

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Peter Spellos, and Town Administrator, Thomas G. Younger.

Resident Comment:

Resident and Member of the Finance Committee Mary Ellen Fletcher spoke on the following:

- 2011 Harbor Dredging Project.
- Harbor Mooring Project.
- \$94K Harbor Dredging Project was questioned / money only be spent on dredging purpose/both projects do not represent 25% of the Town portion
- 2012-2013 Issues with Eelgrass was spoken of cost \$3-4Million dollars.
- Letter from Mr. Younger to the Seaport Advisory was sent.
- Issues with the dates of Town Meeting approval.
- 2nd grant approval appropriation match / with no approval for that match
- Clarification of grants would like to be discussed at a later date.
- 2016 –the Harbor Waterfront and Advisory Board voted to not receive any thing until all documentation was received from a request from Mr. Kessler so that notification to other Boards could be completed.
- Summary of Ms. Fletcher's notes were given to the Board.

Resident Glenn Kessler spoke on dredging project, grant money, public information request for more information did not receive, filed paperwork with the State for public Information when it was not received by the Town in his opinion. Mr. Kessler commented that he believes there should be more oversight within the Finance Committee, Capital Improvements and Board of Selectman on how bills are being paid.

Resident Milton Fistel spoke on the Harbor Master's boat that seems to be sinking. Gino Cresta, DPW Director will take a look at this and make a decision.

Resident Glenn Kessler thanked DPW, Gino Cresta on taking care of an old tree at Phillips Park.

New & Old business:

Town Administrator's summary and timeline for all departments has been submitted to the Board.

Open Discussion / Update:

Burrill Street update / ARTS is interested in occupying y the building , electricity should be on within a few days, gas meter's need to be installed, and an upgrading of all systems in the building to see what the cost will be will be completed soon.

Machon Senior Housing / update:

Selectman Spellios spoke on the final land development agreement which is not ready at this point, looking at a possible vote on the October 19, 2016, agenda. There will be a seven day notice given to neighbors on upcoming asbestos testing. Selectman Dreeben commented she is happy that the neighbors are being informed.

Town Administrator's Report:

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

- Budget Calendar will be distributed early.
- Building permits fees/ great month of September.
- General Election / Early voting practices on website/ weekend hours available.
- Halloween Ride/ Robo call will be going out to residents.

Mr. Younger recognized the following at his last meeting as the Town Administrator for the Town of Swampscott:

- All members of the Board of Selectman present and past,
- Department Heads including all employees who work with them.
- Resident Bill Dimento.
- The Town and its residents.
- The media who has always been fair to Mr. Younger.
- Gino Cresta, DPW Director.
- Dave Castellarin, Town Accountant.
- Maureen Shultz, Administrative Assistant
- Nancy Lord, Personnel Director.

New & Old Business:

Selectman Dreeben reminded the community that the RFP for Greenwood has a deadline for responses by October 17, 2016-RFP is also on the website.

Discussion:

Mr. Thomas G. Younger went through each draft warrant article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, November 14, 2016. The following were briefly spoken on:

- Article 1- Selectman Spellios asked if this money was being appropriated.
- Article 2-Stacy Brook project.
- Article 3-should be changed to be sponsored by the Town Administrator.
- Article 5-Humphrey Street Project / Amount of money to purchase streetlights might change per Mr. Younger and should have an accurate figure by the next Board of Selectman's meeting on October 19, 2016.
- Article 6- Change is for no legal notice requirement / Historic District Commission.
- Article 7-Shopping areas.

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to open the Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Dreeben wished Mr., Younger well in his future and stated it was a pleasure working with him.

Selectman Spathanas spoke on the annual antique car show which is going to be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016 with a rain date of Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Selectman Spellios thanked Mr. Younger for his service and recognized him for being consistent and better with the attitude of doing things.

Adjournment/ Executive Session:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to enter executive session to construct strategy sessions in preparing for negotiations with non-union personnel, and /or to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel –Town Administrator: Acting Town Administrator. seconded by Selectman Spathanas the Board will not return to open session. A roll call vote was taken.

True Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Administrative Assistant*