

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office and to reconvene in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mr. DeNapoli was absent. The following members were present.

Catherine Winston, Chairman
Clifton Snuffer, Vice Chairman
David Sullivan, Clerk
Chris Timson

Also Present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
James Johnson, Asst. Town Administrator

Ms. Winston called the meeting to order. The first order of business is to interview and appoint two candidates for openings on the Police force.

Police Candidates

Chief Stillman introduced Jonathan and Paul Lagoa. They are brothers and both have been full time police officers in New Bedford. With the current economic climate they were laid off. Jonathan is twenty five years old and Paul is twenty seven. Paul served in Iraq and received numerous medals and honors and worked as a corrections officer for the Bristol County Sheriffs office. Jonathan worked as a police cadet prior to being hired full time and also received commendations, including the medal of valor.

Mr. Timson questioned if they were familiar with community policing. Jonathan stated that he feels it is very important and it is where you can obtain a lot of information. Both officers had attended neighborhood meetings and felt it was very important. They both live in New Bedford and were raised there.

Discussion regarding what the brothers would do if New Bedford wanted them back. They stated it would be something they would have to think about.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that the Board of Selectmen approve the conditional offer of employment for John Lagoa, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that the Board of Selectmen approve the conditional offer of employment for Paul Lagoa, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to move into executive session do discuss contract negotiations with non union personnel and potential litigation pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 , S. 23B, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED by roll call; Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye and Ms. Winston-Aye

The Board moved out of executive session and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room at 8:05 p.m.

Employee of the Month Awards: Heather Sullivan, Steven Foley, Martin McDonagh and Brian Becker for their outstanding efforts in the apprehension of a criminal who robbed a gas station.

5-27 Board of Registrars, Appointment

Ron Mariani has withdrawn his name for consideration on the Board. Elizabeth Gaffey is also submitted her name for the opening. Ms. Winston had called Doug Shea, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee and they would like to meet and discuss a recommendation. Ms. Winston recalls that the Republican Town Committee has always made a recommendation for this appointment.

Mr. Snuffer questioned protocol. He suggested the Board could wait if there is no time crunch. Mr. Timson felt that Ms. Gaffey could handle the job and would support her.

Mr. Snuffer was glad that Liz has forwarded her name for consideration but if a recommendation is to come from the Republican Town Committee than they should hold off.

Liz Gaffey spoke to her interest in filling this position. She has worked in the Town Clerks office for three years, and is very familiar with the voter registration system. She further stated she is familiar with nomination papers and verifying signatures. She is aware of the rules and regulations and procedures. She enjoyed that position and would like to continue doing this. The Board thanked her and will keep her updated.

5-28 Night Before the Fourth

Steve Smith appeared before the Board to inform them they are planning to go forward with the celebration. There has been a lot of discussion. There has been stipulations, one of the biggest thing is the Recreation Dept. will do a fund raiser. They are trying to raise the money by June 8th. Everything is ordered and we can cancel it if need be. The celebration will still be sponsored by the Fire dept. There was concern with the police Dept. budget, but it is fine.

Ms. Winston noted that residents can make checks out to the Night Before the fourth Committee, 20 Stone Street. Funds must be submitted by June 8th.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Smith for working with everyone. Mr. Timson was also pleased to see that the Fire Department has a partner in helping raise funds and it will be a great event.

Josh Cole explained they have started fundraising and are looking to have the checks in by June 8th.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request of the Night Before the Fourth Committee to ;

- Close Stone Street from Main to School Street to Diamond Street.
- Close School Street from Common Street to East Street.
- Close East Street from June to Washington from 4-6 p.m. for pre parade staging.
- Allow the use of Morgan Field for both dates;
- Allow the use of the Town Hall field for both dates:
- Allow the use of the restrooms at Blackburn Hall for both dates

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-29 Reserve Fund Transfer, Veterans

John Spillane received another application for benefits and he is looking for a \$2,000 need.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Coalition of Alcohol Awareness

Robin Chapell, Josh Cole, and Betty Nashawaty appeared before the Board to update them on what they have been doing. The group has been together for 2 years. Teaching students and parents what alcohol does to the adolescent brain. Ms. Nashawaty read the mission statement of the group into the record. They try to do it through, example, programs and education and we want everyone participate.

Cathy Vatasio, SADD, invited the Board members to hear Kathy Myer speak on Thursday to the students. Her daughter Taylor died because of bad decisions she made one night. They are hoping a lot of people will attend to hear this mother speak. This is prom season and a good time to remind the students of this issue.

Dan, a student supports the post prom committee; we are hoping to not have another incident like Plainville. He knows many students do not want to talk about this. He hopes he can prevent one incident from happening. Ms. Chapell explained they want to provide alcohol free activities for our youth.

Trash Bag amount

Ms. Winston was surprised that there is no limit on the amount of trash a person can put out. Mr. Boynton noted that one ton of trash costs about \$70 a ton. One ton of trash recycling costs zero, there is a hauling charge. Some people really work on recycling. What is suggested is that short of fees, the ability to limit the amount that goes into that packer has a cost savings to the town. The numbers can be significant. Let us come back with recommendations. Help us regulate cost out put.

Mr. Snuffer was surprised at the number of trash bags put out there. He would like to see data to see if our tonnage has been going down. He does not want to see our trash haulers become trash police. The dialogue is worth having.

5-30 Horsley and Witten, Contract Extension, Phase II

The Board is in receipt of a memo from the Planning Board requesting an extension of the contract for Horsley Witten Group for Phase 2 of the Zoning Bylaw Rewrite to include the maximum of \$5,000 to be taken from the Kendall Fund. Mr. Snuffer is not in support of the extension of this contract. He talked about the previous zoning amendments proposed. He believes Nate Kelley is very bright, but Mr. Snuffer does not agree with the codes. He thinks it put us in harms way, and is not going to support this request.

Mr. Timson feels the consultants are doing what they are asked to do. The overriding concern is that we have in place a Zoning Bylaw that is user friendly to attract businesses. This is a fixed price contract. It does not cost the town taxpayers any money. I think it makes sense to extend the contract and get to the point where we have something that is workable.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the extension to the contract for Horsley Witten group for phase II of the Zoning Bylaw Rewrite for a maximum of \$5,000 from Kendall Fund, seconded by Ms. Winston VOTED 2-2-0, Mr. Snuffer and Mr. Sullivan opposed. (The vote does not carry)

5-31 Old Fisher Ball Field

The Norfolk County Agricultural School would like to use the Old Fisher Ball Field for parking for graduation.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-32 A Frame Request, League of Women Voters

League of Women Voters is requesting the placement of a sign on the common to announce Greening your Lifestyle.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for an A-Frame to announce Greening Your Lifestyle, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-33 Walpole Children's Theatre

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to hang a banner from July 5-July 18th to announce The Spell for Sleeping Beauty, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-34 Gazebo Players

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to hang a banner to announce the Twelfth Night at Bird Park, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-35 WHS, Road Race and Banner

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for closing of the streets and the hanging of the banner as requested for the labor Day Road Race, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-36 Use of Volleyball courts

Request to use the volleyball court for a fundraising event for the library. Mr. Timson would like to know what time the event is going to happen and be sure they file the indemnification and hold harmless agreement.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to use the volleyball courts subject to the filing of the indemnification form, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-37 Award of Contract, 2009-21

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to award the contract to D & R General Contracting, of Stoneham, Ma for Type I Asphalt Resurfacing seconded by Mr. Sullivan VOTED 3-0-0 (Mr. Snuffer had stepped out)

5-38 Award of Contract, Emergency Radios

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to award contract 2009-28 to TCS Communications Corp, of Salisbury, Ma, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-39 Award of Contract, Cleaning Wells

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to award 2009-32 to Maher Services, Inc of Stoneham, MA for lump sum price of \$52,560, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-40, 41,42,45 Acceptance of Gifts

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift from Babe Ruth for repair of lower Turco Field in the amount of \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift from T.D. Bank North for Walpole Day, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift from S.M. Lorusso & Sons Inc for Walpole Day, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift from the Walpole Lions club for payment of the new banner posts and sign in the amount of \$2,406.00, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-43 Discussion on the monitors

Mr. Boynton spoke to the possibility of using the fiber optic system for cameras in various locations throughout town. I am requesting the Board not take any action on this.

Town Administrator Update

EPA is going to be removing some asbestos from the South Street site and they are having a public meeting to inform interested citizens.

FEMA: Our participation in the hazard mitigation, we are now eligible for federal mitigation grants. That is great news for the Town.

The Boston Architectural School workshop is tomorrow night.

Memorial Day: Monday it will be held on the bandstand common. Hoping the veterans memorial is back the end of this week.

Budget: Mr. Boynton is not aware of the final funding and is waiting to hear if the gas and sales tax increase. Wait for the final state budget. The state clearly has a revenue problem.

Mr. Boynton talked about the comments he made on television last week, he in no way was trying to say that the employees are the reason why the town has a funding problem.

Ms. Winston spoke to tonight being her last public meeting. Thanked the residents of Walpole for giving her the opportunity to serve the town it has been an honor to serve. We have the finest employees, whether it be the Town Administrator, or part time student working in Recreation. We have taken financial hits, but somehow we fill in the holes. Money is down, staff is down, you will receive the same services, they may not be as timely. Thanked the Staff for being there for her. Thanked her children and her

husband. Thanked her boss for his support. Tonight ends a time in my life. She expressed her pleasure for working with the Board.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation, seconded by Mr. Snuffer by roll call vote 4-0-0, Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye and Ms. Winston-Aye

Dealers and Sellers License: Clare and I made visits to used car lots. Mitsubishi has 114 and they are allowed 60. The one Mr. Ibrahim came in to us for there is nothing there. She would like the Board to keep informed about these licenses.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 DS, CT 4-0-0