

A meeting was held at 6:30 pm in Conference Room A in Town Hall, present were five selectpersons and the Asst. Town Administrator.

6:30 Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session – Value of Real Property: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a) for Exception #6 to discuss strategy with respect to Real Property, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Roll Call Vote: Selectperson Battistelli – aye, Selectperson Lucas – aye, Selectperson Murphy – aye, Selectperson Sheedy – aye, Chairperson Wilkinson – aye, all in favor.

Executive Session, Value of Real Property Motion Approved

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Approval of 12/2/14 minutes, Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2014: Selectperson Murphy moved to accept the minutes of 12/2/14, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 5-0.

Selectperson Sheedy moved to add one agenda item to tonight's action list to accept a work of art as a gift to the town, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0.

Motion to add an agenda item to tonight's meeting Motion Approved

Selectmen & Town Administrator Updates and Selectmen Liaison Reports:

- Selectperson Murphy commented on the nice turnout of town employees and volunteers last Tuesday at the holiday party at the Community House.
- Selectperson Battistelli said the tax bills are going out by the 31st; the tax rate was certified last Friday. If anyone wants to pay their tax bill early, there is an option to do that by contacting the Assessor's office or the Treasurer/Collector's office.
- Selectperson Murphy said he and Chairperson Wilkinson participated in Bruce Tarr's annual toy drive on the North Shore radio Station 104.9.
- The Next Board of Selectmen meeting is 1/13/15.
- The Asst. Town Administrator said there was a great turnout for the recent anti-harassment training, as well as the Manager's & Supervisor's training on documentation and discipline. Chairperson Wilkinson attended the training and said it was very interesting. M. Vieira said the land use training was also very beneficial.
- There is a conditional offer of employment for the Town Accountant position. The candidate will come before the Board on 1/13/15. Selectperson Murphy inquired about finger printing potential candidates; the Asst. Town Administrator said the town doesn't currently do this.
- The Ethics sign-offs are in, there are a few remaining to be turned in. Budget updates, calendar for January 20, 2015 with department heads.
- There are 47 applicants for the Police Chief position. December 31 is the last day to accept applications. The survey for police officers, being handled by Chief Mulligan; are going directly to BadgeQuest, they are due by the 23rd. The citizen survey will be out shortly, it will go on the town website, and it's going out through the schools. Selectperson Murphy requested that the surveys be included in the Selectperson's packets.
- Town Hall is closing at noon on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Selectmen & Town Administrator Updates and Selectmen Updates

Public Comment Period: Jayne Montecarlo, 92 Granite Street, said at 8:30 AM last Sunday morning there was construction and noise at 129 Granite Street, she questioned if the fine for non-compliance could increase with each violation; she said that would discourage violations. She said the police responded to the complaint about the noise. Selectperson Murphy said residents with such complaints should contact the police at the time, they will shut it down. Greg Blaha said he received a response from his FAA letter, local municipalities may enforce

Public Comment Period:

restrictions, the FAA doesn't issue permits, etc. Chairperson Wilkinson said we are working with town counsel on moving forward in an appropriate manner. Selectperson Sheedy said Mr. Blaha pointed out that the property went through the Site Plan Review process and there was no heliport on the plan.

Maureen Dwinell, 3 Drumlin Road, said she is hearing that federal trumps local however, this is a safety issue.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, said Manchester by the Sea has a by-law against helicopter landings not associated with emergency purposes. He said the DEP's denial of the Chapter 91 needs to be public. He said the suit brought by M. Rauseo was turned aside on procedural grounds, they didn't rule on the merits of it. He said Rauseo can administratively appeal this decision, and he can go back to Superior Court. If the suit is lost, the town will be the loser. He requests that the Board give some consideration to this. Selectperson Battistelli said we are working with the state on this; the implication that nothing is going on here is not the case. She said though the town is not involved in the suit, we are working with the state on this. T. Arsenian said that exterior walls on the tool company have been removed, he questioned if the building inspector has verified that the zoning code is being complied with here. Frederick Tarr, Main Street, said the DEP turn down was in the Times as well as the anti-graffiti piece. Selectperson Lucas said residents have been asking how they can help with this; some have offered to install cameras on their property next year. Chairperson Wilkinson said we don't want to give more press to the graffiti; that is part of the plan to discourage these activities.

