

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020

Town Hall, Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: Joseph E. Kelleher, Chairman; Michael G. Bradley; Christopher R. Rohland; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Joe Kelleher opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of January 13, 2020:

- Met with Fred Russell and roof project contractor to review punch list
- Met with Chief Hocking and Patrick Dello Russo regarding burn permits
- Met with Danielle Kerrigan regarding personnel issues
- Credit card machine installed in Selectmen’s Office
- Met with Merrill Diamond regarding parking concerns in downtown shopping area
- Met with Matt Parent, Chairman of the Energy Committee, regarding energy saving measures for the Police Station and DPW construction projects in preparation for weekly meeting with architects
- Met with Narice Casper regarding early voting which will take place at the First Congregational Church Hall
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects, including Town Hall elevator project which is scheduled to get underway next week
- Attended meeting at Department of Early Education and Care with Craig Jameson and Nancy Bowers regarding licensing process
- Attended weekly meeting with architects for Police Station and DPW projects
- Met with Jim Roderick regarding zoning on Clay Pit Road and possibility of having a Cumberland Farms gas station and convenience store on property that he owns on Ocean Street

Week of January 20, 2020:

- Met with Kerry Richardson on housing issues
- Department Head Meeting
- Attended Fiscal Team Meeting led by Patrick Dello Russo
- Met with Karen O’Donnell regarding potential land acquisition
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell regarding ongoing maintenance issues
- Attended weekly construction meeting
- Met with members of Town boards to resolve legal issues
- Attended MMA Convention in Boston on Friday and Saturday

Andrew Gallagher, Trustees of Reservations – Andrew Gallagher appeared before the Board and said that he has recently been appointed as the Director for South Shore and South Coast Trustees and wanted to introduce himself to the Board. Mr. Gallagher gave the Board a brief review of Two Mile Farm and improvements that are planned for that area. The Board thanked Mr. Gallagher for coming in and said that they look forward to working with him.

Reappointment of David O’Reilly as Registrar of Voters – Joe Kelleher read the email from David O’Reilly requesting reappointment as a Registrar of Voters. Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Michael Bradley, to reappoint David O’Reilly as a Registrar of Voters for a three year term that expires on June 30, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment of Lauren Hughes as Registrar of Voters – Joe Kelleher read the letter from Dennis McGrath, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, requesting that Lauren Hughes be appointed as a Registrar of Voters. Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Michael Bradley, to appoint Lauren Hughes as a Registrar of Voters for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Request to Waive Filing Fee for Couch Cemetery Project – Joe Kelleher read the email from Nanci Porreca, ZBA Clerk, asking permission to waive the filing fee for the Couch Cemetery project since it is a Town project. Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve this request to waive the ZBA filing fee. The vote was unanimous.

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Quirk Cars Inc. Application for Revision to Car Dealer License – Attorney Steve Guard appeared before the Board to represent Quirk Cars Inc. in their application for a change to their existing Class I license to sell new and used cars at 830 Plain Street. Mr. Guard said that the applicant is requesting an increase to their license from 336 cars to 463 cars. Joe Kelleher noted that this request has already been approved by the ZBA and Planning Board. After a brief discussion, Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to grant this revised license. The vote was unanimous.

Liberty School – Field Trip Request – Joe Kelleher read the letter from Kim Moran requesting permission to bring a group of fourth graders from the Liberty School in Braintree to Brant Rock Beach for tide pooling on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Mr. Kelleher noted that the Beach Administrator has recommended approval of this request. Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous.

Bailey’s by the Sea dba The Coffee Bar – Annual Common Victualler License – Joe Kelleher read through the application for an Annual Common Victualler license from Anthony Frangie and noted that this is the coffee shop that is currently owned by Samantha DeAssis. After a brief discussion, Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to grant this license contingent on positive recommendations from the Board of Health and the Building Department. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment to Library Board of Trustees – Dylan White – Joe Kelleher read through the application from Dylan White requesting appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Kelleher noted that the Library Board has endorsed this appointment. Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to appoint Dylan White to the Ventress Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Vote to Support Changes to the Town’s Investment Policy – Patrick Dello Russo gave the Board an explanation of the reason for this request to change the Town’s investment policy to allow for investment in Long Term Trust Funds in accordance with the prudent investor rules of MGL Ch. 203C. Mr. Dello Russo noted that this change would require a Town Meeting vote. After a brief discussion, Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to support this change to the Town’s Investment Policy. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Kelleher noted that the next appointment is not scheduled until 7:30 p.m. and said that the Board will take a short break. The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Sajjan Enterprises LLC dba Jogi’s Liquors – Revocation Hearing – Joe Kelleher said that this hearing has been cancelled because Ms. Sajjan paid the past due money owed to the Town before the close of business today. Mr. Kelleher said that this is not the first time that the Sajjans have been delinquent in payment to the Town and/or had checks returned for insufficient funds. After a brief discussion the Board directed Michael Maresco to draft a letter to Sajjan Enterprises LLC informing them that from this point forward all monies owed to the Town must be paid in a timely manner using a cashier’s check, certified bank check, or money order.

FY2021 Budget Presentation – The Advisory Board joined the Board of Selectmen for this presentation. Michael Maresco and Patrick Dello Russo gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the FY21 Budget including an explanation of revenue, expenses, fixed costs and debt. The Board thanked Mr. Maresco and Mr. Dello Russo and the entire fiscal team for their work on this budget.

Acceptance of Minutes – Joe Kelleher moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to accept the minutes of December 30, 2019 and January 13, 2020 as written. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session – At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Kelleher moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation that if discussed in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, not to

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return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye.

Mr. Kelleher further moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition that if discussed in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, not to return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye.

Mr. Kelleher further moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation that if discussed in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, not to return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye.

Mr. Kelleher moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to close the executive session at 8:55 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was 2:0. Roll call vote: Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: email from Andrew Gallagher, Trustees of Reservations; letter from Attorney Guard and application and back-up materials for revised Class I license; letters to Sajjan Enterprises LLC regarding revocation hearing; copy of budget presentation; letter from Patrick Dello Russo explaining changes to investment policy; email from David O'Reilly requesting reappointment as Registrar of Voters; letter from Republican Town Committee requesting that Lauren Hughes be appointed as Registrar of Voters; email requesting waiver of filing fees for Couch Cemetery project; letter from Liberty School requesting permission for field trip and recommendation from Beach Administrator; application for annual common victualler license from Anthony Frangie and recommendations from Building Department and Board of Health; application for appointment to Library Board of Trustees from Dylan White and recommendation from Library Director;