

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2013

Members Present: Mark Sullivan, Chairman
Lorraine Brue, Vice Chairman
John Gray, Clerk
Ginny Coppola
James DeVellis

Others Present: Acting Town Manager Bob Cutler
DPW Director Roger Hill

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mark Sullivan, Chairman. Chairman Sullivan reviewed the agenda.

Citizen's Input

Police Chief Ed O'Leary stated that he has been working with the Chairman of the Jaycees, Lynda Walsh, on the National Night Out program. This will be held on the Common on August 6th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This is the 30th year the National Night Out will be held, it has been held in Foxboro since the late 1980's. There is more information available on the Jaycees and Foxboro Police Department Facebook pages. There will also be kits available for fingerprints and DNA samples.

Building Commissioner Bill Casbarra brought the Conservation Department's kayak to the meeting to inform the Board that there was so much water in the basement offices this morning due to heavy downpours that the kayak was floating. He could issue an enforcement order that the building be vacated within thirty days as the situation is so serious; there is electrical, heating and ventilation systems downstairs. This is affecting the employees. Mr. Casbarra feels it's time to take action and do something about the conditions at Town Hall; the building either needs to be improved or replaced.

Chairman's Update

Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Cutler to start the process of finding a rental to relocate the Town Hall, perhaps where the library was located. The Board had voted to support a new Town Hall which wasn't supported by the Advisory Committee. Mr. DeVellis noted that it wasn't they didn't support it, it was the funding plan that fell apart. Mr. Scollins stated that he feels the project could have gone forward, it needs to be made a priority. Mr. DeVellis feels that the Town Hall needs advocates in town. Mr. Cutler stated that there were six employees in the basement for at least two hours this morning cleaning up the flooding, this affects the employees' production and a change would help to boost Town Hall spirits. Mr. Sullivan would like this issue put on the agenda in four weeks. Mr. DeVellis and Mr. Gray will work with Mr. Cutler to find a solution.

Discussion with Route One Satellite Parking Lot Owners

Chief O'Leary stated that he met with the lot owners; Ms. Coppola also attended. A draft of the regulations was given out. The Chief has not received any feedback from

the owners yet and requests that a vote be moved to the August 6th agenda to give the lot owners time to bring any other concerns forward. The Chief requests that this be put on the agenda after 8:00 on the 6th as it is the same night as the National Night Out.

Mr. DeVellis would also like a discussion of Selectmen versus Select Board put on the August 6th agenda.

Action Items

The Board met with DPW Director Roger Hill in regards to truck traffic on Oak Street. A study was asked for by the residents of Oak Street, the town would need to ask the Mass DOT but it will be difficult to get an alternate truck route. Mr. Hill and the Police Chief met with the residents and Meals Tax funds could be used for a study. The Board needs to authorize a study; it would cost approximately \$10,000 - \$25,000, three quotes would be obtained but no bid would be required. The last study was done in the 1980's and the residents are adamant that something be done about the truck traffic. Mr. Hill stated that the trucks would need to move to an alternate route like Chestnut St., Pleasant St. or Maple St.; he feels that none of those routes would be suitable. A partial exclusion would have the most chance of success. The study would need to show that there is more than 8% truck traffic.

Ms. Brue asked about the change that was made in Mansfield. Mr. Hill stated that Mansfield created an impediment 25 -30 years ago. Mr. DeVellis notes that everyone wants the trucks off their streets but thinks it will be difficult to get approved. Mr. Sullivan asked if the DPW's own resources could be used to hand count the traffic to see if it will be near the 8% before committing to the study.

There has been a request received for a Common Victuallers License at the Penalty Box Cafe in the Foxboro Sports Center at 10 Belcher Road.

A motion to approve a Common Victuallers License application for the Penalty Box Cafe at 10 Belcher Road was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A vote is requested to restrict the acceptance of new applicants for Constable and Taxi Services in the town. There have been numerous applications from out of town; taxi services are using Foxboro as an operation address but servicing customers in Mansfield, Sharon and surrounding communities and not Foxboro. Other towns have caps on the number of applications.

A motion to restrict new taxi services to be reviewed annually was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to restrict new constable applications to be reviewed annually was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A donation has been received from Jake n Joe's Restaurant to the Recreation Department.

A motion to accept a \$400 donation with gratitude from Jake n Joe's Restaurant for the Recreation Gift Fund was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

ZBA member Erik McKenzie has resigned from the ZBA. A request has been received from ZBA Chairman J. Neil Forster to appoint Alternate Member Kim Mellon as a full Member and to appoint Kristofer Behn as an Alternate Member.

A motion to accept the resignation of Erik McKenzie from the Zoning Board of Appeals with gratitude for his service was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to appoint Kim Mellon as a full member of the ZBA for a term expiring May 1, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to appoint Kristofer Behn as an Alternate Member to the ZBA for a term expiring May 1, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The minutes of May 29, 2013, July 3, 2013, July 9, 2013 and July 11, 2013 were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 2013 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2013 as amended was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2013 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms/ Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A request has been received from the Wareham Board of Selectmen seeking support of House Bill H1115 which is an act relative to the definition of low and moderate income housing. The Board would like Mr. Cutler to draft a letter from the Board with input from the Town Planner. Copies should be sent to representatives Barrows and Timilty.

A motion to support House Bill H1115 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Information Items

The county tax has been assessed and is \$5,000 less than last year.

The Planning Board is requesting that the state allow affordable housing be located in places other than Chestnut Green. A letter needs to be sent to the state from the Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. with the intention of returning to regular session was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The Board returned to regular session at 10:20 p.m.

The Board informed the public that there will be a release statement in the coming weeks and there will be no discussion at this time.

The Interim Town Manager discussion is moved to the next meeting on August 6, 2013.

Mr. Cutler has been the Acting Town Manager and will continue in that capacity.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

John R. Gray, Clerk