Public Comment
Period
Continued

7:45 Action List

Action List: Alcohol License Renewal Application for the Yankee Clipper: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Selectmen approve and sign the Alcohol License Renewal Application for the Yankee Clipper but hold the Alcohol License until their building addition problem is resolved with the Building Inspector, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0. Selectperson Murphy said everything needs to be in order prior to a license being issued. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, said he has endangered himself and/or put his property at risk, bringing this complaint forward. He said the Yankee Clipper looks closed, he questioned if it is open year round. When he spoke with the building inspector he wasn't satisfied with is response. He said the building inspector looks for safety issues, he does not check for zoning compliance. Chairperson Wilkinson said she is willing to look into ensuring that the restaurant is serving meals. She said with a renewal application, the record at the assessor's office is not matched. Chairperson Wilkinson recommended amending the motion that town hall has given confirmation that the facility is operating according to the terms of the license. The Asst. Town Administrator said that statement is included on the permit. Chairperson Wilkinson said she is concerned about T. Arsenian's concerns around his safety, she recommended anyone with concerns about bringing a concern forward contact a Selectmen or Town Hall.

Alcohol License
Renewal
Application for the
Yankee Clipper
Motion Approved

Designation of Meg Jarrett as Film Liaison: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Selectmen designate Meg Montanigno Jarrett as Rockport's Film Liaison to the Massachusetts Film Office, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 5-0. Selectperson Lucas said Meg will be active by being a contact from the films office to represent our area. She said this doesn't give Meg any authority over this, but she can make suggestions and she can speak their language and ultimately promote Rockport. This is a statewide effort, Gloucester, possibly Manchester and Essex, Cape Ann. She said the Town Administrator is working on a permit for filming in town and developing a stable fee schedule.

Designation of Meg
Jarret as Film
Liaison
Motion Approved

Permission for Menorah in Barletta Park: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to Rabbi Lipsker to display a menorah in Barletta Park for the holiday season again this year, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0.

Permission for
Menorah in Barletta
Park
Motion Approved

Lease Agreement for 34 Long Beach: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a lease agreement for 34 Long Beach with Elizabeth Howland and Mark Pollard, Trustees of the Philip E. Pollard Family Irrevocable Trust and Trustees of the Mary A. Pollard Family Irrevocable Trust, to transfer the current lease to the Trust, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0.

Lease Agreement
for 34 Long
Beach
Motion
Approved

Notice of Lease for 34 Long Beach: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a Notice of Lease for 34 Long Beach with Elizabeth Howland and Mark Pollard, Trustees of the Philip E. Pollard Family Irrevocable Trust and Trustees of the Mary A. Pollard Family Irrevocable Trust, seconded by Selectperson Battistelli, Vote: 5-0.

Notice of Lease
for 34 Long
Beach
Motion
Approved

Acceptance of Gift of Art: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Selectmen accept as a gift to the town, a sculpture from Mindy Trafton in memory of her mother, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0. An appropriate place to store it is being considered, people can make suggestions on where it will be placed.

Acceptance of
Gift of Art
Motion
Approved

8:25 Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 5-0.

Warrant Signed:

Warrant signed for the Fiscal Year 2015 Payroll and Expenses for the week of 12/18/14 in the amounts of \$196,817.74 and \$301,545.46 respectively.

Items signed:

Sympathy letter to Bill Aspesi
Yankee Clipper Inn - On premises Liquor application
Yankee Clipper Inn - Alcohol Beverage – Common Victualler’s, being held
Film Liaison
34 Long Beach Lease
Notice of Lease, 34 Long Beach
Adam Chin, A&K Lighthouse Taxi, Taxicab License
2004 Buick LeSabre
2004 Dodge Caravan
2005 Dodge Caravan
2000 Buick LeSabre
2003 Buick LeSabre
2001 Chevy Malibu
2005 Dodge Caravan
2004 Buick LeSabre
Nate’s at Front Beach, Common Victualler’s
Dana Woods, Spiran Lodge, Entertainment License
Eagle House, Lodging House License
Joseph Allen, Bearskin Neck Motor Lodge, Innholder’s License
Scott Wood, The Tuck Inn, Innholder’s License
Fudge Four, Inc., Common Victualler’s
Audra Dainora, Atlantic Pizza, Common Victualler’s
The Red Skiff, Common Victualler’s
Brother’s Brew Coffee Shop, Common Victualler’s
Charles Brackett, Brackett’s Oceanview, Common Victualler’s
Inn on Cove Hill, Lodging House
Seven South Street Inn, Innholder’s License
Local Yokel, Rockport Inn and Suites, Innholder’s License