

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: *Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Selectmen Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald, Town Treasurer, Ron Mendes.*

New and Old Business

Peter Spellios was appointed as the designee to the Article 6 committee. The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas, seconded by Selectman Hause.

Selectman Hause addressed the board that it has been brought to his attention that members of the historical commission have been using social media to post comments regarding items that may or may not be brought up to the commission. It was suggested that Town Administrator Fitzgerald and Town Counsel investigate into the matter and report back.

Selectman Spellios addressed the cost of the latest primary and general special elections. There was a discussion on consolidating precincts for special elections. Town Administrator Fitzgerald will look into articles to change the precinct for special elections to one location at Town Hall.

Public Hearing

Selectman Hause voted on a motion to open public meeting, seconded by Selectman Spathanas. Roll call was made and all Board of Selectman's unanimously agreed.

Selectman Hause made a statement that he has no special interest in the business of Mission on the Bay.

Mission on the Bay Entertainment License

Marty Bloom, owner of Mission on the Bay, spoke about his history as a restaurant owner in Swampscott. Mr. Bloom will be closing the corner that faces Humphrey Street of the roof top deck with sound panels. Currently there is plastic in that area. He is willing to work with the neighbors and wants to be a good neighbor and part of the community. There was a discussion on a priority to be sensitive to the residents so that they do not hear the music.

Town Administrator Fitzgerald suggested a cap of 73 decibels outside 15ft from the property. Discussion was had on the hours of operation for live entertainment. Selectman Spellios suggested we use the 73 decibels along with using a radius of 100ft from any residence that no music be heard.

Mary Dechillo resident at 7 Rockland Street stated when her windows were open she could hear the Music from MOB. She stressed that the policy piece is important and developing it for future businesses.

Peter McNerney resident at 201 Humphrey Street read a letter on behalf of a group of concerned residents. The letter stated that the level of music should stay at 73 decibels with no exceptions and that a test should be done at this level with a local band.

Lisa Cerangelo resident at 11 Bayview Ave. discussed enforcement of where the 100 ft. radius would be.

BOS established a defined area of the 100 ft.:

- *128 Humphrey Street*
- *146-156 Humphrey Street*

These specifications will be tagged to the license along with a map to reference. Hours of operation for entertainment license will be.

- *Sunday until 8 p.m.*
- *Monday through Wednesday until 10 p.m.*
- *Thursday through Saturday until 11 p.m.*
- *Live entertainment permitted on first and second floor (deck). Along with TV, Radio and Amplifiers*

Motion to approve the Entertainment license for Mission on the Bay, seconded by Selectman Hause. Unanimously Approved

Discussion was had that moving forward we follow a process that if there are any issues those issues are sent along and resolved prior to renewal of license.

Selectman Hause made a motion to close Public Hearing Role Call vote taken, in favor.

It was announced that the parking ban was in effect due to the pending weather.

Special Education Stabilization Fund

Special Education Stabilization Fund has a place holder in the warrant. Discussion was had on the Circuit Breaker funding and the current balance of \$384,000.00 in that fund. Superintendent Angelakis requested \$300,000.00 for the Special Education Stabilization Fund. Town Selectman Fitzgerald suggested we get there incrementally and encouraged the board to establish the fund by building it.

A conversation needs to be had with Martha Raymond to establish how to predict the dollar amount that will be needed. Selectman Spellos agreed he would have the conversation with Superintendent Angelakis and will meet with the school committee next week.

FY 19 Solid Waste

Town Selectman Fitzgerald presented information on solid waste and recycling and how the budget doesn't contain increases that Swampscott were given. There is an increase in the tipping fees for solid waste. Budget is at risk if we do not make some changes.

Suggestions made for Recycling and Solid Waste savings are:

- *Setting and enforcing solid waste limits*

- *Recycle more because tipping fees are less*
- *Fees for bulky items*
- *Automated collection of trash/or recycle*
- *Pay as you throw*
- *Increase overthrow bag costs*
- *Mandatory recycling*
- *Promote curbside compost collection*

An educational outreach with residents on cost savings of recycle needs to be had. The conversation with the board needs to evolve in the next few months.

The board asked for a breakdown on collection trash vs. recycle.

The board voiced that the pay as you throw recommendation was not an option.

Town Administrator Fitzgerald suggested looking into other proposals and engage the board of health in finding savings in a better way to recycle.

FY 19 Budget Discussion will be discussed at the 3/21/19 BOS meeting.

FY 19 Proposed Capital Improvement Recommendations

Selectman Spellios requested for departments to come to the BOS meeting on 3/21/18 to present on Capital improvements.

Town Administrator Fitzgerald requested to open warrant and present schedule of warrant on 5/21/18.

Motion to open Town Meet Warrant was made by Selectman Spathanas, seconded by Selectman Hause. All were in favor.

Selectman's Time

Selectman Dreeban spoke on behalf of the Counsel of Aging regarding their request to have a study done to understand how to become an age friendly community. Selectman Dreeben will bring back an estimate to the board to possibly fund this study.

Selectman Spellios recognized school committee member Gargi Cooper receiving the Founders Award by My Brothers Table for the Medical Outreach Program she runs in Lynn.

Votes of the Board

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve meeting minutes from February 28, 2018 seconded by Selectman Hause.

Town Administrator's Report:

- *Recognized the DPW Dpt. And Fire Dpt and their hard work during the weekend storm*
- *Combined Town/School HR Director*
- *Planning Update- the planning board will be at the BOS meeting on 3/21/18*
- *Town "opt out" Health Insurance*
- *Annual Report*
- *Reach Arts*
- *Swampscott Retirement Board*

Adjournment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to close the meeting, seconded by Selectman Hause.

True Attest:

*Ana Lanzilli
Administrative Assistant*