

# DRAFT

## BOARD OF SELECTMENS

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

#### Attendance:

Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Donald Hause , Peter Spellios, and Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator.

Open Discussion / Coastal Climate Change study & Resiliency plan by Kleinfelder was presented to the Board along with Dan Dragani. Town Engineer present.

Open Discussion / Swampscott Housing Production Plan were presented to the Board by the MAPC. (See votes of the Board.)

#### Beach Fire Discussion:

The following spoke on their safety & Health concerns about Beach Fires and their non-approval of Beach fires.

- Martha Dansdill
- Dr.Larry Block
- Resident George Allen
- Resident Amy Roberts.

#### The following topics were spoken of:

- Location of the rings
- Phillips Beach Vs. Fisherman's Beach for location
- Cooking Fires time limit- three hour time limit was suggested.
- Safety Concerns with the reeds at Phillips Beach.
- Smoke coming up from the fires.
- Signage of health concerns posted at the beaches.
- Fires extinguished – Fire Departments role.
- Littering / pictures taken with cell phones of the site were suggested.
- Review of the Beach Fires will be done in September.

Resident Emily Pierro has confidence in the Town that Beach Fires can be a nice thing for the community and hopes all can work together to get this up and running.

See Votes of the Board:

#### Open Discussion / Communications Committee:

The Following members were in attendance, Glenn Paster & Jennifer Nisbet.

- Facebook created for the committee
- Trying to get the word and information out to the community.
- Small snippets work better for communication
- Better strategy
- Long term projects
- Need volunteers for the Committee.
- Selectman Spellios suggested not using the Town's IT Director for posting information on the website when technical and infrastructure should be worked on by the IT Director. Communication Committee would be better used for updating the Town's Website.
- Monday mornings will be the timeframe on getting information.

- *Press release templets*
- *Rhythm and expectation on sending information out.*

*Votes of the Board:*

*The Board voted three to one in favor on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve the changed draft rules submitted by the Fire Department for beach fires at Phillips Beach and Fisherman's Beach including implementing new signs at the beaches those materials regarding health concerns, seconded by Selectman Spathanas. Selectman Dreeben opposed the motion.*

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve and adopt the Housing Production Plan as presented and submit to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, seconded by Selectman Hause seconded by Selectman Hause.*

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve meeting minutes from April 6, 2016, seconded by Selectman Hause.*

*The Board voted on a recommendation from Selectman Spathanas to approve the general obligation municipal purpose loan of 2016 bonds of the Town of Swampscott, seconded by Selectman Hause. (Motion attached).*

*New and Old Business:*

*Selectman Hause spoke on the Fox News Zip Trip and the possibility of them coming to do a segment in Town.*

*Selectman Spellios suggested scheduling a budget working session that includes the Financial Committee, Capital Improvement Committee and the School Committee. working meeting which would include Financial Guidelines to be held in August.*

*Selectman Dreeben suggested that she would like to discuss Selectman Spellios idea of a Finance Policy at the Selectman's meeting on August 3, 2016 which will be a full meeting dedicated to a discussion of the Board of Selectman's priorities for the coming year.*

*Selectman Spellios commented he was not happy with losing the summer of having meetings and stated he is prepared to do on his own if needed.*

*Town Administrator's Report:*

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

- *Munis Spreadsheet program.*
- *Over lay Balances*
- *Capital updates & status update on Town projects.*

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Dreeben spoke of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July T-shirts now on sale. Selectman Dreeben spoke on the Farmer's Market now being open to the public on Sundays and invited Board members to volunteer to work at the Civic Booth. Selectman Dreeben spoke on concerts this summer including one at the First Church on July 7, 2016-40 piece Army Band.

Selectman Spellios thanked the Athanas Family and Mr. William DiMento for their help with parking for businesses during the construction on Humphrey Street. Selectman Spellios spoke on the recent violations by Palestinian flag stickers at the Temple Shirat Hayam in the Town. Selectman Spellios spoke of a Unity Service to be held and open to everyone at the Temple Shirat Hayam on Thursday, June 16, 2016 @ 6PM.

Adjournment:

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

By Attest:

Maureen Shultz,  
Board of Selectman