

Board of Selectmen

February 16, 2017
Regular Session 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2017. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

There were no questions from the public.

Capital Outlay Committee Recommendations

Libby Claypool and Brendan Kiernan presented FY2018 Five Year Capital Plan overview.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Warrant Articles

Article D: Report of the Personnel Board

Deferred

Continued Warrant Articles

Article T: Leashing Regulations at Bare Cove Park

Mary Power shared additional research and conclusions. Ms. Power voted no action for this Article.

Paul Gannon expressed his appreciation to all for the work that has gone into this matter. Mr. Gannon stated that everyone has had an opportunity to be heard.

Paul Healey thanked colleagues for all of the work that has gone into this Article. Mr. Healey stated that this is a public safety issue. Mr. Healey's position remains unchanged.

A motion was made by Mary Power for no action. Paul Healey seconded 2-1. Paul Gannon opposed.

Article R: Harbor Improvements

Ted Alexiades presented.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

A motion was made by Mary Power to recommend favorable action on Article R. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article S: Bathing Beach Bath House

Ted Alexiades presented.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Chris Daly, Buttonwood Lane, addressed questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action on Article S. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Discussion regarding Appointment Process

Paul Healey outlined the committee appointment process.

Mary Power suggested that appointments be made throughout the year on a quarterly basis. There is a need to set framework for process. Ms. Power suggested that immediate acknowledgement/engagement be made to applicants stating receipt, process, and status of their application. The Selectmen's office would then contact individual candidates to confirm whether they are still interested and if they have any other committees of interest.

Paul Gannon agreed that there should be a process. Mr. Gannon agreed with Ms. Power's quarterly approach. He felt that there is an obligation to candidates to move the process along.

Paul Healey felt that quarterly appointments are a bit aggressive but willing to try on a more frequent basis.

Ms. Power suggested that advertisements be placed in the Hingham Journal stating committee vacancies.

Ted Alexiades suggested picking a mutually convenient date for the Board members to conduct interviews. He recommended "open House" style interviews on a given Saturday.

VOTES

A motion was made by Mary Power to approve the issuance of an Annual Common Victualler license to Capital One Café, 92 Derby Street, John Bevan, Manager. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor: 3-0.

Appointments

There were no appointments

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ted Alexiades shared a letter received from the Department of the Navy to the Town of Hingham in appreciation for the Town contributing to Senior Chief Jermyn's availability towards his Navy Reserve Force career. Mr. Alexiades extended accolades to all for their support.

Paul Healey stated that in 2015, the Town of Hingham was the only town in the USA to be recognized and awarded the Freedom Award for support in the Guard reserve. Mr. Healey acknowledged and thanked Senior Chief, Jermyn and John Marquardt.

Paul Gannon made mention of a special needs benefit, SNAP, that will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:30-9:00pm at the CrossFit facility on Route 3A. The event will be hosted by Tom Hoffman.

Paul Healey thanked the Historical Commission, Andrea Young and Martha Bewick for their work and excellent presentation delivered on Lincoln Day that took place on February 11, 2017. Mr. Healey made mention of the event which was captured in the Hingham Journal, this week. He highly recommended the read to all.

Mr. Healey made mention of resident, James Conroy, noted author who serves on the Historical Commission, a recipient of significant literary award regarding Lincoln in the Whitehouse during the war years.

Mr. Healey also made mention of the Battle of Iwo Jima which lasted from February 19 - March 26, 1945. There were 7,000 marines and 20,000 Japanese casualties.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved February 28, 2017

Sally Sinclair

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

