

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2015

A Board of Selectmen meeting was held at 7pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Conference Room A with three selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator; Selectpersons Murphy and Wilkinson were not in attendance.

7:00 Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

7:10 National Grid/Verizon Pole Relocation Hearing: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board open a Utility Pole Relocation Hearing to hear public comments pertaining to National Grid's and Verizon's request to relocate one JO Pole on Granite Street, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0. Chairperson Battistelli read the posting that was in the newspaper.

Open the
National Grid/
Verizon Pole
Relocation Hearing
Motion Approved

Close Hearing: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen close the Public Hearing, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Close Hearing
Motion Approved

Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Selectmen approve National Grid's and Verizon's petition to relocate one JO pole #641, including all necessary wires, cables, and fixtures on town property from its present location at 253 Granite Street to approximately 20 feet northwest at said location to be in line with neighboring poles, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0 .

Approve the
relocation of JO
Pole #641
Motion Approved

Maureen Gebhardt, 253 Granite Street, spoke about the retaining wall at the other end of the loop. She said they are putting in a driveway; the excavator told her the telephone pole needs to be moved. She said they need to move it 20 feet; it never should have been put there. She said the new location won't be blocking or obstructing anyone's property.

The representative from National Grid did not attend the meeting.

Interview of Pat McGehee for the Beautification Committee: Selectperson Lucas nominated Pat McGehee as a member of the Beautification Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. The appointment will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Stephanie Woolfe was presenting this nomination. P. McGehee said he has been in Rockport for over six years; he has the time, the tools and the equipment to contribute at this time. The Town Administrator stated that the Board of Selectmen received a request from an artist who would like to hang a laminated sign at Front Beach and the Rockport side of Long Beach stating that "the world is not your ash tray". The board members decided they were not in favor of hanging these signs.

Nomination for
Beautification
Committee
Motion Approved

Interview of Ian Underwood as new Street Performer: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board sign a Street Performer License for Ian Underwood to perform at the approved locations of the island at Dock Square, the end of Bearskin Neck and Donovan's Corner, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0. He said he has a loop pedal with a microphone with amplifier; he sings. He said he is licensed to perform in Boston and Nantucket.

Interview of new
street performer
Motion Approved

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Interview of Dierdra Darrah as new Street Performer: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board sign a Street Performer License for Dierdra Darrah to perform at the approved locations of the island at Dock Square, the end of Bearskin Neck and Donovan’s Corner, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. She said she sings and plays the guitar; plays country or pop and writes her own music. She also plays at the Fish Shack.

Approval of 6/24/15 Minutes
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2015: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of June 24, 2015, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Approval of 6/30/15 Minutes
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2015: postponed – insufficient number of voting members who were present on 6/30/15.

Public Comment Period

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Town Administrator’s Report

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- The Town Administrator said the Old Garden Beach Association would like to erect a sign welcoming people to the beach. She said there are no other signs identifying the other beaches in town; she said if this is approved she’d like to standardize this throughout the town. The type of sign should be discussed; the Town Administrator said she will get back to the Board with recommended signs.
- The Town Administrator said the issue of residents renting out their individual homes through Air B&B needs to be reviewed. If food is being served, they’re conducting an ongoing commercial activity, and they don’t have a permit, we need to verify what is required.
- Selectperson Sheedy spoke about the Long Beach surveys and having a surveyor on the property. She said there is a statute allowing a surveyor to go on abutting property.

7:50 Action List

Action List:

Close FTM Warrant
Motion Approved

Close FTM Warrant: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen close the September 14, 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Yearend Transfers for Snow & Ice Removal
Motion Approved

Yearend Transfers for Snow & Ice Removal: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve, and ask the Chairperson to sign, the Yearend Transfer requests from the DPW labor and expense accounts listed on the transfer attachment sheet dated July 9, 2015, to the DPW Snow and Ice Overtime and Expense accounts as also listed in the total amount of \$27,168.45, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Appointment to Town Art Committee
Motion Approved

Appointment of Dorothy Marshall to the Town Art Committee: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Dorothy Marshall as a member of the Town Art Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Appointment of Lifeguard
Motion Approved

Appointment of Lifeguard: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Kate Quinn as a Lifeguard for the 2015 summer season, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Resignation from Rights of Way Committee
Motion Approved

Resignation of Marcia Siegal from the Rights of Way Committee: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Marcia Siegal from the Rights of Way Committee effective immediately, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Resignation of Glenn Wheeler as Town Accountant: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Glenn Wheeler as the Town Accountant, effective July 17, 2015, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Resignation of
Town Accountant
Motion Approved

Approval to Hire a Town Accountant: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to hire a Town Accountant to fill a vacancy due to a resignation, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Approval to Hire
Town Accountant
Motion Approved

Outdoor Display Permit for Toad Hall Bookstore: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign an Outdoor Display Permit for Toad Hall Bookstore at 47 Main Street, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Ardis Francoeur, the new manager of the bookstore, said they plan to put a few best sellers on display and encourage people to come into the store.

Outdoor Display
Permit for Toad
Hall Bookstore
Motion Approved

Special Sign Permit for Half Moon Harry Studio: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a special sign permit for Half Moon Harry Studio at 5 Main Street, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Special Sign
Permit for Half
Moon Harry
Studio
Motion Approved

69 Long Beach Lease Transfer: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a lease for 69 Long Beach with Nicole and Michael Zimmerman to reflect a lease transfer to new cottage owners, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.

69 Long Beach
Lease Transfer
Motion Approved

Sculpture Lantern for Illumination Night: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to Rob Trumbour to build a temporary public art exhibit on the island in Dock Square that would consist of a telephone pole and a large fabric lantern that will feature photographic and video projection from two locations in the area of Dock Square from Friday evening, August 7th to Sunday evening August 9th, including set up and breakdown, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0. The mission is to turn illumination night into a major event; this is also the 175th anniversary of the town. Components of the projection are: 1) Historic images of the town, 2) images of companies that are sponsoring the event, 3) having children's faces projected on it. The exhibit is about the size of a tree (20' wide X 25' high). The advertising/acknowledging those that sponsored the exhibit was discussed; this will be reviewed as it is not intended as a billboard.

Sculpture Lantern
for Illumination
Night
Motion Approved

Permission to Install Solar Panels at 24 Old County Road: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to Charles Tarbell to have Boston Solar Company install 10 solar panels to the roof of 24 Old County Road with the contingency that work will be done between 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays and no work will happen on Saturdays and Sundays, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. A representative from Boston Solar Company is here to answer any questions; this is a small system for them; it's a one-day installation.

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at 24 Old County
Road
Motion Approved

8:20 Selectmen Briefing

Green Communities: Joanne Bisetta, Regional Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Green Communities Division, presented to the Board of Selectmen. She said she works with 84 cities and towns on energy related issues. They have an online web energy tracking tool, it's free and allows communities to benchmark the energy that they're using (street lights and buildings). It automatically downloads the data from National Grid. They have a library of webinars; they send out e-blasts about two times each month.

Selectmen
Briefing

Green
Communities

To become a Green Community there are five requirements in the statute

- 1) As of right siting: Renewable or alternative energy facilities (solar, wind turbine, etc.), or a research or manufacturing facility. They offer assistance to make this happen if towns want to do this. Example: Car ports with solar panels on top.
- 2) Expedited permitting: The permitting process shall not exceed one year from date of application.
- 3) Establishing energy baseline for municipalities (public operations) reducing it by 20% within 5 years. School buildings, vehicle fuel use, etc., communities can go back up to two years to capture prior savings.
- 4) Fuel efficient vehicle policy: Purchase only fuel efficient vehicles when practicable.
- 5) Minimize Life Cycle Costs: The town must require all new residential construction greater than 3,000 square feet and all new commercial and industrial construction to minimize life cycle costs by using energy efficient or other alternative energy technologies. Support from Green Communities is provided before town meeting to educate the voters.

J. Bisetta said initial grants are for approximately \$125,000 plus variables based on the individual community; about 90% of the communities use it for energy efficiency projects. Once a community has spent the initial funds, they can come back for more. Wenham and Beverly have come back for three grant rounds. There is an annual report that demonstrates that the community is still a green community and still adhering to policies. She said Essex is probably coming in this year; Rockport should be forming a Green Team and assigning tasks.

Chairperson Battistelli questioned if communities have an employee designated to this initiative. J. Bisetta said some larger communities have a specific person on staff, for many communities it's a volunteer effort.

J. Bisetta said MassSave exists for schools, etc. There is a list of vendors who will do an assessment of your buildings, etc. MAPC has a clean energy division for tech assistance, etc.

Other Business/Announcements: Selectperson Lucas will be unavailable for the next two weeks.

9:00 Selectperson Sheedy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Lucas, Vote: 3-0.

Items Signed:

National Grid/Verizon, joint or identical pole locations
Appropriation Transfers between or within departments, \$27,168.45 DPW Accts
Inga McCarthy, Home Occupation License, Cake Ann
Toad Hall Bookstore, Outdoor Display Permit
Dierdra Darrah, Street Performer's License
Ian Underwood, Street Performer's License
Lease Agreement, 69 Long Beach