

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 beginning at 6:30pm in Room 112 and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room at 7:00p.m. The following members were present:

Michael Berry
Mark Gallivan
Christopher Timson
Nancy Mackenzie
Clifton Snuffer

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Berry called the meet to order followed by the pledge of allegiance. He explained Mr. Timson will be participating remotely due to geographical distance. He welcomed Mr. Snuffer back on the Board.

Nominations for Chairman

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to nominate Mr. Gallivan as Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Gallivan ran the remainder of the meeting.

Nominations for Vice Chairman

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to nominate Mr. Berry as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Nominations for Clerk

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to nominate Mrs. Mackenzie as Clerk, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Board will reconvene at 7 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room. Mr. Timson is still participating remotely.

Mr. Gallivan welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:05 pm. He reported that after the vote he is Chairman, Mr. Berry is Vice Chair, and Mrs. Mackenzie is Clerk. He explained that Mr. Timson is stuck in traffic and will participate remotely via the telephone. He congratulated Michael Berry and Clifton Snuffer and thanked the candidates who ran for office as it is difficult sometimes to find time. Congrats for running. Thanked 11% of voters who did turn out. Local government is what we have the most ability to control. Make sure you get out to vote.

6-1 Old Fisher Ballfield, Parking

The Board received a request from the Norfolk County Agricultural School seeking permission to allow staff to park vehicles during the year while construction work is going on. Mr. Boynton understands the request and has been cooperative; this is an extended period of time that has impact on our youth sports and the impact on the fields themselves. Very concerned going on the winter and having vehicles parked there could be a problem. He does not agree with a cart blanche allowance, case by case basis that they could approach and have a conversation with us. He knows they would offer to bring it back to current conditions, that field would be out of use for a year.

Mrs. Mackenzie agrees as the grass takes a while to establish, they should not play on it right away. Recreation stated that field is very busy; we should respect our staff's opinion. We do put too much money to keep our fields. She knows the county has a lot of land in part of their prep work in part of their building they should consider parking.

Mr. Snuffer does not see why would we want to tie up a ball field for over a year, what is the demonstrated need? He took a field trip, on a two day span, at least 40 empty spots in the condos. He took a trip to the side and on a 2 day period there were 60 spots. He found it interesting, if that has a benefit to them they have a 180 acres or more, conversation re swap, have there needs met and our fields met.

Mr. Gallivan is also opposed to this request.

Mr. Boynton can reach out to the superintendent and have that conversation.

Mr. Timson noted the Town has a good relationship, not in favor, find a way to present our no to them, consider on a case to case basis. Town needs the field at this point. He wants to make sure we do not cut off a good relationship. The Board is open to talking to any ideas they might have.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to deny the use of field as proposed in the request May 22, 2013 from Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

6-2 Villari's, placement of bench

The Board received a letter from the owner of Villari's downtown. They want the parents of students to sit outside, they do have a wider space on the sidewalk there, if the Board agrees, it has to be clear that we maintain 3" mini for access. For people with disabilities, the benches and barrels need to be removed during the beginning of the winter season.

Mr. Timson thinks it is well intentioned, but how we dole out public space. He does not have a problem, we need to think out policy wise, how we are going to deal with future

requests. We could run into issues, we may say no to some and yes to others. Need to come out with a more far reaching policy on this subject.

Mrs. Mackenzie agrees with his comments and some thoughts

1. consider say it is a single bench,
2. sited out by the bldg. inspector
3. Removed November 1 to April 1.
4. We could do this on a one year renewal
5. Maintain 3' accessibility

Mr. Snuffer suggested having J. Mee take a look at the site. The Board wishes to see what type of bench and barrels they wish to place on the sidewalk. The Board wants to see exactly what they are proposing.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to table to next meeting, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

7:20 OPEN FORUM-no one present

6-3 Boyden School Fun Run

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to hold the Boyden Fun run on October 26, 2013, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

6-4 Gift Acceptances, Veteran's Services

Mr. Boynton noted thru the raffle they raised \$1,008.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift of \$1,008, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift of \$ 50, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

7:40 p.m. Bridge Agreement Comcast

Town is in ongoing negotiations with Comcast and researched with T. Attorney for Bridge Agreement, and they identified no agreement that is allowable. Minimum term of three years is identified. All funding would be provided to the town for distribution. Attorney Bill Hewig has worked with Cathy at Comcast to draft this. We will continue to move forward with them meeting at 9 a.m. this Thursday.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the renewal license with Comcast for three years and one day, seconded by Mr. Snuffer

