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Monday, July 11, 2016
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 1-23-17

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:42 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Sami Baghdady and Jim Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale was not present; Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the agenda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Edwin Richards, A Town Meeting Member from Pct. 8, passed away suddenly last month. He had perfect attendance at Town Meeting.
- A Candlelight Vigil will be held on Tuesday evening, July 12, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., to reflect on the recent violence across the country and to promote peace and understanding throughout the community.
- Chair Paolillo acknowledged all of the wonderful programming available for seniors at the Beech Street Center.

Moment of Silence: Chair Paolillo held a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Dallas Police Department attack.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Ms. Anne-Marie Lambert offered her thanks to Mr. Kale for use of the Town Green on Saturday, August 13 for a "Staycation" family event. The picnic will be held at noon.

Ms. Sue Bass noted that this agenda item (i.e., **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**) was not listed on the official agenda. Chair Paolillo noted that its omission was an oversight.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Proclamation for Mr. Roy Sacco, Retirement Board

Chair Paolillo read the Proclamation in honor of Mr. Sacco.

The Board congratulated and thanked Mr. Sacco for his 39 years of service on the Retirement Board. Photos were taken.

Belmont Center Update

Mr. Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development, noted that the Center work is progressing. The pavement will begin next week. He said the project should be completed by the end of August. He reviewed some of the work that has taken place thus far.

LICENSES**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Review and approve application from Shine's Gourmet Food, Inc. d/b/a Shine's to transfer ownership of the Wine and Beer Liquor License currently held by JDJ, Inc. d/b/a Asai at 30 Leonard Street

Review and approve application for a Common Victualler's License from Shine's Gourmet Food, Inc. d/b/a Shine's to be located at 30 Leonard Street

Mr. Shiwn Huang, Manager, and Ms. Meihuei Hu, his Legal Representative, appeared before the Board to discuss the application. Ms. Hu provided some background information on Mr. Huang's professional experience. The menu will only change slightly, with the addition of more casual food and box lunches.

The Board confirmed that Mr. Huang is properly certified to serve alcohol and that the application has met all the necessary requirements. Ms. Marshall noted that the Board of Health intends to sign off, but it is currently in process.

The Board moved: To approve the license application for a Common Victualler's License from Shine's Gourmet Food, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To approve the license application for Shine's Gourmet Food to transfer ownership of the Wine and Beer Liquor License, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Update on Stormwater/Sewer Capital Plan

Mr. Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development, appeared before the Board to discuss the sampling program pertaining to the Stormwater/Sewer Capital Plan. Mr. Clancy noted that the next round of water sampling will occur soon. This, he said, is a federal requirement. A consultant (Stantec) will assist with the next round of sampling. He explained the drainage issues in the Winn Brook area. Most of the water drains into one manhole. This impacts sampling. Also, the actual timing of the sampling impacts the results. Therefore, Mr. Clancy stated that he will advise Stantec to sample multiple times from the same area. He used Outfall 10 to illustrate the multiple testing scenario. Fifteen outfalls will be tested at this time.

The Board discussed issues relating to the proposed sampling program.

Chair Paolillo noted that the solutions to the challenges Belmont faces will cost money. Clearly there is a problem and remediation will likely be necessary. Mr. Clancy agreed that the remediation will require funding (possibly in the \$4-5 million range).

Concerning the Charles River watershed, Mr. Clancy noted that there is likely a problem and that it will cost money to test.

The Board heard audience comments.

Dr. Giovanni Aurilio, 111 Sherman Street, asked about the flooding issues in the Winn Brook area. He noted that the water table is such that many basements get flooded after a rain event. He asked what is being done about this? Mr. Clancy noted that this is a surface water problem and not necessarily a ground water problem. The Stormwater Bylaw should help ease the issue.

Ms. Anne Marie Lambert, TMM Precinct 8, acknowledged that this approach (with Stantec) makes sense. The testing, she said, will likely suggest costly construction projects. She then asked – why this particular neighborhood? Mr. Clancy stated that this section was randomly selected. Ms. Lambert offered that there are community members willing to assist with this process.

Mr. T. Wally Williams, TMM Pct. 1, stated that the fall is a better time for sampling, as the population is sparse in the summer.

Ms. Sue Bass, TMM Pct. 3, asked about Outfall 10 testing and the use of the \$71,000. Mr. Clancy provided additional information concerning the upcoming testing.

Mr. Don Mercier, TMM Pct. 8, offered a comment about lake contamination run-off.

Review and approve application for an Antique / Second Hand Article license from Westcott Mercantile at 432-444 Common Street

The Board moved: To approve the license application for an Antique / Second Hand Article license from Westcott Mercantile, details noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendations

Mr. Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development, remained before the Board to discuss the Traffic Advisory Committee's recent recommendations. Mr. Clancy explained the state manual which governs traffic rules and regulations. He noted that Selectman Williams had suggested certain intersections could be made safer, with the addition of four way stop signs. Four way stop signs, he added, should not be used to slow traffic.

A) Four Four-Way Stop Recommendations

Lexington Street at Beech Street/Burnham Street

Mr. Clancy noted that this intersection has visibility issues. He explained where the crosswalk will be placed.

The Board moved: To approve the four-way stop, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Payson Road at Oakley Road

Mr. Clancy explained the issues with this intersection. He explained how the visibility will be improved.

The Board moved: To approve the four-way stop, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Cushing Avenue at Oakley Road

Mr. Clancy explained the need for the stop sign at this location, namely visibility.

The Board moved: To approve the four way stop, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Slade Street at Creeley Road

Mr. Clancy noted that this is also a difficult intersection, as a result of the visibility.

The Board moved: To approve the four way stop, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Clancy paused here and acknowledged the efforts of the TAC. This is a committee, he said, which takes its job seriously. Their work reflects the goals of the Vision 21 Committee. The Board agreed and offered acknowledgement and appreciation to the TAC.

B) Parking Restrictions Recommendation – Chandler Street

Mr. Clancy summarized the issue relating to Chandler Street. Vehicles are parking there every day, all day. Cars are lining both sides of the road, making it difficult to get on and off Chandler Street. He reviewed the recommendations:

- No Parking 50 feet from Lexington Street
- No Parking 7-10 AM on the odd-numbered side

He noted that there will be a six-month trial period to see if these recommendations are effective.

The Board discussed the challenges with enforcement. Selectman Williams raised the topic of

the color of the signage.

The Board moved: To approve the recommendations for Chandler Street, details noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

In light of Mr. Kale's absence, there was no report this evening.

Committee Liaison Reports

Minuteman School Committee Vote and Election Update

Ms. Ellen Cushman, Town Clerk, appeared before the Board to discuss the forthcoming district-wide Minuteman voting process. Chair Paolillo informed the Board that there was a meeting held last month to understand Belmont's reasons for not supporting the new proposed building. The size of the facility and the enrollment number – 628 – has not been adjusted. He added that it is looking unlikely that DESE will support charging a capital fee to the non-member towns.

The nine remaining towns would like to move forward with the project, as proposed. Minuteman will pursue a district-wide vote, which has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from noon – 8:00 p.m.

Chair Paolillo explained some of the possible scenarios depending on the outcome of this district-wide vote.

Ms. Cushman reviewed the state law as it impacts this election. Minuteman would like the election to be held at one polling place; Belmont has seven polling places for its 8 precincts. Minuteman would like Belmont's voting details to be submitted by July 22. She added that it will be difficult to have 5,000-6,000 people (30% of registered voters) vote in one polling place. One polling place will not save Belmont money. She reviewed some of the costs associated with running this election, e.g., voting attendants, police detail, food, custodial care, and floor covering at the field house.

Selectman Baghdady said that this seems to be an effort (on Minuteman's part) to suppress voter turnout, e.g., inconvenience of parking, very long lines, etc. He suggested that the Board write a letter of support for multiple polling places in Belmont.

Ms. Cushman noted that there are two other elections that will be held this fall.

The Board agreed to write a letter of support for multiple polling places.

From the audience, Mr. Don Mercier, TMM Pct. 8, asked several questions about this election. The Board provided him with information. Mr. Mercier raised the issue of Belmont leaving the district, which he said is not appropriate. He said he would like to see Town Meeting vote on

this issue again. The Board did not support this notion.

The Board briefly discussed its meeting schedule for the next few weeks.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT *(continued)*

Executive Session

The Board moved: To enter into executive session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss strategy sessions with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will not return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Paolillo said aye, Selectmen Baghdady and Williams also said aye and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

[The Executive Session proceeded. See separate minutes.]

Exiting Executive Session and Adjournment

The Board moved: To exit Executive Session (and the meeting) at 8:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, BOS Room



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator