

June 14, 2016

Present was Jeffrey Palumbo, Scott Bugbee, James Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 214, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim announced that the meeting was video taped. Jeff asked that we hold a moment of silence for the mass shooting victims in Orlando, Florida.

Jack read the agenda contents.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a Warrior 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2016 beginning at 8 a.m. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a Taylor Manning 5K Race on Sunday, September 18, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

A request for a Turkey Trot Race is on hold. Chief Stone has concerns with the day and the route. Jim said that he had a problem with it being on Thanksgiving Day morning. He felt it was a family day, and possibly a lot of traffic. He would not approve a Thanksgiving Day race. He was okay with another day that weekend. Jack said Friday is Black Friday, which could also be a problem, but Saturday or Sunday would work. Jack said that Chief Stone said the same thing, and did not think he would be able to get detail officers, because the officers not on duty either want to be with their families, or are doing details at the Thanksgiving football games. Chief Stone also had a problem with their route, because it could be a safety issue. The Chief said he will speak with the race organizers, and this will be brought up at our next meeting.

Annual Appointments

Bob Paschke, 22 Stop River Road was present. Bob said he is interested in being the at-large member. He said that his interest started when the CPC was looking at property behind his house. He wants to give back to the Town. Interested because it covers a whole gamut of things in town – historical, recreation, etc.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Robert Paschke as the At-Large member of CPC, term to expire 6/30/2018. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Paul Terrio as the Precinct 2 member of CPC, term to expire 6/30/2019. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Thomas Norton to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 6/30/2019. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Patrick Touhey to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 6/30/2019. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Michelle Lauria to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 6/30/2019. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Kevin Roche to the Corrections Advisory Committee, term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Gail Andersen to the Corrections Advisory Committee, term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

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Jim Lehan moved to appoint Barbara Phillips to the Council on Aging, term to expire 6/30/2019. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Richard Connors to the Council on Aging, term to expire 6/30/2019. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Thomas Mirabile to the Council on Aging, term to expire 6/30/2019. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Scott Bragdon to the Insurance Committee, term to expire 6/30/2017. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Neil Cross to the Insurance Committee, term to expire 6/30/2017. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint James Dyer to the Insurance Committee, term to expire 6/30/2017. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Scott Cousineau to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Thomas Cleverdon to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, term to expire 6/30/2018. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint R. William Conklin to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, term to expire 6/30/2018. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint James Lehan to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, term to expire 6/30/2018. Jim Lehan abstained from voting. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted** by Jeff and Scott.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Scott Dittrich to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, term to expire 6/30/2018. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Raymond Goff to the South West Area Planning Council (SWAP), term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Robert Nicodemus to the South West Area Planning Council (SWAP), term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, LLP as Town Counsel, term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded. Jack said that he felt Dave DeLuca has done an outstanding job, and is very responsive. He said that Dave holds office hours, and it has been very productive with the departments. The partners in the firm are equally attentive to our needs, and we have presented some interesting challenges. Jim agreed, and said they have been very responsive as their first year as counsel. He noted they are exceptionally good at being decisive. Jack said they tell us the risks in their decision. It was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint R. William Conklin as the Veterans Agent, term to expire 6/30/2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and said that he wanted to commend Bill for a great job. He said it is a different job, and goes unrecognized. He said that mistakes can be costly to the Town, which has happened in the past, but Bill hasn't had that happen. It was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Michael Kulesza to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 6/30/2021. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Fall Town Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the schedule, and felt that they cannot choose a date for the fall town meeting yet, because the Southwood Project may need to go on this town meeting. Jim will research and let us know.

Jim Lehan moved to open the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board held a brief recess at 7:30 p.m., and then reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jack discussed the Inspector General Response. Jack said this was with us, Sherborn and Ashland. Jack said he has received a letter from Mark Oram's attorney. He would like to discuss this with Dave DeLuca before finalizing. He will work on this with David, and get the response in before the deadline. Jack said they wanted the start and end time when he did inspections. We have a low threshold on his contract. Jack talked with our Board of Health, and they feel for the amount of work we give him, we are getting our monies worth.

