

Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, September 29, 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 Malaguti, 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. As an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Tavares – yes, Provenzano – yes, Mahoney – yes, and Malaguti– yes.

Chairman Tavares noted that, following executive session, the Board would reconvene in open session.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT September 30, 2015

1. FY 17 Budget Guidelines

Two weeks ago, I provided you with the budget guideline update. In order to stay on track with the very tight budget calendar, I will be updating you frequently in my Town Manager's report and asking you're your feedback and input throughout the process, both individually and as a group at Selectmen's meetings. Based on the consensus reached at the Budget Guideline meeting and based on your feedback to date, the Department Heads have moved forward with a level service budget with deviations only for compelling service enhancements. Those must be accompanied by the submission of compelling data substantiating the necessity of such growth. As I stated before, all requests will contain a cost amount including any benefits (if applicable), any impact on OPEB, and an explanation

of any occurrence if the initiative was not funded. As a reminder, the following service requests 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*

2. DPW Projects including Brewster Gardens Footbridge

Approximately two years ago, Town Meeting approved \$75,000 to replace the wooden footbridge at Brewster Gardens. That project is designed and we are in the midst of a challenging permitting process through DEP. What is needed is a Chapter 91 waterway license. We anticipate that the work will be done in the Spring of 2016. Other DPW projects happening in the immediate future are: Repair of crosswalk and granite curbing at the Water Street roundabout that was displaced during the sewer work, PA Landers will be paving (top coarse of asphalt) Samoset Street; Samoset Street sewer will be completed very soon and hookups will take place in the Spring; and the pump station at that location will be under construction in the next couple of months.

3. Cleanup Day for 1749 Courthouse

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to walk around the 1749 Courthouse with Chairman Tavares and 1749 Courthouse Committee Chairman Donna Curtin. We talked about making a stronger commitment, both financially and in terms of maintenance, to the 1749 Courthouse itself and the lawns surrounding it. Unfortunately, many of the shrubs are so over-grown, they have become a mecca for litter and the blankets/belongings of the homeless. I have met with the DPW Director, the Asst. DPW Director, and Ted Bubbins and they will be scheduling crews for one full Saturday in October to rip out all the shrubbery and completely empty the basement of the 1749 Courthouse. We intend to brainstorm about productive uses for this space that will directly correlate to the function of the building. I hope these efforts will be a sincere start to a re-commitment to caring for

the site and recognizing the importance of this special museum.

4. Correction on TWharf

Two weeks ago I provided the Selectmen with inaccurate information regarding the TWharf project. Selectman Mahoney remarked that if the Town approves the additional \$750,000 at Town Meeting for the TWharf Project, and we receive the 1 Million from the Seaport Council grant, we will only have 3 Million for a 4 Million dollar project. He asked how we could move forward if we were still underfunded by 1 Million dollars. I responded that I believed we could phase in the project, but I was not sure what steps would not be completed. In speaking with Mr. Gould, the project will not be phased in, rather, he will wait on starting the project until he has accumulated the entire 4M. He is relying on the MassWorks grant for the remainder of the funding and that will be awarded some time in November.

5. Simes House

The due date to submit proposals for the Simes House Owner's Project was this week. The Town received Owner's Project Manager proposals from the following: Architectural Consulting Group, Inc., Atlantic Construction & Management, Inc., Pinck & Co., Ted Gentry Associates, and Vertex Companies, Inc. The Designer Selection Board will be meeting at 6pm on Monday, Sept. 28th, to review the proposals and shortlist for interviews. I hope to attend the candidate interviews once they are scheduled.

6. Community Compact

Annikka is working with John Alvarez from Lt. Governor Polito's office regarding the Compact Signing. She has a tentative date of November 19, 2015 at 09:30 a.m. here at Town Hall.

7:10 p.m. Public Comment

7:15 p.m. RITF Presentation - Chris Pratt

Ms. Pratt takes the podium and begins her RITF presentation which can be found in the weekly packet.

Sheila Sheridan takes the to comment on the recommendation: I pay more money than other people do because I live on a pond; it's in my tax rate. Now I have to pay a mooring fee? People already pay a tax to live on the water. I think its a major operational issue. If you are going to do it, give it back to us.

Ms. Hapgood takes the podium: I also live on a pond. These are this questions we have. The fee for \$100 for a permit for a dock doesn't include an additional fee for those that live on conservation. If there is a non-profit organization on the lake will they still have to do pay the fees? Will the water go to the water front? I would like to know if all they are doing all the lakes at once or the bigger ones first? If this is approved by the Board of Selectmen, does it settle with you or does it have to go to Town Meeting? The waterfront property has an influence rate, every lake has a different influence rate. On the website they should have a list of the Ponds in Plymouth.

Mr. Hapgood: Within the last month I spoke with the harbor master and we went through

several words. I asked him for an application for a pier and he said it wasn't available; he told me there was no fee at the present moment.

Ms. Pratt: The role of our committee was to investigate income for the Town of Plymouth.

Ms. Pratt Continues her presentation.

Chairman Tavares thanks Ms. Pratt and the committee for the effort that was put into this report.

Selectman Mahoney: I would like to commend the committee for their hard work. At the end of the day, the revenue is only as good as what you do with it.

Ms. Pratt: If you add up all 12 of the recommendations it exceeds 12 million.

7:30 p.m. Friends of Manomet Youth Center- Jeep Raffle

This has been rescheduled for a later date.

7:40 p.m. Voter Turnout - Keven Joyce

Keven Joyce takes the podium to talk about voter turnout: Voter apathy, in my opinion voter turnout is way down. 10 or 12 percent on a town election is extremely low. This is unacceptable for America's hometown. Presently article 22 at town meeting is to change the date of the May election to avoid mother's day weekend so maybe more people will come to the polls. I'm strongly in favor of this article. I'm here to ask you, if the Town could take the next step and erect signs with the date of the election. I suggest we put out 10 or 12 signs to remind the voters about election day. People need to be reminded and I think a sign will remind them about election day. I also am going to throw in a suggestion; I think we should investigate other ways to get people to vote: online, social media, absentee voting, newspaper, and early voting. I've spoken briefly with Mr. Beder and Ms. Arrighi about this and I think they are both on board with the signs.

Chairman Tavares: Believe it or not the signage is not a new request, what we could do is ask DPW and the Building department to put together a recommendation to the Board so we can put something together. I think we could bring that back and have a recommendation.

7:45 p.m. Licenses and Administrative Notes

One Day All Alcohol Liquor License - America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m Memorial Hall

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

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

One Day All Alcohol Liquor License - Old Colony Club Inc. - Paul Blanchard - October 10, 2015 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Plymouth Center for the Arts

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

Amplified Music Permit (New) Valinor Farm LLC, 1067 Old Sandwich Rd. 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Various Functions

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

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

Mr. Risso takes the podium: What we are looking for here is the amplified music permit for a few weddings, award ceremonies, horse shows. The closest neighbor we have is 1200 feet away. To the best of our knowledge we've never had any complaints.

Chairman Tavares: If neighbors do come in and complain, this will be looked at again by the Board.

AUTO DEALER (CLASS II) - Brendan Keohan d/b/a Keohan Auto Sales

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

Appoint David Tarantino Jr. to the Harbor Committee

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

Execute a License Agreement with Captain Tim Brady & Sons

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

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

Approve the MassDOT Grant Assurances

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

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

7:50 p.m. Committee Liaison/Designee Updates

was made by Sean Page and seconded by ,
No Committee Liaison or Designee Updates

7:55 p.m. Old Business/Letters/New Business

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made John Mahoney, seconded by Sean Page.

Meeting minutes recorded by: *Annikka Bernabe* (Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen)

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