Discussion:

Mr. Snuffer state he will abstain as he has had no involvement with this. Anytime within the three years we can negotiate. Mr. Boynton explained what is not in the statute for the licensee to provide services w/o a contract. We have received several letters from Commonwealth looking for an update on the licenses

Mr. Gallivan had asked why three years one day. This is a standard agreement. He thought we could extend for 60 days. Mr. Boynton noted that no successor agreement can be any longer than ten years. We are reaching out to Verizon to make sure the contracts mirror each other.

Mr. Gallivan is in favor of an agreement and continuing negotiations. It does not tie us into 3 years.

VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Snuffer abstained)

Minutes

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes May 16, 2013, seconded by Mr. Berry Voted 3-0-2 (Mr. Berry and Mr. Snuffer abstained)

New Business

Mrs. Mackenzie would like the Board to change the meeting from June 18 to June 25, in order to hold the ground breaking ceremony for the press box at Turco Field.

Mr. Berry wanted to see if the Board could consider a Workshop for Mass Works grant application, deadline is September 10. We should have an application in. Need to identify best project to apply for.

The Board would like to meet either June 12 or 13 as a workshop. Look at that date for a room. See if Ms. Mercandetti can work with Mike at different ideas to look at. Mr. Snuffer noted one thing this Board is going to have to think about, modified charter review. The Board should hold informational forums, 40B, Fairfield. I think the community could have benefited with conversation about the camera policy.

Mrs. Mackenzie brought up goals and objectives. She would like to talk about past year's goals.

Mr. Gallivan would like to narrow them down. Mrs. Mackenzie likes the idea that we have goals. Like the idea of having action items. It may be healthy just to discuss the way they are put together.

Mr. Berry asked for an update on the house near Peggy Lawton. Mr. Boynton reported the town issued a demand the property be maintained safe. Much back and forth.

Positive communication from their attorney by next Friday June 14 the building will come down.

Old business-None

TA Update

1. Administration have put forward funding for chp90, the amount that would have been provided is up from this year. Instead, the Admin sent a letter stating that they are only releasing 1,5 million. Making our funding \$500,000. Chap 90 is a subject of debate.
2. RT1A paving update on various stretches on the road. They have asked the town to reply. The road southbound. Once they rebuild from the center of Norwood, once there is full reconstruction then the town could take it. We do not know when this is going to happen.
3. Mass DOT Wal-mart project-one section of DOT did not speak to DOT They have done some review of data, and want to make improvements to Route One. We are going to hear this conversation.
4. Mikayla way project-residential, with disabilities, concerns in the neighborhood, an appeal to the Building Commissioner scheduled for next wednesday but a request to delay.
5. Moose Hill Road-financial impact 40% 1 bedroom and 60% 2 bedroom. Did not get into specifics. What should be considered as true expenditures?
Mr. Gallivan noted they do not need to work with us, he likes the idea that they met with us, the financial impact is a positive sign.

The Board discussed the housing project on Mikayla which is a great out known, no one came to the town or schools to discuss the project. If they do work with the town, it is great for families who have disabled kids. The unknown has created a bit of a fervor with neighbors.

Mr. Berry noted the Housing Partnership is in need of members. When this was created, that gave us one year period that we had a housing production plan.

It was explained the town went forward 2-3 years ago and prepared a plan, what that says the Town has to create 10% of the units withstand an unfriendly 40B. The plan needs to be recertified. Ms. Mercandetti is working on update that plan. Would like to see a member of the Veteran's services committee serve on Housing Partnership.

EDIC scheduled to meet Monday night to discuss superfund site, different options. Part of dialogue, EDA re superfund site. Mrs. Mackenzie would like to see that filmed. That would be great. Mr. Berry would like to schedule a walk thru of the site

State parks-we have fixed some plumbing issues, ADA updates that need to be done. Replaced a lot of chains, in need of a facelift. Looking at sprucing up.

Mr. Berry-talked about the Town of Westport Home rule petition regarding local funding for fireworks. Mr. Gallivan noted if someone wants to make a donation they can do so thru Recreation and Fire Dept.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to adjourn seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted