

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: *Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Patrick Jones, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald.*

Open Discussion:

The Board spoke on Town Meeting Logistics:

- *Michael McClung, Town Moderator open to procedural suggestions for Town Meeting.*
- *Suggestion by Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator to have the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectman possibly sit with the Town Moderator.*
- *Who will speak on the motions at Town Meeting will be discussed at the next Board meeting.*

Board / Chairman & Vice Chair appointments:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to appoint Selectman Dreeben as Chairman of the Board for the next year term, seconded by Selectman Jones.

Selectman Dreeben stated she is honored to serve and thanked her Board members.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Jones to appoint Selectman Spathanas as Vice Chair of the Board for the next year term, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Selectman Spathanas thanked the Board members for their support.

Open Discussion:

Chief Kevin Breen of the Swampscott Fire Department gave an update relating to the Ambulance Contract with Atlantic Cataldo. The following were addressed:

- *Extension of current contract to June 30, 2018. Suggestion of a new expiration of the contract is on a fiscal year not calendar year.*
- *Previous housing –was under a licensing agreement / to extend this also to June 30, 2018.*
- *Renovations have been done at the Ambulance Company's expense.*
- *Improvement of the heating system in lieu of rent /working with the Town*
- *Selectman Spellios asked how many ambulance contracts are structured. Asked for a review on items that need to be improved.*
- *Chief Kevin Breen please with the current arrangements and happy with the service being received.*
- *The Board all agreed to let Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator work on the agreements of the contract with the Fire Chief.*
- *In the future will look regionally for services. .*
- *Fire Department's PA system has been connected with the Ambulance station.*
- *Chief Kevin Breen happy with current relationship, pleased to have them next door to the Station.*
- *Chief Kevin Breen spoke on the Memorandum of Understand with the City of Lynn for Dispatch Services.*

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Jones to authorize Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator to negotiate the ambulance contract to approve the extension to June 2018, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Proclamation:

Selectman Spathanas read aloud the Stamp out Hunger proclamation:

Town Administrator's Report: Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator spoke on the following:

- *Departmental Transfers,*
- *Fire Department overtime.*
- *Revenue projections. .*
- *Free cash –Important –Growth in free cash .unexpended funding.*
- *Tax setting over the next years*
- *Financial updates / reports should be monthly.*
- *Town in good standing.*
- *Every employee/ Department has tightened their belt on spending.*
- *Ratifying contracts –positive*
- *Tax relief and Tax Base.*
- *Town Accountant position has been posted.*
- *Suggestion of allowing one Board member to be part of the interview process.*
- *A recommendation of a new Town Accountant will be made to the Board by Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald.*
- *Extend Interim Accountant Consultants not to exceed \$10K.*
- *Working with Article 6 member Joe Domelowicz who has great ideas.*
- *Quarterly Article 6 update was requested by Selectman Spellios.*
- *Upcoming bond items will be coming up soon for approval by the Board.*
- *Annual award for the DPW Department for Town's water quality / best practices.*
- *Plant sale coming up at the Public Library.*
- *Training budget very limited / training support is needed.*

Warrant Articles discussion:

Article 3-Re-Use of Greenwood Avenue School- The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on a motion by Selectman Spellios to indefinitely postpone Article 3 seconded by Selectman Jones.

Article 6 & Article 7—Amend Personnel by Law, Classification and Salary- The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on a motion by Selectman Jones for Article 6 & Article 7, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 21-Rail Trail Article discussion was spoken of with more public meetings to come. The Board supports the Rail Trail Project. More meaningful dialogue with the neighbors will be a priority. Ball Park figure on the design was spoken on. Selectman Dreeben spoke on scheduling scope meetings with the residents being part of that dialogue. Selectman Spellios commented that every opinion should be listened to, great idea to meet with everyone on the design. The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on a motion by Selectman Spathanas for Article 21, seconded by Selectman Jones.

Article 22—Amend General Bylaw's- Withholding permits and licenses due to delinquent taxes.-The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 22 on a motion by Selectman Jones , seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 23-Revolving Funds/ -Selectman Spellios inquired about the Recreation Department programs and civic programs being in the Town Budget / affirmative dollars to support these projects/ great effort to do these programs/ small change compared to the other budget items. Selectman Dreeben agreed that these Town programs should be included in the Town Budget. The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 23 on a motion by Selectman Spellios and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 24- Amend General by Laws –Personnel Policy – The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 24 on a motion by Selectman Jones seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Article 25- Preservation Historical Buildings ---The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 25 on a motion by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 27-Consumption and Possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21-The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 27 on a motion by Selectman Spellios seconded by Selectman Jones.

Article 28—Amend Zoning Bylaws-rezone A-3 to district properties to A-2 District-No Action taken at this time. Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator spoke on future Land Use Board Summit. Planning Board will be meeting on the above article at their next meeting.

Article 31-Town Meeting Committee ----The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on article 31 on a motion by Selectman Spellios and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article33—Liquor licenses –Selectman Spellious suggested the article be modified with a proposal of an added eight (8) licenses. The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 33 on a motion by Selectman Spathanas and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 34-Retirement Board-The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on Article 34 on a motion by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 35-FY18- Revaluation – The Board voted favorable action on Article 35 on a motion by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Article 36-Preservation Fish House article –The Board voted favorable action on Article 36, on a motion by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Boards and Committee re-appointments discussion:

The Board briefly spoke on upcoming re-appointments to various Boards and Committees. Selectman Spellios suggested that appointments for Boards and Committee should be three year terms not one year terms.

Vote of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve meeting minutes from 4/5/2017, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the second annual Freedom run for stepping stones for Stella to be held on June 18, 2017, from 8-11AM, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the firecracker road race by Lynch / Van Otterloo YMCA, seconded by Selectman Jones.

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Dreeben spoke on an upcoming Music Concert at the First Church with Jackson Schultz and the Chord Scale Madness Ensemble from the Berklee College of Music to be held on May 6, 2017 @ 7:30.

Selectman Spathanas spoke of the new annual mother and son event to be held at the Navigator's Baseball Game sponsored by "For the Love of Swampscott."

Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to adjourn meeting seconded by Selectman Jones.

True Attest:

*Maureen Shultz
Administrative Assistant*