Jim suggested the Board consider expanding the size of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust from 7 members to 9. Jim explained that they are not having trouble getting the members to attend, but would like a broader perspective from the community. They can be more effective with more members. Jim said he would like to give the Board of Selectmen the flexibility to appoint 9 members, but it doesn't necessarily mean they have to.

Jack suggested they consider holding off on voting this. He told Jim that if they don't have people in mind to appoint, then if they go to 9, they would have a quorum issue because they will have to meet the quorum for a 9-member board at every meeting. Jim said he hadn't considered that, and after discussion the Board decided to wait to increase the Trust's membership at this time because of the quorum issue. This can be revisited at a later date.

Jack said that he made an offer to Todd Lindmark as the Town Accountant, and he accepted and begins Monday. Todd has a law degree as well as a strong financial background. He is a current Recreation Commission member and has experience with the Lions and Lions Soccer. Jack said he has three strong department heads and they will report to him, so he hopes within the next year we will have a Director of Finance. Two department heads are interested in this position.

Jack said we have done some work on Everett Street and put in speed lumps. He has had feedback, both good and bad. Some are favorable, some don't like them. The lump isn't as dramatic, and they were being painted today. They are staggered, and people are driving around them, which is illegal. It is dangerous, and there will be a police presence there to stop drivers from going around them.

Jim doesn't like them staggered, and wasn't aware that we were doing that. Jack said it was because of the emergency vehicles, basically the ambulance. Jim would prefer to have them straight.

Jack said this is a Chief Bushnell concern, not Bob McGhee. Jack said the Chief was concerned about the ambulance. Jim will talk to the Chief. The Board discussed removing the lumps from staggered to straight across. Jack said that he has his concerns. He said he would have fewer headaches from residents if they come out.

Jack will talk with Bob, and Jim is concerned about days there are Gillette Stadium games, and the lumps near side streets if people are going around them. He felt it is encouraging a problem. Jeff asked about Chief Stone. Jack said he doesn't have a negative comment.

Jeff asked that Jack get a statement from both Chiefs and bring this up again at our next meeting. Jack said he prefers not to wait two weeks. He would like to have it resolved.

The Board agreed to have Jeff talk to the Chiefs and have this possibly revert to a straight bump instead of staggered, and have it reversed immediately.

In other matters, Jack said he has the Pilot for Jofran. He will get it back to the Board for review, and vote at our next meeting.

Jack told the Board he held a department head meeting. He has requested they conduct reviews on their employees. Jack has Reviews done for some of his department heads/employees under him, and will have them all done by year's end.

Jack mentioned the Run & Gun shoot on Saturday. Bob Bullock attended with a vendor doing sound testing. They will have results at our next meeting. Jack said he had no complaints received. The Board wants to have the report to review. Jeff agreed with him that because this is a legal matter, we should sit down with Bob and David and line it up against our bylaw (not state because its just a guideline, not a law), and make an interpretation and this will dictate our

course of action. Jim said we need to be on solid ground. Jeff said that what we get from David would be either very simple, or very involved and lengthy.

Jack said we are only talking about noise, and decibel levels. Jim said we need to know if it violates our decibel level. Does it conform or not conform. This needs to be very definitive, black and white. Jack said we need to be focused on what we are involved in. We are not privy to the firearms, etc. It is not our jurisdiction. We are only concerned about the license and what's in it.

Jim said we couldn't spend time at the meeting discussing and trying to decide what the answer is. We need to know the answer when we go in. Everyone agreed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Scott Bugbee moved to accept the minutes of February 16, 2016, executive session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack reviewed the letter from a Wrentham resident on Mirror Lake concerned about cleaning the lake. The Board discussed if this is under Conservation Commission. Jack said it's on Zone 2 for our well. So if there is a chemical solution, we have to be careful because of our well. Jack said this is mostly in Wrentham, so he will talk to the Wrentham Selectmen. Our Conservation is already aware of it and will have it on their next meeting.

The Selectmen prefer to let Conservation handle it.

At 8:17 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Scott Bugbee, **aye**; and Jeff Palumbo, **aye**. The Board will return to open session only to adjourn the meeting.

At 8:50 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of June 14, 2016.

James C. Lehan, Clerk