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BOARD OF SELECTMENS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 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.

Open Discussion / Capital Budget discussion:

- *Dan Eccles spoke on the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan.*
- *Mr. Younger spoke on the new salt shed.*
- *Mr. Younger stated that anything under \$50K should not be bonded.*
- *Capital Improvement Committee and the Finance Committee were thanked for getting the light under the bridge at the Train Station.*
- *Selectman Spellios spoke on patch and repair projects.*
- *Selectman Spellios asked about the appropriate amount of capital dollars up and down over the years including guidelines for the upcoming years.*
- *LED streetlights were approved.*

Open Discussion / Machon School RFP/

Thomas Younger, Town Administrator gave a presentation and spoke on the Machon School RFP request from B'Nai B'Rith Housing and Stratford Capital Group.

Chairman Dreeben welcomed any questions and or concerns from the audience.

The following spoke

- *Ruth Henderson asked what would happen if not approved at Town Meeting and questioned blasting in the area*
- *Mrs. Grecko stated enough burden to the residents in the neighborhood and any new impact should be as little as possible.*
- *Beth Kahn spoke on traffic concerns and water sewage.*
- *Whitney White asked if there is a survey on traffic that was done.*
- *Fred Grecko asked where is the snow going to be dumped.*
- *Mr. Younger spoke of on street parking with the possibility of guest spots, but with no deeded spots.*
- *Bill DiMento questioned if the Town can sell the property, Town Meeting can sell the property without approval of any projects.*
- *Tricia Malphrus of the Disability Commission asked how many units would be handicapped assessable.*
- *Joe Picariello asked if the age requirements are 55 or older, Selectman Spellios replied that has not been finalized.*
- *Resident commented there seems to be a lot of unanswered questions and how do you bring this idea to Town Meeting.*

- *Gerry Perry spoke on the assessed value of the property and does not agree with the figure given by Mr. Younger's and asked that the figure be re-checked. Mr. Perry spoke on the units being too big, parking that has been proposed is not going to work, putting a housing unit of that size will hurt the neighborhood and the community.*
- *David Legere spoke on how he feels nothing ever gets completed; curbing in the neighborhood has not been done in years. Mr. Legere commented that the pictures being shown of the Machon School are not accurate neighborhood has always*
- *Selectman Spellios spoke about the normal review process with all Departments having an opinion.*
- *Selectman Callahan commented he would prefer a smaller footprint for the neighborhood, believes that senior housing is needed but just too big for this neighborhood.*
- *Selectman Dreeben commented that this process is a hard one and realizes it's a big impact on the neighborhood but assures that her priority is to have a good quality of life for the neighborhood with the least impact.*

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the JCC of the North Shore's 15th Annual Triathlon by the Sea to take place on Sunday, May 15, 2016, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

The Board voted on a recommendation from Selectman Spellios and on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Brad Croft, 34 Bellevue Road, Swampscott, Mass to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a member to expire June 2017, seconded by Selectman Strauss.

New and Old Business:

- *Addition to add the Finance Committee to attend meeting on April 25, 2016 and May 11, 2016.*
- *Selectman Dreeben proposed to move Town meeting from May 2, 2016 to May 16, 2016. Notices on this change will be put on the website and e-mailed to Town Meeting members .Census of the Board is to move Town Meeting to May 16, 2016.*

Town Administrator's Report:

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

- *Recognized DPW employees, Michelle Post and David Lawless for the handling of a water problem in Town.*
- *Recognized Officer DiNapoli for a letter written regarding his assistance on a Police Matter.*
- *New process for appointments was spoken of.*
- *Professional Developments –Police ideas & Negotiations Chief Madigan attending in Fort Devin's.*
- *Pete Kane attending North Shore Coalition regional transportation meeting.*
- *Meals tax lower in the past years due to the closure of Red Rock Bistro.*
- *Marian Court Letter / Sisters of Mercy / Bidding process waiting on an answer.*

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Callahan inquired to Selectman Strauss about the upcoming candidate's nights.

Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Callahan to adjourn the meeting seconded by Selectman Strauss.

By Attest:

Maureen Shultz,
Board of Selectman