



MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM

Present: Chairman Kenneth Goldstein, Selectman Nancy Daly,
Selectman Betsy DeWitt, Selectman Neil Wishinsky,
Selectman Benjamin J. Franco

SELECTMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

[Selectmen to announce recent and/or upcoming Events of Community Interest and report on activities related to carrying out the responsibilities of the Board.](#)

June 23rd there was a working session connected to “Woman and girls thriving in Brookline” co-sponsored by the Brookline Mental Health Center and other organizations; it was a successful session.

June 24, was the ground breaking ceremony for the Dummer Street affordable housing development.

June 25, the Senior Center will host a Public Health forum on healthcare.

June 26, the Planning Board will present updated plans for the Cleveland Circle Cinema site at Town Hall.

The Board is on its summer schedule, there is no Board of Selectmen’s meeting next Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment period for citizens who requested to speak to the Board regarding Town issues not on the Calendar.

Public Comment Guidelines, adopted by the Board in May 2007, and amended May 14, 2013, are that (1) up to 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting may be open to the public for public comment. (2) Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes for comment. (3) Each speaker may comment once every four meetings on a different topic. (4) Members of the Board will not comment or respond, unless there is a question of clarification. (5) Speakers must notify the Selectmen’s Office (617)730-2211 by Friday to sign up for the next Tuesday’s meeting so that we can schedule time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Approval of miscellaneous items, licenses, vouchers, and contracts.

[Question of approving the minutes of June 17, 2014.](#)

On motion it was,

Voted to approve the minutes of June 17, 2014

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Benjamin J. Franco
Abstained: Neil Wishinsky

CONTRACT

[Question of authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with a Financial Consultant if and when the Zoning Board of Appeals determines that it requires financial services in connection with the Chestnut Hill Realty 40B Project.](#)

Planning Director Alison Steinfeld stated that this contract will be used if and when the Zoning Board of Appeals decides that financial services are necessary. She added that the Housing Authority Board has highly recommended Tod McGrath to provide this service. The contract will be paid for by the applicant, Chestnut Hill Realty.

On motion it was,

To authorize the Town Administrator to execute a contract with Financial Consultant Tod McGrath on behalf of the Town and Zoning Board of Appeals in connection with the Chestnut Hill Realty 40B Project. Said contract to be funded from Chapter 44 S.53G developer payments.

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

LETTER IN SUPPORT

Question of executing a letter in support of the MMA's efforts in opposing the TeleCom Industry Proposals to remove local authority in siting of wireless antennas and equipment.

Planning Director Alison Steinfeld stated that this proposed legislation will allow telecommunications companies to override local authority on the siting of wireless antennas and equipment in Massachusetts. The Town now has regulations and procedures in place on where towers and antennas can be located. Should this legislation pass, it would allow the industry to place wireless antennas and equipment

on virtually any building or structure within the community.

Chairman Goldstein added that there were some legitimate concerns years back when the wireless industry started on their appearance, and what happens when the equipment becomes obsolete. The town adopted a by-law to address this and other concerns related to telecom equipment. Allegations as to health risks associated with radio frequency emissions are not legally addressed at the municipal level and were not the subject of the By-law.

On motion it was,

Voted to execute a letter in support of the MMA's efforts in opposing the TeleCom Industry Proposals to remove local authority in siting of wireless antennas and equipment.
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Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

CALENDAR

[Review and potential vote on Calendar Item #s 5 thru 10.](#)

RESOLUTION

Question of adopting a Resolution calling for full funding and timely implementation of the Massachusetts Complete Streets Certification.

Petitioner Scott Englander explained the resolution which asks Transportation Secretary Rich Davey to fund the Complete Streets Certification Program. The program focuses on a balance of all kinds of users of the streets and in doing so transforms the street scape and the communities in which the project exists. The communities will need to get certification to become eligible for funding these projects. Some projects could include bicycle lanes and markings, studies on pedestrian needs, and sidewalk improvements, just to name a few. There are five criteria required for certification.

Selectman Daly added that being an Age Friendly Community, she supports this.

On motion it was,

Voted to adopt a Resolution calling for full funding and timely implementation of the Massachusetts Complete Streets Certification.

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

TOWN CLERK - PERSONNEL

Question of authorizing the filling of the following vacancies in the Town Clerk's Department:

- (1) Senior Clerk Typist (C-6) Part-time
- (1) Senior Clerk (C-6) Full-time

Town Clerk Pat Ward requested authorization for two positions. He would like to have them hired before the September 9th State primary when the Town Clerk's office will become very busy.

On motion it was,

Voted to authorize the filling of the following vacancies in the Town Clerk's Department:

- (1) Senior Clerk Typist (C-6) Part-time
- (1) Senior Clerk (C-6) Full-time

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - PERSONNEL

Question of authorizing the filling of the Network Systems Engineer (T-9) position in the Information Technology Department.

Chief Information Officer Kevin Stokes stated that this has historically been an outsourced position, and should we continue to outsource that position we would be paying a premium. Mr. Stokes added that support needs are changing in the technology environment. This position will include mobile device and project management as well as user support. This position would support both the Town and the School departments, and be funded accordingly.

On motion it was,

Voted to authorize the filling of the Network Systems Engineer (T-9) position in the Information Technology Department.

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

PUBLIC WORKS - PERSONNEL

Question of authorizing the filling of the following vacancies within the Public Works Department:

- (1) Motor Equipment Operator #2 (LN-3)
- (1) Painter/Laborer (LN-2)
- (1) Stone Mason (LN-3)
- (3) Laborers (LN-1)
- (2) Gardener/Laborer (LN-2)

Commissioner Pappastergion stated that there are 8 vacancies within the Department of Public Works. They all became vacant at various times due to promotions, retirements, and resignations. He had made a prudent management decision to wait until the solid waste contract was underway before filling any positions. This allowed him a better look at the department's needs. Commissioner Pappastergion outlined the various positions and their duties.

On motion it was,

Voted to authorize the filling of the following vacancies within the Public Works Department:

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- (1) Stone Mason (LN-3)
- (3) Laborers (LN-1)
- (2) Gardener/Laborer (LN-2)

Aye: Kenneth Goldstein, Nancy Daly, Betsy DeWitt, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - INTERVIEWS

The following candidates for appointment/reappointment to Boards and Commissions will appear for interview:

Board of Assessors
Harold Petersen

Harold Peterson is applying for reappointment and has been on the Board of Assessors since 1990. He is an Economist and a teacher at Boston College. He enjoys this Board and would like to continue to make the process of assessment as fair and transparent as possible.

Conservation Commission

Marian Lazar

Marian Lazar is applying for reappointment as an associate member. She has been involved with this commission for more than 25 years as both a full time member and an associate member. She would like to continue working on the Lost Pond Sanctuary providing new maps and signage; as a graphic design she can be of help in this. Ms. Lazar also sits on the Zoning Bylaw committee for the Conservation Commission.

Martin Luther King Committee

Betsy Shure Gross

Betsy Shure Gross is a present member of the ad-hoc MLK committee. She is interested in continuing outreach and education on civil rights; she had been involved in civil rights in the 1960's. On a personal note, she added that she is a decedent of a Holocaust survivor and her family is multi-racial. Ms. Shure Gross would like to continue to educate the community on the legacy of Martin Luther King.

Naming Committee

Carla Benka

Harry Friedman

Carla Benka is applying for reappointment. She would like to continue working on developing the guidelines of the Naming Committee. Ms. Benka reviewed the various Commissions that are involved in the final naming decision. She would like to compile a list that would be available online explaining the names behind the various facilities and streets.

Harry Friedman is applying for reappointment as an alternate member. He stated that the committee has been quiet for a while. Mr. Friedman noted that this committee is one of the less active because new facilities are few and far between, and renaming a facility goes through a process with the relating departments. He feels that the formation of the Naming Committee was a good choice and helps with the guidelines and procedures.

Women's Commission

Christine Fitzgerald

Christine Fitzgerald is a new candidate. Ms. Fitzgerald is an attorney and would like work towards advancing opportunities for women, and assisting girls in becoming strong, independent women. She would like to assist younger women to grasp the opportunities that are available to them, to realize their potential and to offer mentoring. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and a J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Mark Zuroff

Mark Zuroff is applying for reappointment as an associate member. He enjoys this Board and has been on it for six years. He feels that he has learned a lot and continues to learn while following the state and local codes. Mr. Zuroff is a real estate attorney.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Question of making appointments, as recommended by the Town Administrator, of department heads, administrators and other officials and employees and of setting the salaries therefore effective July 1, 2014.

Town Administrator Mel Kleckner stated that he is fortunate and proud to lead an organization of such strong and committed individuals. This is an annual reappointment, and this year he is recommending a wage adjustment of 2% for all management and non-union personnel; this is consistent with the AFSCME negotiations. Mr. Kleckner feels that this is a reasonable adjustment.

The Board noted the universal high quality of the management staff.

On motion it was,

Voted to make the appointments, as recommended by the Town Administrator, of department heads, administrators and other officials and employees and of setting the salaries therefore effective July 1, 2014. (list attached)

Aye: Betsy DeWitt, Nancy Daly, Kenneth Goldstein, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

OPEN AIR PARKING RENEWALS

Question of renewing the Open Air Parking Space License held by Christine Diarbakerly at 3 Washington Street/Bartlett Crescent for five (5) automobiles for July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015.

Selectman DeWitt was pleased to add that the Building Commissioner noted that the operator has been in compliance.

On motion it was,

Voted to renew the Open Air Parking Space License held by Christine Diarbakerly at 3 Washington Street/Bartlett Crescent for five (5) automobiles for July 1, 2014 thru June

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30, 2015.

*With the condition that the owners shall keep the parking area in good repair and regularly clean up debris on the property, such as broken concrete and tree branches.

Aye: Betsy DeWitt, Nancy Daly, Kenneth Goldstein, Neil Wishinsky, Benjamin J. Franco

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST