

Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Town Hall Mayflower Room, *6:30 PM*

6:30 p.m. Executive Session

The Selectmen will hold an Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as an open meeting on these matters may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. Following executive session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to enter executive session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and Paragraph By roll call: Tavares – yes, Provenzano – yes, Mahoney – yes, and Malaguti – yes.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman
Anthony F. Provenzano, Jr. Vice Chairman
John T. Mahoney, Jr.
David Malaguti
Sean Page

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

This past September 29 2015 Mr. Dave Rushforth passed from this life. He was a man of keen intellect and served on the Board of Selectmen for 6 Years. During his tenure on the Board, Dave took on several research projects. Without a doubt Dr. Dave was noted for his listening skills and his ability to make fair decisions. Never known to speak harshly of anyone, he was known for saying "terrific". Dave's glass of life was always full.

A moment of silence was held for Dr. David Rushforth...

Selectman Malaguti: I want to express my condolences to all the families of the ill fated El Faro crew. I only knew Jeffrey Mathias for a short time, I know his parents and they are great people. His grandfather worked for Malaguti brothers in the 1950's. I can't express my sympathies enough to the families. Parents should never outlive their children.

7:05 p.m. Town Manager's Report

Public Comment:

Frank Mand takes the podium: I'm here to remind people about Commintree. Chairman

Tavares recommended I come and show some ornaments. Not only do I want committee organization represented but also have those represented that simply love the community so much.

Ms. Arrighi's Town Manager's Report:

1. FY17 Budget Guidelines

As we continue to build our department and school budget based on your feedback and input over the last few weeks, we are also working on the tax-rate for this fiscal year. The Board will set that tax-rate some time in December, however, early projections show that it will be an increase to the tax-rate of \$1.00 - \$1.20 at the current service level.

Predominantly this is based on borrowing for projects and salary and related insurance costs. That is important to note as we think about building next year's budget with the mindset of a level service budget with deviations only for compelling service enhancements. As a continued placeholder, I have listed below those issues/projects/services that have already been identified and will most likely be included in the FY17 budget proposal to the Selectmen. The Finance Director and I will be seeking the Selectmen's guidance and policy direction on those services/increased costs that you would like us to either include or cut from the FY17 budget we send to the Finance Committee.

Service Increase List compiled throughout the Year from Residents, Selectmen, and Staff

1. *Seasonal Litter Crew*
2. *Parttime Help in Finance and Human Resources with job task changes*
3. *Increase Police Dept manpower based on report and add a line item for replacement vehicles (discontinue some special services)*
4. *Natural Resource Officer for WHB & Ponds/Open Space and Engineering Line Item (design and permitting for revetment and seawall)*
5. *Building Maintenance and public restroom plan*
6. *Youth Center v. Recreation Center*
7. *\$5,000 South Shore Community Action Council*
8. *Revenue Officer*
9. *School – the full time jobs that were created for part-time staff*
10. *Changes with Morton Park? (decreased revenue and increased staff)*
11. *School Dept – increases in requirements/services including full day kindergarten program for district*
12. *Roadwork \$130M (80M on accepted roads and 50M on unaccepted roads)*
13. *Petition from public for line item for water quality improvements in ponds*
14. *Open COA in the evening*
15. *Fund OPEB*
16. *1749 Courthouse*
17. *Long Beach Structure – Permit and Design*
18. *DPW Laborers*
19. *Beach Structure (permit and design)*

2. Cleanup Day for 1749 Courthouse

(To be updated after Saturday, October 3, 2015 cleanup date)

3. Snow Rate Changes

We have increased the snow plow rates for private contractors as they have not been adjusted since approximately 2008 and are no longer competitive. More importantly, the rates may be preventing us from securing the services we need to rely on during

these events. We will monitor the sign up of these contractors when we advertise the new rates and let the Selectmen know if this indeed was the problem, or if it is just demand in general for the services.

4. Taylor Avenue

Below is the timeline for 161 Taylor Avenue Hazardous Removal and Demolition:

- Monday 10/5 Asbestos Removal
- Thursday 10/8 DMEA onsite with Contractor and ConCom
- Tuesday 10/13 Demolition will begin. Expected to be completed on Friday, however, there may be some touch ups the following week.

Part of the project is having Highway bring in fill material (screened sand material from WHB at Camelot). Kim Taylor from DMEA will have the contractor coordinate with Highway the timing of when trucks will need to be loaded. The contractor will be trucking the material from Camelot to the project site while we have DPW assisting in loading material.

- End of October/Early November – DMEA will plant 3,000 beach grass stems to restore dune area
- Next Spring – DMEA to plant 15 Beach plum plants along edge of road. CPC to install 16-18 bollards.

7:10 p.m. Licenses and Administrative Notes

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - Bramhall's Country Store - 10/06/15 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A motion to Approve was made by David Malaguti and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - Spectacle Management - 10/22/15 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

A motion to Approve was made by David Malaguti and seconded by John Mahoney, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti

POLE PETITION - Eversource Energy Petition 2061803

No vote needed

Open the April 2, 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant on October 27, 2015 and close the warrant on December 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti

Independent Fermentation, 127-3 Camelot Drive - Determine sampling does not constitute sale

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by John Mahoney, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti

Vacate the foreclosure of Lot H-46, Plat 132

A motion to Deny was made by John Mahoney and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Failed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti

Selectman Mahoney: I would like to make a motion to not vacate the foreclosure but keep the property for the Town.

Selectman Provenzano: I would like a little more input from department heads before I make a decision on this.

Motion Withdrawn:

Selectman Mahoney: I'll make a motion to table this discussion until October 13, 2015.

Chairman Tavares: I would like a strong legal opinion on what we can and can't do.

Selectman Malaguti: If we are going to keep this property with the intention of making it a beach, it's far too remote to make it a public beach. My recommendation is to keep it on the tax rolls.

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7:15 p.m. Morton Park

Chairman Tavares: This is the second of three meetings regarding Morton park. I would like to thank Chief Botieri for being here tonight.

Mr. Bubbins: Morton Park has been problematic for numerous years. Mr. Bubbins reads from his recommendation which can be found in the weekly packet.

Mr. DeBlasio: This summer was my 13th summer experiencing Morton Park. It is much different than it was 13 years ago. When we first started doing this there was no limit; I remember counting 1300 people at one point. The basic problem is still the same. We've been at or past capacity several times this summer. We can control the cars, but then people just start packing the cars. Things we can control: The trash and we can bring in portapotties. The one thing I'm worried about is people come in large groups; they come with food and all the other necessities to stay at the park for 12 hours. People have started looking for alternative ways to get in the park. It would be hard to block off all those all those entry points. My biggest concern is you can't make people work a 12 hour day so whatever numbers we put into place people will just come earlier.

Chief Botieri: For the police department it doesn't really matter whether or not it's residents only, we are going to enforce the law regardless of the crowd. I thought it was successful closing the park at 5 on Saturday and Sunday's. The police are limited to what we can do; we can't go in and take a sip out of solo cups or search people's belongings. What I also

thought worked well was the assistance we got from Shaws was incredible, the no parking signs helped a lot. If we all continue to work together, I think we can see improvement over the next few years.

Chairman Tavares: The natural resources committee voted unanimously for the addition of added enforcement at the park.

Selectman Page: I've seen both sides and have heard multiple stories. My concern is loss of revenue. If we close it down to residents only, all these things you want to do to Morton Park won't have any money to do it. This has come down to a failure of the Town; this is a Town of Plymouth problem. There is no evidence that this only non-Plymouth residents that are abusing the park. Other suggestions: The throw as you go bags to keep the manpower down to have to clean up the trash. The fire safe disposal areas - if we can't control that can we restrict it to propane only? It can't be counted by vehicle anymore it has to be a headcount. You can't expect a young high school kid to be accountable for all these people. I do agree the hours were effective on the weekends. It would be nice to lift that but at the present time it does work. We can't band aid the situation, we have to make it an enjoyable park for everyone to enjoy.

Selectman Mahoney: I know years ago the state asked us to shut down the back road. Is there anyone to restrict the flow of traffic on the weekends?

Mr. Gould: One of the things that should be considered is reducing the volume which will have an impact on revenue. One of the things Barry and I have discussed is even with the back gates closed it would still be a lot of people.

Mr. DeBlasio: The gates were incredibly successful and I think it was worth it. I have 8 life guards on the weekends; restricting the numbers helps us because then we can carry less life guard.

Selectman Page: Is there a number that you have to abide by for people for life guards?

Mr. DeBlasio: No there is no state law that requires a certain number of life guards per people at parks.

Mr. Bubbins: We also need to remember the access point for Billington Sea and we need to ensure that stays open. Also limiting access to the boys and girls swimming areas.

Mr. DeBlasio: This is only for the weekend. We can't have separate rules for residents and non-residents.

Selectman Provenzano: Seems to me when this park was created the Town was not as populated. What I'm hearing is restricted parking, regulation of trash, but what do we do for 4th of July?

Chief Botteri: We do have a good set of police officers that we have rotating through the park. I think its something we can manage.

Mr. DeBlasio: Funneling them all into the same area would be beneficial to us.

Mr. Gould: At this point I agree with Mr. Gould at making it resident only.

Ms. Arrighi: My concern with resident only is how do you enforce it? You can't easily enforce this. It seems as though we will be having a decline in revenue park.

Chairman Tavares: We did see when we started to clamp down at the end of the summer there was an increase at fresh pond, but again the salt water locations don't attract as many people as the fresh pond locations do. I was taken aback by what I saw this summer. Too many people and overload of trash. The fact remains that Plymouth is being overused and there are a lot of other communities who aren't helping out. There is no quick decision for this.

Janet Young takes the podium: This is a natural resource that we need to protect. There is also a quality of life that needs to be taken into consideration; the people who actually live there. What is the revenue we receive from Morton Park and what the expenses?

Mr. DeBlasio: This year it was \$72,565.00? \$62,000 is just the expenses for my area.

Janet Young: When we start to add up all these expenses we are already in the negative. So you're asking residents to pay to cover of these expenses when we can't even use the resources for ourselves.

Angel Smith: I have lived on Morton Park for 30 years and people camp out on my back yard. There are people going in by Eversource and that is one of the ways they are sneaking in. Why don't you make 4th of July Town only? If you take away their fun maybe they won't come back. It is really a bad situation.

Mr. Altzimer: I spent many hours up at little pond. The question of drainage on little pond road? I would like to see the Town do something about that. I'm assuming all these closures are June through September? Mr. DeBlasio: Correct. Mr. Altzimer: Like I said in the last meeting the fish come out of there holes when the water is still 55 degrees. I really question whether the capacity of 200 cars is too much? Enforcement is going to be key.

Everett Malaguti: The Chairman of the Board has already read the letter I sent regarding our opinion on Morton Park. My opinion after hearing from the department heads is they are keeping it to keep it open to everyone. Enforcement is the biggest issue that we have.

With respect to the revenue, it's within \$72,000.00 that only includes the people who pay the fee not the stickers that are sold. We have done work to the bath house and concession stand. We haven't stocked the concession stand, that could provide additional revenue. I do have sympathy for all the residents around the park, but it would be a domino effect.

Mr. Gray: Selectman Page you hit the nail on the head, the Town has let the parks down through the years. There has never been enough money to take care of the parks, not enough rules and regulations being enforced. If you decide to block off areas do it. I'm against it being residents only because that isn't how the land was given to the Town. It isn't the cars it's the number of people in there.

Chairman Tavares: The Board will reconvene on this topic again on October 27,2015.

Selectman Mahoney: Can we set up a visit the park prior to this date?

Mr. Bubbins states that he will set up a time to tour Morton Park.

8:00 p.m Committee Liaison/Designee Updates

Selectman Mahoney: I attended the building committee meeting and they have chosen a general contractor, Fontaine Brothers.

Chairman Tavares: Last week we had a visit from Secretary Ash: He toured cordage park, the water front. and visited with. He asked what was our first priority and took a great interest in the projects we have planned.

8:05 p.m Old Business/Letters/New Business

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Selectman Mahoney the meeting is adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Meeting Minutes recorded by Annikka Bernabe (Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen)