

BOARD OF SELECTMENS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance:

Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman John Callahan , Matthew Strauss, Peter Spellios, and Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator.

Town Administrator's Report:

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator spoke on the following items:

- *RFP / Senior Center-Received one from Reach Arts.*
- *Machon RFP*
- *Grant-Police Department –Portal Breath Analyzer*
- *Town Finances-Reviewing Budget*
- *Free Cash Certification*
- *State Aid –Thanked Governor Charlie Baker- Charter School enrollment and Tuition might change the amount of State Aid.*
- *Economic Group working together.*
- *Boards & Committee-New Process include-9 step process, one person will be responsible-Sue Duplin, Town Clerk.*
- *Recognized Maureen Shultz, Nancy Lord, Sue Duplin and Michelle Karas on their work on the Boards and Committees.*
- *Selectman Spellios requested the Board receives the RFP's for Machon by the end of the week.*

New and Old Business:

Selectman Dreeben spoke of an upcoming event at Beach Bluff / Soloist event. Selectman Dreeben spoke on Salem's Mayor Kim Driscoll asking for some input on certain Economic Development with Salem.

Selectman Strauss informed the Board and the Community of his plans to run for another term for a seat on the Board of Selectman.

Selectman Spellios spoke on budget focuses and praised Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator for his willingness to have dialogues on the budget. Selectman Spellios suggested having the Town Budget at the beginning of Town Meeting, Selectman Dreeben agrees.

Public Hearing: Verizon Petition:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Strauss to open Public Hearing at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting for all parties interested in a request from Verizon New England Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company to install one jointly owned Pole, P.1S, on Sunbeam Lane, Swampscott, Mass. This pole installation is necessary in order to support the existing pole line along Sunbeam Lane, seconded by Selectman Spellios, roll call vote was taken.

Abutter's were notified and none spoke / Verizon representative spoke on the above request. DPW, Director Gino Cresta approved Verizon's request.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Callahan to approve the installation of a jointly owned utility pole on Sunbeam Lane, Swampscott, Mass by Verizon New England Inc, and the Massachusetts Electric Company, seconded by Selectman Strauss.

Open Discussion: Municipal Design Committee update by member Rick Rawlins and Jer Jurma. The Municipal Design Committee suggested the following changes to names of beaches where new markers will be installed: 2 markers / 2 names.

Eiseman's Beach-New Ocean House—Whales Beach Marker to be installed @ Eiseman's Beach and Johnson Park.

Whale's Beach –Recommend use- Whales Beach

King's Beach-Recommended King's Beach

Phillip's Beach-Recommended Phillips Beach

Items Discussed:

Markers-Granite Markers-for longevity

Rinsing showers

Corners will be engraved

Addressing all regulation with the Health Department and Recreation Department.

Language on signs needs to be ironed out

Kiosk sign at the beginning of the beaches with information.

Selectman Spathanas commented that the signs are beautiful.

Selectman Dreeben connection of History, very exciting.

Selectman Spellios very happy with the work done by the Municipal Design Committee.

Selectman Strauss commented on all the work the Municipal Design Committee has done and recognized all their efforts. .Selectman Strauss cherishes the History of the Beaches and would like to keep their current names and have the Kiosk show the history.

The Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve for the purposes of Beach Markers the following revised names “Whales Beach, Eiseman's Beach, New Ocean House Beach and Phillips' Beach, seconded by Selectman Spellios. Selectman Strauss opposed the motion.

Open Discussion: Harbor and Waterfront Committee / Proposed Breakwater Presentation: Chairman Jackson Shultz spoke on the following:

- *Apex Consulting Firm was introduced and spoke.*
- *Outlined why there is no breakwater.*
- *Benefits entire community.*
- *Amazing Opportunity.*
- *Cost and how to pay for it.*
- *Sea port advisory-possible grant.*
- *Flood Insurance improves when there is break water on property.*

Appointments:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Harry Pass as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals until June, 2017, Doug Dubin as an Associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals until June 30, 2016, and Andy Rose as a full time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals until February, 2020, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to re-appoint Trisha Malphrus to the Disability Commission and new member Linda Lengyel until 2018, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to re-appointment all current members of the Conservation Committee until 2018, seconded by Selectman Callahan. Member Mark Mahoney resigned recently.

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Callahan to open Town Meeting Warrant and to close Town Meeting Warrant on March 2, 2016, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the change of manager for the Swampscott Yacht Club regarding their current liquor license to Kenneth J. Hahn, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve meeting minutes from December 2, 2015, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

Executive Session / Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spellios to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation Greenwood / Groom Construction case, since an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position and will not be return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session, seconded by Selectman Spathanas. Roll Call was taken.

True Attest:

*Maureen C. Shultz
Administrative Assistant*