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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Memorial Town Hall**

**2/27/17**

**6:30PM Executive Session~2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room**

**7:00PM-General Meeting~3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room, Town Hall**

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**Selectmen Present:** Gary C. Fowler, Clerk; Douglas W. Dawes, Joseph Bonavita

**Others Present:** Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano,  
Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** C. David Surface Chairman; Steven Sadler

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**6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Anticipated executive session in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with FSCME Council 93.

**7:00PM Call to order**

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

*Request from the Police Chief for the appointment of two Reserve Officers*

Police Chief Donald Cudmore was present.

Chief Cudmore stated that these two reserve appointments should be the last reserve appointments for the year. He gave the background information on Nivaldo Rodriques.

Mr. Dawes asked Mr. Rodriques if he had been to the academy. Mr. Rodriques stated that he had. Mr. Dawes asked why he applied to Georgetown. Mr. Rodriques stated a friend from the academy recommended him to apply to Georgetown.

Mr. Bonavita asked where he lived. Mr. Rodriques stated that he lives in Everett.

**Mr. Dawes moved to appoint *Nivaldo Rodriques* as a *Reserve Officer* term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Chief Cudmore introduced Robert Joyce III and gave background information. He stated he was a Reserve Officer in Tewksbury.

Mr. Joyce thanked the board for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Dawes asked why Georgetown. Mr. Joyce stated Georgetown Officer Carapellucci recommended him to the position.

**Mr. Dawes moved to appoint *Robert Joyce III* as a *Reserve Officer* term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Request from residents at Crescent Meadow Lane to accept the private roadway*

Christine Vita and Cora Swimm were present

Ms. Vita stated that this is where they were told to start the process. She stated that the road is private but has been built to spec. She stated that the only maintenance to the road would be snowplowing. She stated that Chief Cudmore is coming out to look at the street and that Peter Durkee stated that the road is in good condition and he would do as he is told. She stated area residents walk on the road and walk their dogs down the street.

Mr. Dawes stated the residents have a homeowners association. She stated that they do. Mr. Dawes asked how their agreement is worded on the road. She stated that it is not written as a perpetually private road.

Mr. Fowler stated the subdivision agreement does allow the residents to pass or repass. He asked if there are any parking to trails or something of this type. Ms. Vita stated that there is not.

Mr. Bonavita asked why they are coming in now. Ms. Vita stated that no specific reason but it cost them a lot of money and the road should be public.

Mr. Farrell stated that when a road is private in a subdivision it is what the developer asks for and he usually asks for waivers and in this project he asked for 10 waivers that were allowed. He stated that they have to go to the Planning Board and have the decision amended and see if they can move forward.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would want to talk to the Planning Board before making any decision.

Mr. Farrell stated that to accept the road would be a vote at the town meeting.

Mr. Bonavita stated that he would not want them to have them spend a lot of funds and then the road is not accepted.

Mr. Fowler stated that there is a lot to this and they need to know from Planning if the road is up to standards.

Mr. Dawes stated that the road would have to meet the regulations of the Lane bylaw.

Mr. Farrell stated that they may find that the road or something was not done standards as this is why the road is a private road.

Mr. Fowler stated that they can go the petition way. Ms. Vita stated that they do not want to go that way and will go back to the Planning board

### *Recreational Marijuana Moratorium Discussion*

Mr. Fowler stated that Mr. Farrell has given them some information to look at regarding a marijuana moratorium. He stated that other towns have set a moratorium.

Mr. Farrell stated that he spoke to legal council today. He stated that the in the host agreement section 17 it states that the town will not oppose the company to engage in recreational marijuana. He stated that we would need to talk with Healthy Pharms before moving forward with a moratorium. He stated that council stated that the town should hold off as long as they can as the laws are changing.

Mr. Fowler stated that he attended a MMA breakfast last week and this was a hot topic. He asked if we could do something on Cafes. Mr. Farrell stated that the town can limit the type of dispensary.

Mr. Dawes stated that the term moratorium is not the term he stated that they do not want to have cafes and restaurants selling marijuana in the downtown. He stated we have a dispensary and the owner would have to go to the Planning Board if they sell recreational marijuana. He stated that

we do not know if the dispensary will decide to sell recreational marijuana. He stated that they do have the space at the site. He stated he is more concerned on the business side of the community and although legal he does not want to see marijuana sold within 1000 ft. of a school. He stated that he believes the number is determined by the package stores in a town.

Mr. Bonavita asked if we are talking about Healthy Pharms or new businesses coming to town.

