

**Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting of March 16, 2022
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street
BOS Meeting Room**

Members Present: Justin Sullivan, Chris Zorra, Adam Petronio, David Andrade, Michael Healy
Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime
Asst. Town Administrator/Director of Human Resources: Carol-Ann Days

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at **6:04 p.m.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0 all in favor

Board and Committee Openings

M. Healy read the Board and Committee vacancies into the record.

Community Speaks - N/A

A. Recognition of Charles Ransom Upon the Occasion of His Retirement as Firefighter/EMT

Chairman Sullivan presented a Proclamation in recognition of Charles Ransom's retirement.

B. Recognition of Sharonlynne Hall Upon the Occasion of Her Retirement as Animal Control Officer - *Postponed*-Sharon was not available to attend the meeting.

C. License Hearing: Consider the request for a Transfer of an Off-Premise All Alcohol License for Araujo Liquors, Ltd. d/b/a Regency Liquors, 301 Taunton Avenue to Araujo Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Regency Liquors; Nuno Araujo to be manager

License hearing was opened by C. Zorra on February 16, 2022 at 6:22 p.m. The meeting was continued to March 16, 2022 which was continued to tonight's meeting.

Attorney Michael Levinson from Brainsky Levinson, LLC in Seekonk was present on behalf of their client Regency Liquors.

No one spoke in support or in opposition of the license transfer.

M. Healy made a motion to close the license hearing at 6:08 p.m.; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: 5-0 all in favor

D. Andrade made a motion to approve the transfer of an off-premise all alcohol license for Araujo Liquors, Ltd. d/b/a Regency Liquors, 301 Taunton Avenue to Araujo Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Regency Liquors; Nuno Araujo to be manager; it was seconded by M. Healy, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

D. Public Hearing: Consider the request for an underground fuel storage tank license for Tayeh Realty, LLC located at 155 Fall River Avenue, (Map 12, Lot 269) and 111-113 Taunton Avenue, (Map 12, Lot 266)

D. Andrade made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Halim Choubah, Consulting Engineer from Choubah Engineering Group, P.C., 112 State Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747, was present on behalf of the applicant Tayeh Realty, LLC. Mr. Choubah summarized the license application requesting underground fuel storage tanks (2 @ 15,000 gallons/total 30,000 gallons). The proposed gas station will be located at the intersection of 114A and Rt. 44. They received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

D. Andrade asked if the special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals had an expiration date.

Mr. Choubah stated Governor Baker extended the expiration dates due to COVID.

M. Healy asked if any traffic would be directed onto Ipswich Street.

Mr. Choubah said no traffic will enter/exit onto Ipswich Street.

M. Healy asked if the existing openings/curb cuts would be widened?

Mr. Choubah stated they will be made smaller and there will be a “no left-hand turn” sign onto Rt. 44. Mr. Choubah held public hearings, met with the neighbors, hired a traffic expert, and provided a traffic study. The Town also had a peer review. Mr. Choubah said they complied with the recommendations made.

D. Andrade asked when the study was completed.

Mr. Choubah answered July 20, 2021.

M. Healy asked Chief Lowery if the applicant met all requirements.

Chief Lowery answered the only thing needed was the schematic of where the tanks will be.

C. Zorra asked how fuel would be delivered if the exit/entrances were made smaller,

Mr. Choubah said they could enter from Rt 114 or Rt 44.

Chair Sullivan asked for public comment in favor of the application – N/A

Chair Sullivan asked for public comment in opposition of the application.

A resident from 22 Ipswich Street said she was extremely opposed since it will disrupt the small neighborhood.

Diane Andrade from 40 Ipswich Street said she avoids the intersection when she can due to heavy traffic and difficulty leaving the street. Ms. Andrade also discussed her concern with the exit/entrance on Fall River Avenue since Hull Street was not noted on the diagram and it should be taken into consideration as well.

Mr. Choubah reviewed the plans with Ms. Andrade. He said the buildings on site will be demolished and showed her where the convenience store and parking lot would be located. He also clarified which curb cuts would to be eliminated. Mr. Choubah said they understood traffic was a concern. They addressed the concerns that were discussed at the other meetings and improved the site from the current situation.

Deb Amaral, 45 Ipswich Street, said traffic has increased. She was able to obtain signatures from 75% of the neighbors to sign a petition. She agrees with the no left-hand turn, but said Dunkin Donuts has it at their location and people still take left-hand turns.

Suzanne Dutra said she has lived at 54 Ipswich Street for 61 years. She explained that people use Ipswich Street & Hull Street as detours to avoid the traffic light.

A. Petronio asked how many pumps and tanks will be on site. He also asked if improvements were made to the stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Mr. Choubah stated 4 pumps with 2 underground storage tanks (15,000 gallons each). The run-off from the pavement, building, and landscaping will be collected to a closed drainage system and separate any oil from vehicles and then taken into an infiltration system. There will be a shut-off valve on site. Mr. Choubah said they have complied with local, state, and federal regulations.

C. Zorra made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

D. Andrade made a motion to deny the request for an underground fuel storage tank license for Tayeh Realty, LLC located at 155 Fall River Avenue, (Map 12, Lot 269) and 111-113 Taunton Avenue, (Map 12, Lot 266); it was seconded by M. Healy, and unanimously the Board agreed to deny the request for an underground fuel storage tank license.

D. Andrade stated his concern for public safety was the reason for denying the request. He said the applicant and engineer did what they could to improve the site but the site does not have clear loading and unloading zones. The town has similar facilities without loading/unloading areas and tankers/delivery trucks hold up traffic and create blind spots.

M. Healy stated he was concerned with public safety and the general impact the facility will have on the surrounding community.

A. Petronio, C. Zorra, and Chair Sullivan also agreed with the public safety concerns.

Vote: 5-0 all in agreement to deny the request

E. License Hearing: Consider the request for a second-hand license for Game Stop, Inc., d/b/a Game Stop #2280 located at 45 Commerce Way, Seekonk, MA

A. Petronio made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

The Seekonk Store Manager, Thomas Robillard, was present on behalf Game Stop, Inc. The Corporate Office brought it to their attention that a license was required to sell second-hand items.

No one spoke in support or in opposition of the license transfer.

A. Petronio made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the second-hand license for Game Stop, Inc., d/b/a Game Stop #2280 located at 45 Commerce Way; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

F. Consider the 2022 Rules and Regulations for Seekonk Speedway

Mr. St. Germaine was present to discuss the 2022 Rules and Regulations for the Seekonk Speedway. The public safety operations will revert back to the prior regulations that were in place prior to COVID with the exception to Item 1, Alcohol Beverages. Currently the regulations state that alcoholic beverages cannot be served before 1:00 p.m. Mr. St. Germaine asked if the standard language of “alcoholic beverages can be served two hours before any event” could be used instead since they have 2 matinee shows that begin at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Sullivan asked what time the earliest show starts.

Mr. St. Germaine answered 12:00 p.m.

D. Andrade suggested the stipulation read “no alcohol sales before 12:00 p.m.”

Mr. St. Germaine agreed.

Mr. Cadime stated their 2022 Alcohol License stipulations need to be reviewed prior to approving any changes being made to the serving time. It may need to be approved by the State.

The Board discussed administration fees.

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the 2022 Rules and Regulations for the Seekonk Speedway entertainment license with an amendment to the sale of alcoholic beverages may not be sold before 12:00 p.m.; it was seconded by M. Healy, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Chair Sullivan asked Mr. St. Germaine to elaborate on his request for additional entertainment.

Mr. St. Germaine stated he was looking for ways to utilize the stadium for more events that will offer families opportunities to enjoy low-cost entertainment (i.e., family friendly concerts, tribute bands, opening bands, drive-in movie nights). Mr. St. Germaine explained the stadium is limited to 3,000 people and they currently have that at the Saturday night races. They have a smaller crowd at the Wednesday night races.

Chair Sullivan asked what time the races end.

Mr. St. Germaine said mid-week events typically end at 9:30 p.m.; Fridays by 11:00; and Saturdays by 10:00. He said they will stay between the same perimeters to be respectful of their neighbors.

Chair Sullivan stated the Board recently amended the procedures for an entertainment/special events license.

M. Healy stated a public hearing should be held to discuss amending the entertainment license.

A. Petronio asked that the events be reviewed for public safety concerns with the Fire and Police Chiefs.

Mr. St. Germaine said he has spoken with both Chiefs. Both the security and footprint would be discussed with the Police Chief for each event.

D. Andrade suggested a trial period to see if the events have any impact on the neighbors. Being an open-air facility should also be taken into account.

Chair Sullivan suggested placing a limit on the events to three. He asked that each individual event is signed-off by the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Mr. St. Germaine said the sound array inside the Speedway is on the ground down in the bowl and thinks the sound will be less than modified racing that are held on Wednesday nights.

D. Andrade asked Mr. St. Germaine to try to provide documentation clarifying that.

Mr. St. Germaine said they currently have some type of entertainment before thrill shows (i.e., car show, live entertainment, charity drives) in conjunction with a race day. He asked the Board for clarification as to whether or not they could do that under the current rules and regulations.

M. Healy asked that a public hearing be scheduled to discuss anything outside the scope of the current Rules & Regulations.

Chair Sullivan said they should be included in the rules and regulations for next year. Race events may include a car show, monster car show, or an opening event tied to a race event. Concerts and music will require further discussion and a public hearing. He asked Mr. St. Germaine also consider the number of events he will request.

D. Andrade said the current license stipulates “race events” and what they have been doing is tied to an event, such as a monster truck event, car show, or opening act tied to a race event.

Mr. Cadime stated the current language says, “special events thrill show events, special race programs, tractor pulls.” Anything outside of that (concerts) would require additional discussion.

Chair Sullivan suggested adding tractor pulls, car shows, etc. to the Rules & Regulations next year. Concerts, musical events will need a special events license. He advised Mr. St. Germaine to begin the process of a special events license and hold a public hearing.

G. Consider the addition of a comfort dog to the Seekonk Police Department

Chief Dean Isabella and Officer Kevin Nagle presented the proposal of a therapy dog program. The comfort dog will provide comfort and support to individuals that are in need of emotional support. It is not considered a service dog by the American Disabilities Act.

Officer Nagle, the School Resource Officer, discussed the overall benefits of therapy dogs (physical, social, cognitive, emotional and mental health benefits). He explained the role of a comfort dog, the required training, and the costs involved in a program. The English Lab was been donated, the initial training will be provided, and a local veterinarian has offered a yearly discount for veterinarian services. Officer Nagle asked the Board to approve a yearly budget of \$1,500. They anticipate holding various events to offset costs and will apply for grants.

Chief Isabella said a comfort dog will help Office Nagle communicate with more kids in the schools. It reduces barriers and makes an officer more approachable.

D. Andrade asked if additional training was included in the anticipated budget.

Officer Nagle said they don’t anticipate additional training costs.

C. Zorra asked if the comfort dog would go with the officer if Officer Nagle leaves the SRO position.

Officer Nagle said he and his family will be raising the dog so the dog will stay with him.

D. Andrade asked if they proposed the therapy dog program to the schools.

Chief Isabella said Dr. Drolet was in agreement with the program.

Chair Sullivan asked if the therapy dog would purely be a comfort dog primarily for the schools and not trained as a K9 dog.

Officer Nagle answered yes.

Chief Isabella clarified K9 dogs are for enforcement and therapy dogs are used for community engagement. They are utilized differently.

A. Petronio made a motion to approve a comfort dog for the Seekonk Police Department; it was seconded by M. Healy, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

H. Joint Meeting with School Committee and Finance Committee: School Committee Budget presentation

School Committee Members present: Noah Escaler, Beth Eklund, Kim Sluter

School Committee Members absent: Erin Brouillette, Sona Schiller

Finance Committee Members present: Matthew Salisbury, Derick Medeiros, Michael Brady (no quorum)

Finance Committee Members absent: Michael Bradley, Phillip Yan, Nelson Almeida

Kim Sluter made a motion to open the joint meeting for the School Committee

Dr. Drolet provided an update to the school budget narrative. In summary, the FY23 budget proposal follows the budget calendar and makes major strides towards obtaining goals and new programming for students with IEPs, new “Pathways,” and reduces class size. The goal is to offer the best possible education for students.

