

Board of Selectmen & Planning Board Joint Meeting

May 24, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Fuller Meadow School

Nathan Media Room

Call to Order – Mr. Houten called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Also present were Mr. Cresta, Mr. Prentakis, Mr. Moreschi, Mr. Kassiotis, Town Administrator Mr. Sheehan and Assistant Town Administrator Mr. Ferrara.

Mr. Sheehan addressed the Board and apologized that the posting for tonight's meeting was inaccurate and explained that the meeting being held tonight is a joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Selectmen Board.

Mr. Prentakis made a motion to appoint Mr. Houten as acting chairperson for tonight's meeting. Mr. Cresta seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Warrant – The Payroll Warrant totaled \$591,852. The Payables Warrant totaled \$3,105,515 and included regional school assessments of \$2,145,990 for Masconomet and \$119,689 for Essex Tech, \$15,464 for school security upgrades, \$312,000 for Purchase of Power and \$16,800 for IT related purchases.

Town Administrators Report

Town Meeting - Mr. Sheehan addressed the Board and extended his thanks to everyone who participated in Town Meeting, including all the Boards, the town staff, the poll workers and the residents who attended the meeting and the election.

Retirement Party – A retirement party was held for Mr. Charles Clinch and Mr. Scott L'Abbe from the Fire Department last week and Mr. Sheehan extended his thanks to both gentlemen and wished them well for the future.

Henry Tragert Common –The town of Middleton applied to the Architectural Access Board for a variance associated with a walkway on Henry Tragert Common. The easement is related to the slopes on the walkway that did not meet handicap access requirements. These easements have been approved and this project is moving forward.

Community Compact - Lieutenant Governor Polito is coming to Middleton next Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. to sign the Community Compact agreement. This grant will address master planning which includes of the complete streets plan and the housing plan. This is a regional ceremony which will include the towns of Danvers, Georgetown, Essex and Peabody.

Memorial Day Parade – The Parade will leave Memorial Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016.

Kinder Morgan Gas Pipeline – Kinder Morgan has filed a formal notice to withdraw the application to install a gas pipeline to run from New York to Dracut.

Public Records Law - Legislature are voting to update the public records law. This update is long overdue in Massachusetts and is one of the weaker public record laws in the country.

Mr. Houten addressed the meeting and on behalf of the Board of Selectmen thanked Christine Lindberg for her service to the Town and welcomed the new Board member, Mr. Rick Kassiotis.

Teresa Buono, a Representative on the Masconomet School Committee, addressed the Board that at their last meeting she was appointed Vice Chairperson of the Masconomet School Committee and she will also be the Chairperson of the Budget Sub-Committee. Ms. Buono said that last year the Budget Sub-Committee changed their approach in developing the annual budget and said she would welcome comments/improvements/suggestions to continue to improve this process.

Conduct Planning Board interviews with candidates and appoint a member under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 11 to fill a vacancy in an elected office. (The appointing authority consists of the Board of Selectmen together with the remaining four members of the Planning Board)
– The Planning Board members present for participation in the interview process include: David McGlone, Beverly Popielski and Luciano Leone.

The five candidates are: Anthony Tierno, Arthur Beradino, Brian York, Nicholas Bonugli and William Renault.

The five candidates addressed the Board individually with the reasons why they should be appointed as a member of the Planning Board.

Chairperson Houten entertained a motion to place all five names into contention. Mr. Cresta seconded the motion and all were in favor.

All members of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen voted and a majority approved the appointment of Anthony Tierno as the new member of the Planning Board.

Mr. Prentakis made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Bonugli as an alternate member of the Planning Board for a term to end June 30, 2016. Mr. Moreschi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ms. Popielski addressed Chairman Houten and said that Mr. Luciano will not be re-running for alternate when his term ends on June 30, 2016. The Planning Board will be looking for a new alternate member and asked the remaining candidates reconsider being appointed as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

Chairman Houten thanked all the candidates for attending the meeting and for their interest in serving on the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roscoe

Julie Roscoe, Recording Secretary

Todd Moreschi, Clerk