

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 6pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2016; present were four selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator, Selectperson Murphy was not present.

6:00 Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session – MGL Ch. 30A §21(a)3 Strategy with respect to collective bargaining (MCoP Local 154 Police Officers, MCoP Local 154A Police Sergeants, AFSCME Local 1679 General Unit, AFSCME Local 1679 Supervisors/Foremen Unit). Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with MCoP Local 154 Police Officers, MCoP Local 154A Police Sergeants, AFSCME Local 1679 General Unit, AFSCME Local 1679 Supervisors/Foremen Unit. (Roll Call Vote), Selectperson Sheedy seconded, roll call vote – Chairperson Battistelli – aye, Selectperson Lucas – aye, Selectperson Sheedy – aye, Selectperson Wilkinson – aye, all in favor.

Motion to enter Executive Session: Motion Approved

Chairperson Battistelli said we are entering Executive Session because, by not doing so, it would be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position. The Board will reconvene in Open Session.

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2016: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of April 12, 2016, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Approval of 4/12/16 Minutes Motion Approved

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: Chairperson Battistelli said there is a need for Meals on Wheels volunteers. The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for 9am on Saturday, 4/30/16. One hundred fifty residents will be necessary to have a quorum; on the agenda are the stretch code article and dredging Millbrook Pond. The Town Election is being held on May 2; beer and wine licenses are on the ballot as well as the DPW facility as a debt-exclusion.

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports

Public Comment Period: T. Tarr, 154 Main St., spoke on the Marmion Way property; he said he'd like to see some restriction to keep them affordable. The Town Administrator said we are not putting restrictions on Marmion Way. Since the Board of Selectmen set up a Community Development Program, she said we have a whole program on affordable housing. Letters are going out to landlords in town; there may be more affordable housing than we know about. We need to know the inventory.

Public Comment Period

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., spoke about the task force to eliminate the parking ban. He said this is a small piece of a larger problem, downtown parking. He said he has spoken to the Town Administrator; there was \$14,000 allocated in the Finance Committee column for an affordable housing effort. He recommended a quarterly update on affordable housing.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Invitation to Affordable Housing Rockport High School Apts. Open House by Harborlight Community Partners being held on 5/5/16 from 2pm to 4:30pm.
- Parking meter project, there is a volunteer working with a shop owner going through instructions for the meters to design a sticker to assist individuals that are having difficulty operating the meters.
- The Animal Inspector doesn't wish to be nominated.
- Rosemary Lesch, Harbormaster, will be recognized at the state house; the award is the "Unsung Heroines for 2016", she was nominated by legislators for her contribution to the community and the commonwealth.
- Mechanisms to address T. Arsenian's concern about a commission (public) five members to act as a department head to keep the progress going.
- The FY '15 audit is complete, we will be responding to the draft mgmt. letter.
- The Town Administrator said she has reviewed the sewer debt service charges, she went through the numbers. She said she agrees that Rockport owes Gloucester per the inter-municipal agreement. She said more documentation (backup) is needed.
- The seasonal hiring process is beginning (lifeguards, parking enforcement, etc.), interested parties should pick an application up at town hall.

7:15 Action List

Action List:

- Appointment of Thacher Island Keepers: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Jeannette Haynes, Sydney Wedmore, Suellen Wedmore, David Murphy, Donna Cusick, Linda Bosselman, Sharon Cohen, David Cohen, Mary Ellen Kother, Steve Kother, Ian Boyd, Margie Deweese-Boyd, Gary Johnson, Dianne Johnson, Kathy Michaud, Paul Sena, Patty Wegman, Larry Haynes, David Joseph, Wayne Smith, Anita Smith, John Fulton, Darlene Fulton, Nancy Mazzei, Richard Curry, Ray Pszenny, Liz Pszenny, Dewey Glick, Camille Glick, Anne Patrick, Jennifer Colquitt, Ann Patrice Hickey, Lynn Chambers, Dick Whittaker, Nancy Jaretz, Joseph Napolitano, and Peggy Flanagan as Thacher Island Keepers, all for the 2016 Season, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Chairperson Battistelli abstained from vote.
- Resignation of Rob Claypool from the Conservation Commission: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Selectmen accept the resignation of Rob Claypool from the Conservation Commission to become effective on July 1, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.
- Award of 8 Marmion Way Sale to David & Karen Coraccio: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen award the sale of 8 Marmion Way to David and Karen Coraccio of 29 Sheffield Road, Wakefield, MA for the sale price of \$501,000. Further, that the Board sign the Purchase & Sale Agreement for this property at the aforementioned amount, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0, Selectperson Sheedy abstained from vote.
- Outdoor Display Permit Renewal: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign Outdoor Display permits for Alikat of 2 Bearskin Neck and Scarves on the Neck of 9 Bearskin Neck, for the 2016 summer season, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0. Each received a written warning last year.
 - a. Alikat, 2 Bearskin Neck

Appointment of
Thacher Island
Keepers
Motion Approved

Resignation from
Conservation
Commission
Motion Approved

Award of 8
Marmion Way
Motion Approved

Outdoor Display
Permit Renewal
Motion Approved

b. Scarves on the Neck, 9 Bearskin Neck

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- 22 Long Beach Lease – Additional Trustee & Change of Address: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a lease for 22 Long Beach to reflect an additional trustee added and updated address, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.
- Permission for Firemen’s Sunday Memorial Parade: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Rockport Firemen’s Association to hold its annual Firemen’s Sunday Memorial Parade on June 12, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.
- Permission for Fourth of July Events: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Rockport Firemen’s Association to hold its annual Fourth of July activities, including its Bake Sale on June 25, 2016 and its Parade, Food Stand, Music, and Bonfire on July 4, 2016, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

22 Long Beach Lease – change Motion Approved

Permission for Firemen’s Sunday Memorial Parade Motion Approved

Permission for Fourth of July Events Motion Approved

7:50 Discussion Item

Discussion Item:

Modification of Resident Parking at end of South Street: it was suggested that maybe the DPW could visit the area, Selectperson Wilkinson said maybe angle parking would work; the area needs to be cleaned up. Selectperson Wilkinson said she would speak to the Police Chief about it. This piece of property was donated to the town.

Modification of Resident Parking at end of South St.

Other Business/Announcements

7:45 Selectperson Sheedy moved to adjourn seconded by Selectperson Wilkinson, Vote: 4-0.

Items signed:

Rockport Public Employee Committee
Common Victualler’s License, The Ice Cream Store, Jed Coonley
Outdoor Display, Sea Stores, Alikat
Scarves on the Neck, Outdoor Display
Lease, #22 Long Beach
Common Victualler’s License, Eliza’s Top Dog
Lodging House License, The Sea Robin