A zero-based budget approach was utilized. The proposed FY23 Budget totals \$30,859,506. Seekonk will receive \$7,176,520 from Ch. 70 and \$566,592 from the Town (\$204,319 Tri-County and Bristol County Agricultural High Schools and \$362,273 for Seekonk schools). The FY23 budget proposal reflects a 2.3% increase (\$772,090).

Also discussed was reduction in elementary class sizes, new positions, curriculum, technology, and capital improvement items. They do not anticipate having to request any specific capital improvement items at the Spring Town Meeting but may need to at the Fall Town Meeting. The Hurley Middle School heating system needs to be replaced. If the School Committee moves forward with it, they will communicate with the Capital Improvement Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

DESE approved ESSER III money. Eighty percent will be used towards four major Capital Improvement needs: 1) new playground with site drainage at Martin Elementary; 2) district wide upgrade of technology infrastructure; 3) new HVAC for the High School band room; and 4) replace shingle roof for the gym and library at Martin Elementary. Twenty percent will go directly to students.

M. Healy asked Dr. Drolet approximately how much was reduced by doing zero-based budgeting?

Dr. Drolet answered they had an increase of \$772,090. Of that increase \$194,000 is in new positions and \$868,000 are contractual salary increases.

M. Healy asked how much money, in total, was received in ESSER grants.

Dr. Drolet said ESSER III was the largest and has not been expended yet.

J. Brilhante answered approximately \$1,475,000 for ESSER III, \$642,000 for ESSER II, and \$174,000 for ESSER.

Chair Sullivan asked Mr. Cadime if the Town gave \$1M of the ARPA funds.

Mr. Cadime answered yes that was outside of ESSER funds.

A. Petronio asked when the ESSER grants run out.

J. Brilhante answered September 2024. Anything paid out of ESSER are one-time expenditures. Any positions hired through ESSER II would either end or would have to be added to a future operating budget.

A. Petronio said there was a significant increase to Tri County and Bristol Agricultural schools this year. He asked if that would be a continuous increase?

J. Brilhante said Bristol Aggie's went up significantly because of the building/renovation project but typically it increases by 2-3%.

A. Petronio asked about the projection in student growth and if it's been built into the budget.

Dr. Drolet said they are projected to go up and typically it is in the elementary school. There are more options available for Middle and High Schools.

Chair Sullivan asked how student enrollment has changed from 2019 (before pandemic).

Dr. Drolet said it stayed about the same. Last year the enrollment went down primarily due to homeschool vs. virtual learning. If and when it goes up significantly, they will address it.

D. Andrade asked how many of the 39 students added were new students or were they previously enrolled in Seekonk schools before the pandemic.

Dr. Drolet said approximately 30 students went to private preschool for kindergarten and first grade or were homeschooled during the pandemic and came back this year.

Chair Sullivan asked if they experienced a significant change in enrollment from 8th grade to 9th grade.

Dr. Drolet said approximately 25-30 8th graders go elsewhere each year.

D. Andrade asked Dr. Drolet what the 1 or 2 items he mentioned that could go on to Fall warrant.

Dr. Drolet said he would want to have more discussion with Mr. Rutter with Capital Improvement Committee.

D. Andrade asked about the Mobile Class Rooms located at Martin Elementary.

D. Drolet said the modulars were removed from Aitken School. The School Committee approved the purchase of the modular unit at Martin Elementary.

D. Andrade said the School Committee received the support of the Board of Selectmen for the expansion project since the modular units were not going to be a permanent solution. It was discussed and voted on at Town Meeting and the purchasing of these units were not a part of the deal.

Chair Sullivan said they were told the town would not purchase the units and are now being told they were paid for under an operating expense without Town approval.

Dr. Drolet said it was a recommendation from the principals to keep the classroom sizes small and not have teachers on carts.

Chair Sullivan said it should not have been covered under an operating expense and should have been voted at Town Meeting.

Dr. Drolet said it was in the best interest of students.

D. Andrade said the School Committee and this Board went to town meeting to ask for support from the taxpayers. It was with the understanding the modulars would not be permanent and now they were purchased without bringing it to anyone's attention.

B. Eklund said the School Committee was tasked with a responsibility and they did not make the decision lightly or with malintent. The discussions were placed on two agendas and discussed publicly.

Chair Sullivan said the Superintendent should have reached out to the Town Administrator for discussion since this is a capital item and not an operating budget expense.

M. Healy said the temporary plan to solve the overcrowding was to lease modular classrooms and the people at Town Meeting voted to expand Aitken School. The town spent \$13M on an expansion and it did not solve the problem. The enrollment only went up by 39 students. Mr. Healy asked why another teacher was being added for one bubble class if contractually 28 students can be in a classroom.

D. Andrade said if at the time of the expansion the formula was based on an average of 23 students per classroom and now it's being shifted to 20 students per classroom, then they changed the math of how the building would fit their needs. It will also change when additional programs are being added.

K. Sluter said she shares the Boards frustration. She explained by adding the 10 classrooms at Aitken, it did do what it was supposed to do but now there is a bubble class and when redistricting they can't control which grades the students come from. The school committee feels adding a 5th teacher is the correct thing to do. The first graders have not had a typical education due to COVID. During kindergarten and first grade they had virtual and hybrid classes.

Chair Sullivan asked Dr. Drolet how offering more services in-District will affect the budget.

Dr. Drolet said he did not have the numbers in front of him but there are 3-4 students proposed to start the 18-22 transitions academy program in FY23. These students would have had to go out-of-district for approximately \$75k per student. There was a significant cost to build the program and salaries are anticipated to be \$125,000.

Chair Sullivan asked if the break-even cost would be in about 3-4 years.

J. Brilhante said out-of-district tuition plus transportation is close to \$5M.

Dr. Drolet said in-district costs would have to be broken down. There are approximately 360 students with IEPs. Approximately half the students in preschool have IEPs. All salaries of the special ed personnel, instructional aids, resources, and supplies would need to be considered

J. Brilhante said special ed is approximately 20% of the budget.

Dr. Drolet said the transitions academy salary is \$125,000. In year one, four students will come back to district at \$75,000 each totaling \$300,000 less the salary of \$125,000 equals \$175,000 in savings. Transportation fees will be saved as well in the next year. For the other 80% of students, we accomplish lower class sizes, quality education, and best staff.

C. Zorra asked if the auditorium could be rented out or if recreation swim could be offered again to the community.

J. Brilhante said the availability of the pool is very limited since the swim team rents the pool for twelve months.

Chair Sullivan asked how much revenue that brings each year.

J. Brilhante answered approximately \$20,000.

C. Zorra suggested adding lines to the tennis courts for pickle ball.

Dr. Drolet said some people tape off the court to play.

K. Sluter said adding lines to the courts may void the warranty.

J. Brilhante said the vendor had to come back to repair the courts already and suggested not painting additional lines.

Chair Sullivan asked if the Finance Committee had any questions.

M. Salisbury asked if the additional teacher positions being added to grades 2 and 3 are intended to go with the classes or with the grade in future years.

Dr. Drolet answered they do not know at this time. The class sizes would have to be looked at each year.

M. Salisbury asked about the boiler repairs needed at Hurley Middle School.

Dr. Drolet said some work has been done on them but the last time they were replaced was approximately 20 years ago.

The Finance Committee did not have any further questions.

B. Eklund made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting; N. Escaler seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: 3-0 all approved.

I. Public Hearing: Public Hearing for Departmental Fees

A. Petronio made a motion to open the public hearing at 8:58 p.m.; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Cadime summarized the changes made to the fees.

