

BOARD OF SELECTMENS
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Swampscott, MA 01907

Called to Order: Attendance:

Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Selectman Don Hause, Patrick Jones, Peter Spellios, and Gino Cresta, Interim Town Administrator.

Resident Comment:

Resident Mary Ellen Fletcher spoke on the following:

- *Massachusetts Historical Grant / Massachusetts Preservation Project.*
- *50/50 Grant Match*
- *Previous money earmarked for work to be done at the Swampscott Fish House.*
- *Informed the Historical Commission on this available grant.*
- *Suggest that Town Leaders set this as a priority.*

Town Administrator Search Committee update.

Chairman, Don Pinkerton of the Town Administrators Search Committee spoke on the process of interviews, questions asked of the applicants, phone interviews, strengths and weaknesses, fifty seven applicants first received. The committee recommended the following applicants to the Board of Selectman: Chairman Don Pinkerton expressed on behalf of the board that they has excellent candidates to choose from and it was a hard decision to come up with the recommendations but pleased with their recommendations.

- *Mr. Ryan Ferrara*
- *Mr. Andrew Scribner MacLean*
- *Mr. Sean Fitzgerald*

Chairman Don Pinkerton introduced the members of the Town Administrator Search Committee and thanked each of them for their service and time.

Selectman Dreeben thanked all members and recognized them for their time, dedication and working with an aggressive time table.

Presentation:

Father Andrew, of the St. Paul Foundation gave a background on the Orthodox Monks. The following was spoken of during a slide presentation of what the future renovations will be on the former Marian School Property.

- *Slide presentation of the future pictures of Marian Court.*
- *Renovation in the Mercy center*
- *Roofs needed on two of the Buildings*
- *Red Barn doors*
- *Orchards Trees*
- *New Parking*
- *Hopes of establishing a ministry.*
- *All the buildings were surveyed.*
- *Slide showing in 10-15 years what the property would look like.*

Pete Kane, Town Planner spoke and clarified the following:
All district zoning permits, private sales, as of right and religious exemption.

Resident's that spoke / questions on the following topics.

- Charlie Patsios
- Mary Ann McDermott
- Robert Burke
- Jim Olivetti
- Ihor Bilyk
- William Joyce & Justina Oliver of the Historical Commission.
- Eileen Weinstein
- Jer Jurma
- Bruce Mayo
- Gerry Perry thanked Peter Spellos and Pete Kane, Town planner for keeping the communication open with the neighbors.
- Letters written by Resident Nathan Goldstein & Resident Barry Greenfield were read by Selectman Dreeben.

Question and comments asked by members of the Board and residents:

- How long will construction take
- Concerns with building against the woods and security.
- Parking spots-overhead doorway for deliveries
- Background / history of being an Orthodox Greek
- Production size
- Production goals
- Access to the beach
- Public use of fields
- Noise & time / how many of bell ringing.
- Number living at facilities
- What permits will be needed by the Town.
- Any discharged into the sewer system
- Non-profit status.
- Tours are not allowed.
- Canon Law questioned
- Future meeting, preservation agreement, Historic changes.
- Growing anything on the property
- Less open space concerns regarding the Chapel.
- Preservation restriction.

The Board took no formal action on the above action.

Selectman Spellos spoke on the Land Development Agreement / Machon School:

- B'nai Birth was selected / two responded to the RFP/ both with similar projects
- Process & timing
- Schematic plans will be given to the Board
- Multi Senior Housing Project /affordable housing
- Excellent reputation
- Special Council services used
- Community Forum

Appointments:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Gary Bardon to the Earth Removal Advisory Board, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Robert Powell to the Council on Aging, seconded by Selectman Hause.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to appoint Andreas Athanasopoulos as a desktop support technician for the Town and School Department, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to re-appoint Richard Smith, Jer Jurma to the Historical District Study Committee and Sylvia Belkin as an alternative member, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Votes of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve the 2017 renewals of all liquor licenses in the Town of Swampscott subject to all balances to the Town being paid, approval of all paperwork, fingerprinting and approval of the Fire Safety Certificate, seconded by Selectman Jones. (See attached list).

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve a change of officers and new directors from the Swampscott Yacht Club regarding their current liquor license with the Town of Swampscott, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve a request from the Swampscott Nahant Youth Lacrosse Board to display lawn signs 1-2 dozen around the Town to promote the 2017 registration sign ups, seconded by Selectman Jones.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve the a change of the residential population for the Town of Swampscott from 13, 672 to 13, 879, as of July 10, 2016 under the authority contained in MGL Chapter 138, Section 17 for the purpose of establishing a quota for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jones .to approve a Junk Dealers License for Patina, 459 Humphrey Street, Swampscott,Mass, with all goods to be displayed inside the property only ,seconded by Selectman Spellios.

New & Old Business:

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the two Greenwood Avenue proposals that will be released to the public for viewing on the Town's website and reminded residents of a public forum to take place in January. Selectman Spellios commented that the two proposals being released to the public for viewing will not include any Financials and or development criteria.

Selectman Jones spoke on the upcoming Holiday Parade and ice skating event.

Town Administrator's Report:

Gino Cresta, Interim Town Administrator spoke on the following items:

- *Update on recent traffic study meeting on request from a Sheridan Terrace resident which was denied.*
- *Water main break over the weekend was taken care of quickly*
- *Curb to curb paving will be done in the area of the water break.*
- *Hospice Tree lighting ceremony to take place. Selectman Dreeben will speak at the event.*

Adjournment:

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

By Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Board of Selectman*