

Board of Selectmen

September 29, 2016

Regular Session 7:03pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; Mr. Ted Alexiades, Town Administrator; Mr. Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

Voted – To approve the minutes of September 15, 2016 as amended.
A motion was made by Mr. Healey to approve the minutes as amended.
All were in favor, 3-0.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

There were no questions from the public.

Proclamation presented to Mayor Robert Hedlund in recognition of service to town of Hingham as the Senator.

Mayor Hedlund responded with appreciation and highlighted some of his historical accomplishments.

Senator O'Connor presented Mayor Hedlund with two official Citations – one from the Massachusetts State Senate and recognition from Governor Charlie Baker.

Joint Session with Hingham Housing Authority to fill a vacancy.

Elizabeth James, 30 Thaxter Park, pursuing open seat on Housing Board. Long-life resident of Hingham.

Members of the Housing Authority present: Davalene Cooper, Jim Watson, Bob Keyes.

Voted – To appoint Elizabeth James to fill the vacancy on the Hingham Housing Authority until the next Town election. ROLL CALL VOTE by both the Board of Selectmen and Hingham Housing Authority – all were in favor to elect Ms. James to the seat, 6-0.

Joint Session with Sewer Commission to fill a vacancy.

Stephen Harold, 20 Weathervane court. Owner of plumbing business for 30 years.

Members of the Sewer Commission present: Kirk Schilts and Robert Higgins.

Voted – To appoint Stephen Harold to fill the vacancy on the Sewer Commission until the next Town election. ROLL CALL VOTE by both the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commission all were in favor to elect Mr. Harold to the seat, 5-0.

Library's Feasibility Study

Roger Fernandes, Linda Harper, Tom Carey present.

Request for Town's authorization via Board of Selectmen Approval and Signature for Professional Design Services for the Hingham Public Library Schematic Design/Feasibility for Potential Construction/Expansion Project.

Linda Harper distributed two documents to the BOS:

1. Massachusetts Libraries Board of Library Commissioners - Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Issued on May 6, 2016 General Construction Projects Application Round May 2016-July 2017.
2. Beacon Architectural Associates proposed schedule.

Voted – To enter into contract with Beacon Architectural Associates for professional design services for the Hingham Public Library Schematic Design/Feasibility Project. Mr. Healey made a motion to approve. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Alexiades read aloud a letter from the Board of Trustees, Hingham Public Library, citing appreciation for the fine work Mr. Roger Fernandez has done on behalf of the library.

Bare Cove Park Dog Control Discussion

Present: Chief Glen Olsson, Leslie Badger, Animal Control Officer, Bare Cove Park Committee: Ted Matthews and Susan Kains.

Leash Law Presentation delivered by Chief Glenn Olsson. In the interest of protecting the town and its citizens, Chief Olsson recommends instituting a leash law at Bare Cove Park, minimum.

Discussion took place concerning public safety, law enforcement, staffing, and liability issues. Mary Power suggested that a vote be deferred for two weeks. All were in favor, 3-0.

John Hersey voiced his concerns about instituting a leash law.

Wireless Telecommunications Discussion

Mr. Alexiades stated that notifications of tonight's discussion regarding a wireless telecommunications tower at 190 Old Hobart Street were sent to all abutters. Feedback was received in writing from 4 residents; 3 against building a tower and 1 in favor.

The following residents spoke regarding a cell tower at this location:

Nancy Richardson, 28 Ridgewood Crossing – questioned whether RFP would be site-specific. Feels “one thing too many” for area.

Chief Glen Olsson – stated concerns about dropped emergency calls due to poor cell coverage.

Katy Rogers, 11 Cranberry Lane – expressed health concerns.

Jim Watson, Rockland Street suggested looking into providers co-locating towers.

Mr. Allen Coombs, 12 Ridgewood Crossing had specific technical questions that were Zoning-Board oriented.

Ms. Power suggested indefinitely delaying vote due to the demands on the Board of Selectmen's office and Zoning Board. All were in favor.

Mooring Permit Fees

Ken Corson, Harbormaster, reported on current mooring permit fees in Hingham as well as comparable communities.

Mr. Alexiades discussed incrementally increasing fees over the next 2-3 years. Decision to increase fees will require vote prior to November 1.

In order to allow sufficient time for Mr. Alexiades and Mr. Corson to look at incremental fee increases, suggestion made by Paul Gannon and Mary Power to defer vote for two weeks.

Goals and Objectives

Mr. Alexiades presented Goals and Objectives Status Update.

Voted - Mr. Healey made a motion and Ms. Power seconded to adopt the Goals and Objectives with the exception of Goal #4, bullet #3, pertaining to increasing the present Board of Selectmen from three to five members. Mr. Gannon opposed. Motion passed 2-1 in favor.

Votes:

Voted – To sign agreement with Minuteman Trucks for the purchase of a 2017 International 7300 Chip Truck Unit #16 in the amount of \$142,028.00. All were in favor, 3-0.

Voted – To sign agreement with MHQ for the purchase of a 2017 Ford E350 Mini Bus in the amount of \$58,533.00. All were in favor, 3-0.

Voted – To authorize Comstar to write-off the Town's ambulance receivables deemed uncollectible from the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 as outlined in the memo from Sue Nickerson, Town Accountant, dated September 22, 2016. All were in favor, 3-0.

Voted – To amend the location of the Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License for Hingham Sports Partnership from The Armory, 96 Central Street to 150 Recreational Park Drive. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Robert Keyes suggested open meeting laws training for the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Gannon raised drug addiction/awareness pertaining to sharing of prescription drugs and their storage in medicine cabinets as well as disposal. He suggested that the audience share awareness with neighbors and friends.

Mary Power reminded the audience about the upcoming Ocktoberfest hosted by the Hingham Sports Partnership. Proceeds go to Hingham sports activities.

Ms. Power also reminded the audience of the Hingham Historical Society Annual Open House tours this weekend, October 2, 2016.

Paul Healey reminded the audience to check smoke detector batteries. He also thanked the volunteers at the Swap Pile.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Sally Sinclair

Approved: October 13, 2016

Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office).

1. Proclamation issued in Appreciation to Senator Robert L. Hedlund
2. Hingham Housing Authority Board Candidate Credentials – Elizabeth James
3. Hingham Sewer Commission Candidate Credentials – Stephen Harold
4. Hingham Public Library – Beacon Architectural Associates Proposed Schedule
5. Massachusetts Libraries Board of Commissioners Application Round
6. Hingham Library Study Signed Letter
7. Hingham Library Design Services Proposal
8. Leash Law Presentation Presented by Chief Glenn Olsson
9. Bare Cove Park: Proposed Changes to Current Dog Regulations; September 3, 2015
10. Bare Cove Park: How Other Towns and Parks Manage People with Dogs
11. Cell Tower Letter to Abutters dated September 20, 2016
12. Centerline Communications re: Proposal for Wireless Telecommunications Lease/T-Mobile 4BS1752
13. Mooring Permit Fees in Comparable Communities
14. Mooring Permit Fees Comparison
15. Goals and Objectives Presentation
16. Minuteman Trucks 2017 International 7300 Chip Truck Agreement
17. MHQ 2017 Ford E350 Mini Bus Agreement
18. Ambulance Receivable Write-off Memo
19. Hingham Sports Partnership Revised One Day License
20. Correspondence from residents in favor or opposing cell tower (5 total).