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Present was James M. Tomaszewski, James C. Lehan, Robert J. Garrity, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator, and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124 of the Town Hall.

Jim T. opened the meeting at 7 p.m. He announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

### **JOHN LOVELY, MYRTLE STREET, Chapter 61A Property**

Present was John Lovely, attorney and Stacy Sweeney.

Jim T. disclosed he has a relationship with John Lovely who is on the Board of Managers for the Foxboro YMCA; and Jim T. is on the Board of Managers for the Franklin YMCA. He said he has no financial interest.

Attorney Lovely explained to the Board that he is here tonight to see if the Board would waive their 120 day window of right to first refusal on two slivers of property on Myrtle Street that Richard Holmes is willing to sell to the Sweeney's so that they can sell their home. Atty. Lovely explained that there was a glitch with the title and the Sweeney's lost a sale in November because of the title issue. They now have another buyer, and would like to close at the end of May.

The Board had previously been forwarded a letter and paperwork and a plan showing the property in question, so they were familiar with what they were asking the Board to do.

Rob Garrity moved to waive the first right of first refusal under Chapter 61A, Section 14. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**. The Board signed the waiver, and Atty. Lovely will have it certified by the Town Clerk.

### **WILLIAM CONKLIN, VETERANS AGENT**

The Board conducted interviews for the Veterans Agent position which is vacated by Tony Mastrianni's retirement.

William Conklin, 65 Grove Street. He has lived here since 1982. Bill read a statement as to why he was interested in being the Veterans' Agent.

Bill explained he was a Vietnam Veteran. He is now a 10% disabled vet. He used the vet med program. He was in touch with a Veterans Agent to help see if he was eligible for any services. He had no service connected disability at the time, but is now receiving a disability. He said he would like to reach out to veterans and see if he can assist them. Many people don't realize they are eligible.

Bill said he has talked with Tony to get an idea of exactly what he does. He is retired and has the time and the passion to do this. He is currently a part time teacher in Walpole. He said he would do the job for other towns as Tony has, but was told at the present time, it would only be for Norfolk.

Rob said as a son of a veteran, he thanked him for his service.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **Action Items**

Jim Lehan moved to approve the request of Maureen Lewis of 11 Ridgefield Road to hold a Block Party on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and block the street at the Ridgefield/Longmeadow intersection with access to Longmeadow and other streets, with Chief Stone's approval. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **Old Business**

Jack said he met with Tom DiPlacido regarding the solar project. Jack will do an RFQ and get it into the Central Register. He will be looking for someone to lease the land and use it for solar field purposes.

Jack said the Senate budget committee set their budget. It is higher than the house budget.

Jack mentioned that GATRA has gone out to get a grant to provide services for the MBTA. Jack said you don't see buses that often in town. He said a woman in town would like to expand the service to other towns such as Boston or Natick to assist her with doctor appointments. Jack said it is a need but the Town will probably not benefit. Jim will talk more with Frank Gay, Executive Director.

### **STUART VAN TINE, VETERANS AGENT**

Stuart Van Tine of Diamond Street was present for an interview.

Mr. Van Tine said he is a veteran himself. He was ROTC – flew planes onto carriers and then had double vision at night, so he drove a ship. Stuart said he spent a tour in Vietnam in the Navy. He had a legal practice and did pro bono work for veterans. Stuart said he is new to town and hoped to meet some fellow veterans. He thinks he would be very happy doing this.

Jim L. asked if he has talked to Tony at all. Stuart didn't think it would be appropriate without consulting the Board first. He will do the job for Norfolk, and is not interested in doing other towns.

Stuart said he is renewing his attorney license so that he can go into court with a veteran if they have an OUI and do it pro bono.

Rob said as a son of a veteran, he thanked him for his service.

The Board discussed the two gentlemen and were impressed by each. They each brought different things to the table, and both would make an excellent Veterans' Agent. Discussion centered around could they job share, and can they work together and diverse jobs for each. Jack will take them to lunch and talk to them, and go from there.

The Board would like to try to have a decision for our next meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Jack said Tony is anxious to retire and be through.

### **REVIEW OF TOWN MEETING**

Jack reviewed some of the articles that were significant at town meeting. Jack said CPC would like to come in to our next meeting to talk about Gumps. We need to decide what we can do with the property and make it a community project. We will have them in on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jack said there were some hard feelings from the School Superintendent because they did not

receive increases that the municipal side received.

Wrentham and Plainville will vote soon, and then we'll know the final on the K P School budget.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, Continued**  
**Old/New Business**

Jack said Bob Bullock and Bob McGhee are working with Constellation Energy and on the contract.

The Assessors have sent a letter to Caritas telling them that they will put the full price on the tax rolls if they don't pay – said it was a clerical oversight. The Archdiocese owns the property now. We can tax them since there isn't a church on the property.

Jack reported the new ambulance is in. It is now Rescue 2. It is smaller than the International. It's a Ford 450.

Cruisers are ordered, as soon as June 1st we may have them in house.

Jack reminded the Board of a working session tomorrow at 10 a.m. with Bob McGhee.

Jim L. said he is working with Town Counsel on Gumps. Hopefully he will have an agreement tomorrow to present to Paddocks & Corrals. This will be an Agreement in principal on how this will work. Everyone is very anxious.

Jim L. said they are working with Habitat for the property at 82 Main St.

Jim T. said we will discuss Goals and Liaisons at our next meeting.

Rob Garrity moved to appoint Jeff Chalmers to the Associate Position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob noted the Planning Board position needs to be filled.

At 8:14 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of May 23, 2011.

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Robert J. Garrity, Clerk