Mr. Farrell stated that if Healthy Pharms wanted to get a permit from the State we could not stop them. He stated by the laws now we could have one business to sell marijuana. He stated that the only part we need to limit is Cafes.

Mr. Dawes stated that he sees this as similar to ABCC liquor laws and the board can limit amount of stores.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would like to keep the conversation open. He stated that he wants to see if we can slow this down until we have bylaws.

Mr. Bonavita stated that Healthy Pharms is just starting out and they should have them come to the board if there are questions.

Mr. Dawes stated that he has a meeting with them to view the site and he will see how they feel on recreational marijuana.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Close the ATM & STM Warrants for May 1, 2017*

Mr. Fowler stated that the warrants usually close 6 weeks after opening.

**Mr. Dawes moved to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 1, 2017. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*45 Central Street-Disposition of property*

Mr. Farrell stated the town closed on the property and secured the building and put padlocks on the front and back doors of the building. He stated he wanted to share the structural report and that the report states the building would need major renovations. Mr. Fowler asked if we did any outside clean-up. Mr. Farrell stated that we have not. Mr. Fowler asked what we have for funds. Mr. Farrell stated that we have \$10K and he has a budgeting number of \$0 to \$10K to raise the building. He stated that the Police and Fire would both use the building for training before it would be taken down.

Mr. Fowler stated should we start the process with the public. Mr. Farrell stated that when they pull the demolition permit that will start the process with Historical Commission. Mr. Fowler stated that we should pull the demolition permit to start the process. Discussion

**Mr. Dawes moved that the Selectmen request the Town Administrator to pull the demolition permit for 45 Central St. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*BoS Procedures, Policies, and Regulations Manual*

Mr. Fowler stated he met with Mr. Farrell with changes and asked the board get their changes to Mr. Farrell by March 6<sup>th</sup> so the board can vote on the policy at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

*Town Administrator Action Plan*

Mr. Fowler stated that Mr. Surface was handling this and asked to hold to next meeting. He stated at the last meeting there was a discussion on the administrator's deferment payment and we will discuss this next week also.

Mr. Bonavita stated that Mr. Surface asked for 10 items for Mr. Farrell to work on for the year and for members to get this information to him as soon as they could.

*School Building Committee Update*

Mr. Bonavita stated on the SBC they are trying to close out the outstanding punch list. Mr. Farrell stated that he talked to Michelle Smith today and they are working with Mr. Anderson on the punch list. Mr. Fowler asked if they have reached out to the MSBA. He stated that they may be able to help.

*Veteran's Update*

Mr. Dawes stated that he has a veterans meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he also has a meeting with the Drug Awareness Advisory committee this week.

*FinCom Update*

Mr. Fowler stated that at the recent FinCom meeting the Assessors came and explained tax laws and it was very informative. He stated that the board should have them into a meeting to hear the presentation.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Archiving Update*

Mr. Farrell stated that we are archiving our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Mr. Bonavita asked how is this being funded. Mr. Farrell stated that we are paying \$125 a month. He stated that they now saw we have to archive our website and that was very expensive.

*Health Insurance Update*

Mr. Farrell stated that he will be receiving the bids on March 15<sup>th</sup> from the broker and from MIIA. He stated that the broker will provide a similar plan to what we have now and an alternative plan. He stated that there was a lot of discussion on GIC and he stated he talked to their representative. He stated would have to let them know by July 1<sup>st</sup> and could start in January but GIC is going out to bid in September so we would not know the cost. He gave out a handout on issues GIC is having and the increase of deductibles and costs to subscribers.

Mr. Fowler stated that at the meeting he attended insurance was also a large part of the discussion.

**APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS**

*Request to make the Wire Inspector & Alternate Wire Inspector positions Special Municipal*

*Employees*

Mr. Farrell stated that the Wire Inspector position is already a Special Municipal Employee so they just have to vote on the Alternate Wire Inspector position.

**Mr. Dawes moved that the position of *Alternate Wire Inspector* be designated a *Special Municipal Employee*. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Request from the Building Inspector for appointments to expire 3/31/2018*

**Mr. Dawes moved to reappoint *Leslie P. Godin* as the *Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer*, *Glen Clohecy* as the *Alternate Inspector of Buildings*, *William Gianacoples* as the *Inspector of Plumbing/Gas Piping and Appliances*, *Stanley Kulacz* as the *Alternate Inspector of Plumbing/Gas Piping and Appliances*, and *Mark Unger, Sr.* as the *Wiring Inspector* term to expire March 31, 2018. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**NEXT MEETING**

March 13, 2017 at 7PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Dawes moved to adjourn. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Minutes approved March 13, 2017

Documents used in this meeting:

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