

August 23, 2018

The August 23th meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 4:35PM by Chairman Soter with Mrs. McNulty, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Connor and Mr. Martinis in attendance.

Mr. Soter thanked the Council on Aging, especially Josie Dutil, for inviting the Selectmen to host a meeting at the Senior Center.

Josie Dutil – Senior Center Renovation Update

Josie briefly talked about the plans to expand/renovate the senior center. Josie asked the board if they had any questions. Mr. Martinis inquired about the storage space that Josie mentioned and asked if they could possibly use that as a place for personal care and instead expand the storage space that was proposed in the back next to the kitchen. Mr. Soter spoke about the cost of obtaining a new generator to keep up with the new expansion plans. Josie said these were things she could speak to the architect about. Mr. Connor inquired how the seniors would be impacted during the construction process. Josie responded saying that they would stagger the project so the senior center would never be shut down. They planned to do a lot of work at night and they would be careful not to expose the seniors to any hazards.

Denis Fraine spoke about the project and what the next steps would be. He reiterated that this is the feasibility stage. Next they would look at architectural fees and readdress this in the spring. There may be a line in the state budget that could help them out financially. Mr. Spencer had a question regarding the physical expansion of the building and whether or not that would take up available parking. Jim Kupfer from the planning board who was in attendance said they would look at the bylaws as far as what is required for parking spaces. Mr. Soter suggested we talk to the architect about adding additional spaces regardless of the bylaw. Josie confirmed that there will be additional parking in the plans. Mr. Soter opened questions up to the seniors in attendance. Bill Eltzroth of 360 South Main Street had a question regarding the generator that was donated to the fire station and asked if we should possibly get that back. Mr. Soter suggested a new generator would be needed to meet the needs of the expanded senior center. Pam Woods of 84 Depot Court asked if any windows in the cafeteria would be lost as a result of the expansion and Josie confirmed the windows in the back of the cafeteria would be lost. A question was asked from a senior whose name was not given about obtaining a generator for the senior housing on Depot Street. Mr. Soter was unaware that there was no generator at this location and said obtaining one would be something they could look into with the housing authority. Susan Smith of 17 Indian Run Road asked if there would be more wheel chair accessible bathrooms as there is only 1 presently. Josie said she would research this question with the architect.

Mr. Soter pointed out that this is just the starting point and that they would take these suggestions and ideas and put them together.

Parks Commission Interview – Scott McDonald

Mr. McDonald presented before the board to fill a vacant position on the Parks Commission. Mr. McDonald has lived in Bellingham for 38 years. He has been a middle school teacher for 15 years and he has been a baseball coach in Bellingham at the high school level as well as the youth level for a combined 20 years. Mr. McDonald stated that he would like to be involved with the town more than just on the baseball field. Mr. McDonald stated that he has had the honor of working with Mr. Roberts, Parks Commission chairman, for years on the baseball field and would like to work with him side by side on the parks commission. Mr. McDonald also stated that he would like to expand his horizons outside of teaching and coaching. Mr. Soter asked the board if they had any questions for Mr. McDonald. Mr. Martinis stated how wonderful it would be to have Mr. McDonald involved in the town through the parks commission. Mr. Bill Roberts, who was in attendance, asked if he could speak on behalf of Mr. McDonald and he was granted permission. Mr. Roberts pointed out that Mr. McDonald has made this town a better place with his commitment as a coach on the field and off the field in education. He pointed out Mr. McDonald has discipline and is a well-educated individual. He would be an excellent candidate for this position.

On a Martinis/McNulty motion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Scott McDonald to the Parks Commission.

Jim Kupfer – Pine Hollow Inclusionary Zoning Until Application

Mr. Jim Kupfer presented to the board the application for the Local Action Unit for the affordable units at Pine Hollow condominiums off of Countryside Way that are currently under construction. Thirty six townhouses will be built and four of the units are designated as affordable housing. This application process is a requirement of the state and is part of the permit process. Bellingham residents will take priority over all applicants.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board voted unanimously to accept this application.

Don DiMartino – Lakeview Water Main Project

Mr. DiMartino asked the board to sign the order of taking which is the next step in the Lakeview Water Main Project.

On a McNulty/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the order of the taking.

Don DiMartino – Cooks Lane Town Acceptance

Mr. DiMartino stated the board must vote it's intension to lay out the way for Cooks Lane.

On a Spencer/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept Cooks Lane.

On a McNulty/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the DPW to purchase rock salt for the Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with bids received in the Cooperative Bid Number PW383 administered by the Town of Framingham.

On a McNulty/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the request of the Bellingham Lions for their annual White Cane Drive on Saturday, October 13th, rain date October 20st, at the Town Center & Pulaski Blvd./South Main St. intersections, with submission of insurance binder to the Town.

Brian Hickey – One Day Beer and Wine Permit

Josephe Masotta spoke for Brian Hickey who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Masotta is the owner of the The Marketplace Theatre where Brian Hickey, applicant for Backstage Repertory Company, wishes to be granted a One Day Beer and Wine permit for a musical performance by a county singer who was once involved in the theater. The performance will take place on Thursday September 6, 2018. Mr. Soter suggested to Mr. Masotta that all the exits be clearly lit up and marked accordingly. Mr. Soter asked if there would be a police officer on detail but Mr. Masotta was not sure.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to grant the One Day Beer and Wine Permit to Brian Hickey of Backstage Repertory Theatre.

Tom Mulry, 140 Pub N Club – One Day Beer and Wine Permit

Applicant did not show for the meeting. In order to seek approval applicant must provide the Board with more specifics. Agenda item was passed over and they agreed to reconvene at a later time.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to sign the Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Fraine noted that the October 10, 2018 Special Town Meeting will be moved to November 14, 2018 in order to have the financial house better prepared.

Mr. Fraine noted that starting Tuesday, September 4th E.L. Harvey & Sons will handle the trash and recycling service. Cost will remain the same. Pickup day for all residents will remain the same, but the times the bins are emptied may change. Bins should always be out on the curb by 7:00 am to avoid such issues.

Mr. Soter reminded the residents to get out and vote at the primaries September 4th.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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