

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, November 24, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman John Callahan, Matthew Strauss, and Peter Spellios, and Thomas Younger, Town Administrator.

Open Discussion / Commission of Disability temporary process:

Mr. Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator spoke on Mass General's Laws pertaining to requirements for members of a Disability Committee to be appointed as a member. Mr. Younger, Town Administrator asked the Board to adopt a temporary appointment policy. Mr. Younger read the draft policy out loud with some wording changes.

Selectman Spellios questioned the appointment process on this disability / word changes on policy will be changed by Mr. Younger.

Selectman Strauss agrees with the new policy which will allow the Board of Selectman to keep the Disability Committee running.

Selectman Spathanas asked Chairman Tricia Malphrus how many current members there are on the Disability Commission and stated that with the new policy in affect their will be a total of nine members.

Member Trisha Malphrus of the Disability commission thanked the seniors who recently helped her committee with the disability survey and informed residents they could go on the Town's website for more information

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the Commission on Disability Appointment Policy, seconded by Selectman Strauss.

Community Compact discussion:

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator explained the process regarding the Community Compact- Financial Management, Housing and Economic Development, Transportation and Citizens Safety.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve on a recommendation from Mr. Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator to approve the Community Compact / best practices for the Town of Swampscott, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

New & Old Business / Former Senior Center:

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the proposed use of the old former senior center on Burrill Street / RFP ready to go out / considering leasing the building to the Reach Arts Group who has shown an interest. Mr. Younger, Town Administrator suggested not to lease the building out for more than one year's time.

Selectman Spellios asked about the time frame on when the Reach Arts will be back with information that has been asked of them.

Working Meeting Discussion:

Selectman Dreeben informed the Board members of a recent working meeting to discuss budgetary plans that was held with members of the Board of Selectman (2) Finance Committee, Town Administrator, Town Accountant,

Selectman Strauss questioned how the working group came about. Selectman Strauss suggested going forward that the entire Board should be notified and that have every member be given the opportunity to attend. Selectman Strauss suggested if two or more members plan on attending these meetings there should be some type of schedule set up for a rotation of members attending. Selectman Strauss commended the work being done at these working group meetings but believes the process needs to be done different with everyone being included in the meetings.

Selectman Spellios explained on how the working group meeting came about and how it was formed. Selectman Spellios disagreed with Selectman Strauss Matt on how this meeting was planned/ scheduled. Selectman Spellios spoke on the reality that he believes majority of our work completed by the Selectman should and has been done after meetings. Selectman Spellios stated no action was taken by the Board and it was just an exchange of ideas to form a committee to come up with a policy on a long term financial plan for the Town. Selectman Spellios commented that the current budget process is not the most efficient policy.

Selectman Callahan agrees with Selectman Strauss over the process of how the meeting was held without having all members being involved or communicated with on the meeting.

Selectman Spathanas commented that she had no problem with the meeting that was held and that she also has the trust in Selectman Dreeben and Selectman Spellios that they would bring any and all information back to the Board.

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator stated the workshop meeting was just a fact-finding meeting

Selectman Spellios recognized Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator and Dave Castellarin, Town Accountant on the presentation of the annual budget books, open mindless, continue to fight for items they believe in.

Vote of the Board:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the Community Compact Policy as amended policy, seconded Selectman Callahan.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve a road race for Stepping Stones for Stella to be held on Sunday, June 19, 2016, seconded by Selectman Callahan.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Strauss to approve a one-day Wine & Beer License for the Caleb Group for their annual celebration and fundraiser to be held on Sunday, November 27, 2016, from 6-9:30PM at the First Church, 40 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, Mass, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Callahan to approve an amendment for Metropolitan Area Planning Council Master Plan contract through June 2016, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Callahan to approve meeting minutes from December 16, 2015, November 16, 2015, and from October 21, 2015, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve a request from the Recreation Department for a one-day liquor permit and to hold a run/race on April 29, 2016 and April 30, 2016, with Harpoon Brewery as a sponsor to give out samples at the end of the road race to bib holders over the age of 21, seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Town Administrator's Report:

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

- *Ongoing project-possibility of valet parking at the Town Hall, work in progress at this stage.*
- *Municipal Opioid group committee being formed / Chief Madigan was thanked / in the beginning stages-Selectman Spathanas asked how residents would be picked to participate –Mr. Younger stated the group is only in the beginning stages and appointments to this group will be worked out in time. Mr. Younger asked Selectman Dreeben to be the Board of Selectman liaison to this group/committee.*
- *Chapter 90 bill filed by Governor Baker.*
- *Bridge funding a possibility with the State-Mr. Younger will work with Gino Cresta, DPW Director.*

Selectman's Time:

Selectman Dreeben informed the Board that the meeting room will be furnished soon with new tables and new floors.

Selectman Callahan mentioned he was not going to seek re-election to the Board and encouraged residents to take out nomination papers and run for a seat on the Board of Selectman.

Selectman Strauss thanked Selectman Callahan for his service as a member of the Board of Selectman. Selectman Strauss thanked Selectman Callahan for his service to the Board and the Town.

Selectman Strauss sent condolences out to longtime resident Mr. Garry Baker husband of former Selectman Jan Baker.

Executive Session:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Strauss to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation (Greenwood / Groom Construction Case) since an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position and will not return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session, seconded by Selectman Spathanas. A roll call vote was taken and the Board will not return to open session. Selectman Callahan recused himself from executive session.

True Attest: Maureen Shultz, Administrative Assistant