- The following Departments are not proposing any fee changes at this time: Building Department, Collector's Office, Conservation Commission, Tax Assessors' Office, and Town Clerk.
- Animal Control: Several increases due to veterinarian and supplier costs. No proposed new fees.
- Board of Health: Several increases due to cost of supplies, disposal fees, and reinspection fees.
- Board of Selectmen: New fees for the new Annual Food Cart permit (\$150), One-Day Special Event permit (\$50), Earth Import permit (\$75), and Export permit (\$75).
- Fire Department: Proposed correction to the fuel suppression system permit fee (\$50).
- Human Services: Add new \$2 fee for non-residents to help cover costs for instructors.
- Parks and Recreation: 2 proposed changes under the summer program to cover costs for additional programs.
- Planning Department: Proposed new fee to bind copies of the Subdivision Rules & Regulations.
- Police Department: Increase tow bid fee \$1.
- Public Works Department: Proposed increase of \$0.07 for large trash bags and \$0.04 for small trash bags to cover the cost of tonnage.
- ZBA: Proposed new fee to bind copies of the Subdivision Rules & Regulations.

A. Petronio made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:06 p.m.; it was seconded by M. Healy, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the Departmental Fees as amended; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

J. Consider signing the Warrant for the Annual Town Election

A. Petronio made a motion to sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Election; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

K. Consider accepting the donation of \$5,000 from the Estate of Dominic J. Ruscetta for the Seekonk Police Department

Mr. Cadime advised the Board that the Estate of Mr. Ruscetta made numerous donations to many organizations not only to the Town.

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Estate of Dominic J. Ruscetta for the Seekonk Police Department; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

L. Consider accepting the donation of \$5,000 from the Estate of Dominic J. Ruscetta for the Seekonk Fire Department

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Estate of Dominic J. Ruscetta for the Seekonk Fire Department; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

M. Consider accepting the donation of paper goods (paper plates, napkins, cups) from Party City for the Employee Appreciation Lunch

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the donations for the Employee Appreciation Lunch from Party City; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

N. Consider accepting the various donations amounting to \$1,685 for the Animal Shelter Gift Account

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the donations for the Animal Shelter Gift Account; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

O. Consider accepting the various donations amounting to \$170 in memory of Betty White for the Animal Shelter Gift Account

D. Andrade made a motion to accept the donations for the Animal Shelter Gift Account; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

P. Consider accepting the minutes of March 2, 2022

A. Petronio made a motion to accept the minutes of March 2, 2022; it was seconded by C. Zorra, and it was unanimously approved.

Vote: 5-0 all in favor

Community Speaks: N/A

Other Business – N/A

Town Administrator's Report – South End Fire Station: the committee met last week to review and score the two applicants for architectural designs. Interviews will be held March 24th.

Board Of Selectmen Liaison Reports and Comments

- Bristol County Advisory Board (Michael Healy) – N/A
- Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report (Chris Zorra) – Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 17th.
- 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report (Chris Zorra) – Dumpsters will be dropped off next week and work should start soon. The Human Services Center will remain open.

Chair Sullivan thanked the Fire Department for collecting all the donations for Ukraine, as well as the generosity from the community.

Lieutenant Whelan also recognized all the help they received from the public safety departments, Ryan their Administrative Assistant, Dispatch, and the community.

Adjournment to Enter into Executive Session

D. Andrade made a motion to adjourn open session meeting and enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m.; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Petronio, Clerk

Prepared by:
Kristen L'Heureux

Items Distributed at the March 16, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Araujo Liquors, Ltd. - Application and supporting documentation for the transfer of license
- Tayeh Realty, LLC - Application and supporting documentation for the transfer of license for the underground storage tank license
- Game Stop, Inc. - Application and supporting documentation for the second-hand license
- Proposed 2022 Rules & Regulations from the Seekonk Speedway
- Request for Entertainment from Seekonk Speedway
- Seekonk Police Department's presentation for a proposed therapy dog program
- Animal Control Warrant
- Dr. Drolet's narratives (3/10/22 and 3/14/22) with proposed FY 23 Budget Proposal
- Memo from Animal Control Officer
- Draft minutes for March 2, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting