to the position of Recruit Officer.

Consider the Request for a Public Amusement/Entertainment License for The Salvation Army to Conduct the “Seekonk Family Fun Day” at Hurley Middle School, 650 Newman Avenue

Mr. Tim Vegias of The Salvation Army mentioned the activities planned.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Amusement/Entertainment License for The Salvation Army to conduct the “Seekonk Family Fun Day” at Hurley Middle School, 650 Newman Avenue, on August 4, 2018.

Mr. Viera suggested having antique firetrucks on display. Ms. Hines agreed.

Consider the Request for a Public Amusement/Entertainment License for the American Legion to Hold a Hawaiian Luau Event at 351 Fall River Avenue

Mr. Viera advised this event is not sponsored by the American Legion.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To indefinitely postpone the license request for a luau event.

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Accept the Resignation of Krystal DeFontes from the Position of Senior Clerk in the Treasurer/Collector's Office

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Krystal DeFontes as senior clerk in the Treasurer's Office, with regret.

Ms. Hines commended her on her years of service in Seekonk. She is well prepared for her new position in Attleboro.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider the Request from Massachusetts Electric and National Grid to Install New Solely Owner Poles 1932-32 and 1932-3 with Support Anchor Rods by Wheeler School, 350-357 Walker Street, Seekonk, MA

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the public hearing until July 25, 2018 at approximately 7 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the FY 2018 Year-end Transfers

Mr. Cadime advised this was approved by the Finance Committee. Approximately \$900,000 will be contributed to "free cash." He read through the list.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the FY 2018 Year-end transfers.

Consider the Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the regular session minutes of June 13, 2018 as presented.

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COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

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

Veterans Memorial Park Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera advised that necessary corrections are being made on some of the bricks.

Ms. Hines reminded residents about the Second Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurley School. It is free. People are asked to bring canned goods for Doorways. The first 200 students in grades K-6 will receive a backpack filled with supplies. Backpacks are donated by The Salvation Army. Herb Chambers Honda donated supplies.

She talked about the Attleboro Dye Works on Maple Avenue. The site was vacated and abandoned by the owners many years ago and it suffered a fire several years ago. It is considered a Brownfields site.

An Attleboro Dye Works Committee was set up. This committee would like to hear from anybody who worked there or has knowledge of the property. This ten acres of property will eventually be taken over by the town. The town will seek federal funding to clean up the site. Right now, there is \$350,000 for three phases of cleanup. Currently on phase 2.

They walked around the parameter of the property, talked with businesses, residents, and handed out informational material. Abutters have to give permission to go on their property during testing. Anybody with a private well within 500 ft. of the Attleboro Dye Works building can have it tested and will get the results. The project will take three years.

The town has to decide what to do with the property. Public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, from 7 to 8 p. m. at the Seekonk Memorial Baptist Church, 340 Central Avenue, and Wednesday, September 26, at Town Hall. There will be people to answer any questions and listen to suggestions.

Ms. Hines reminded residents of the special election on Monday, July 16, 2018, for approval of funding for Aitken School doors and windows. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

She noted the next town meeting is on Monday, November 12, 2018 at the high school.

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Mr. Zorra suggested having the town moderator attend a meeting to talk about how to get more people to attend town meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zorra motioned, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Zorra – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the July 11, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Documentation for Public Amusement License for The Salvation Army Seekonk Family Fun Day

Documentation for Public Amusement license for luau

Letter of Resignation from Krystal DeFontes

Documentation from National Grid to install new poles at Wheeler School

FY 2018 Year-end Transfers