

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Swampscott, MA 01907**

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Naomi Dreeben, Chair Peter Spellios, Selectmen Don Hause , Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald,

Pledge of Allegiance 7:09pm

Resident Comment

Glen Kessler- Precinct 5

Spoke regarding the BOS not deciding to reappoint Sylvia Belkin to the Historical Commission. He spoke about his disappointment on this and how he feels the BOS eliminates someone if someone does not march with them. He feels Sylvia was slammed publicly and that she should have been brought in privately. He feels the Selectmen owe an apology to Sylvia and the Historical Commission.

Trish Malphrus – Commission on Disability spoke that the commission is doing a series of did you know- PSA weekly announcement. Amazing feedback on the announcements. Reached out to superintendent and to the high school to design a new logo- and there is an ongoing logo contest currently happening. Spoke about working on having access to headsets/sign language interpreters for commission and board meetings. Selectmen Spellios asked to share the did you knows with the Town and they will help get the word out.

Motion to authorize the Asst. Town Administrator/ Town Treasurer to renew a \$240,000 BAN to replace the maturing BAN on March 12th 2019.

Motion made my Selectmen Hause motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Renewal of 2019 CLASS II Car Dealer Licenses

Max Kasper has reviewed and recommended to approve these licenses. There are some zoning issues that will continue to be evaluated and there will be additional discussion on this. Town Counsel is currently evaluating the current files for both regarding Zoning.

Motion made by Selectmen Dreeben to Move to approve a CLASS II license for Paradise Auto Sales located on 219 Paradise Road and Four Seasons Group located at 460 Humphrey Street motion seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Review and Signing of the Intra-Municipal Agreement with the Retirement Board

Build a strong partnership between the retirement board and Town staff and a stronger HR function. Selectmen Dreeben says she likes having the cost sharing function.

Selectmen Hause says that the team has done an amazing job seeking efficiencies.

Selectmen Spellios asked questions regarding payment and how numbers were reached.

Selectmen Spellios asked about the COLA vote and the public meeting that will be happening. Ron Mendes stated that a recommendation can be made to have a COLA vote. Selectmen Spellios would like a little more information on this.

Motion made my Selectmen Hause to move to approve the Intra-Municipal Agreement for services by and between the Swampscott Board of Selectmen and the Swampscott Contributory Retirement Board motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

1st Quarterly Report of the Traffic Study Advisory Committee recommending the following changes to the Traffic & Parking Regulations:

Gino Cresta, Lieutenant Stephens and Ron Mendes presented on the Traffic Study Advisory Committee Committee was created as an ad hoc technical advisory team designed to provide technical advice to the TA and BOS on matters.

The committee meets several times over the month

Discussions and recommendation by residents to the committee include:

- Pedestrian Safety- recently discussed Humphrey Street (area of St Johns Church) – they will be scheduling a future public meeting on this and making a recommendation to the BOS in a future meeting Selectmen Spellios and Selectmen Hause strongly stated that this is the time, and something needs be made done for a quick resolution. A lot of different discussions on this issue- Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to have a 6-month study motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor PRIORITY*
- Cedar Hill Ter./ Bay View Ave. / Greenwood Ave/ Highland St. / King St.- Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to have a 6-month study motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor*
- Request to update the status of parking restriction on Claremont Terrace- Recommended modification to Traffic and Parking Regulations – vote to delete Claremont Terrace, northerly side and replace with Claremont Terrace, southerly side - Favorable Motion made by Selectmen Spellios motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor
Chief is organizing an intern to go out and map the town and give an inventory and what signs we have and what the signage says*
- Request to restrict traffic on Woodbine Avenue to “One-Way Only” entering from the southerly end and exiting on the northerly end. Favorable Motion made by Selectmen Spellios motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor*
- Recommend removing the 2 -hour parking restriction on portion of the southerly side of Columbia Street adjacent to 33 Columbia Street - Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to table this recommendation motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor*
- Change two parking spaces on Humphrey Street between Redington Street and the fire hydrant be changed to 15-minute parking spaces at the request of Volo Pizza.- Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to have a 6-month study motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor*
- Request to install a 30-minute parking restriction adjacent to the Aleph Academy- Favorable Motion made by Selectmen Spellios motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor*

Reviewed other issues addressed by the committee that either action was taken/or not Selectmen Spellios asked that if there is data that can be presented with recommendation, that should be done. It would help the BOS in their decision making.

Project codifying the regulations book

Discussion to confirm there are no light timing issues on Farragut and Paradise time 4-6 p.m.- Gino will follow up

Atlantic and Phillips- Selectmen Hause asked to look into having a stop ahead sign

Selectmen Spellios made a motion for a 6-month Study on Burpee Street and Crosswalk at St Johns and report back to the BOS in 6 months motion Seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Selectmen Spellios would like a few residents to be added to the committee

Discussion and vote to authorize the Town Administrator to issue an RFP for lease of 26 New Ocean Street and issue a longer-term lease

Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and sign a four (4) month lease extension for 26 New Ocean Street, along with authorizing the Town Administrator to issue a Request for Proposals for the future use of the property motion seconded by Selectmen Dreeben- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Town Meeting Warrant

Town Administrator distributed a preliminary list of the warrant articles to the BOS.

Selectmen Spellios asked anyone with suggestion of warrant articles to be added to the warrant to reach out to the BOS.

Selectmen Dreeben was interested in two warrant articles:

Zoning by laws/articles both Selectmen Hause and Selectmen Dreeben working with Affordable housing trust payment in lieu of construction- coming up with a formula using best practices – currently in the hands of Town Counsel

Banning of Plastic straws

Selectmen Hause was interested in warrant articles:

*Taking of blighted properties – Selectmen Spellios is having Town Counsel looking into how to go about this
By Law Revision- Town Counsel question- update the town on State Statues of local acceptance of opt out on and general review of our general By Laws*

Selectmen Spathanas and Selectmen Jones will speak about their own recommendation for Warrant Articles

Town Administrator talked about recommendation of financial articles

Selectmen Dreeben requested slide of the warrant articles for the next meeting

Dpt heads have till the end of March to submit suggested warrant articles

Consent Agenda

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2019

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2019

Appointment to Renewable Energy Committee

Tom Dreeben resigned from the Renewable Energy Committee and Selectmen Spellios thanked him for his services

Nicolas Scibelli is recommended for a 3-year term on the Renewable Energy Committee

Motion made by Selectmen Spellios to accept the consent agenda above motion seconded by Selectmen Hause- all BOS members were unanimously in favor

Selectmen Time

Selectmen Hause spent some time with the New Community and Economic development director and she is wonderful and such an asset

Asked about Mexicali and projected opening date

Selectmen Spellios reminded residents March 9th is the School Idea Exchange

Thanked Marzi and Sean in making reminders of the liquor license.

Town Administrator gave a week in review along with department head updates.

Motion to adjourn by Selectmen Spellios the motion was seconded by Selectmen Hause all BOS members were in favor.