

June 28, 2016

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jeff opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jeff announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack read the agenda contents.

PUBLIC HEARING - CLASS II LICENSE – 84 ROCKWOOD ROAD

Jeff opened the hearing, and Jim read the public hearing notice.

Present was Richard Grudinkas, Artisan Motor Group, Inc., and several abutters.

Richard Grudinkas is the applicant for the Class II license. Richard told the Board that he is interested in a Class II license for the former Norfolk Auto Brokers site at 84 Rockwood Road. He resides in Walpole, and is a retired police officer, formerly with the Town of Needham.

Mr. Grudinkas said that he previously operated a Class II license in the Town of Walpole for second hand vehicles.

Jack mentioned that this business is subject to conditions by the Zoning Board of Appeals that were grandfathered in. One condition is that the amount of vehicles displayed for sale on the property cannot exceed five (5). These conditions will be part of your license as well. Richard said that he was given a copy of these conditions, and is fine with that.

Abutters Dina Parrino of 95 Rockwood Road, and Alan Chapski of 86 Rockwood Road questioned the vehicles that are on the lot now, particularly the black Mercedes with the broken window that is an eyesore. Richard said that the Mercedes will be gone as of Friday. This was a vehicle from the previous owner. Jack questioned the machine - snowblower or whatever it is, that is out front for sale. Richard said the snowblower is the landlords.

The Selectmen questioned the hours as they were not noted on the application. Richard said he would like to do 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Jack said the current hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The residents said they do not want 8 to 8. They would prefer closing at 5 p.m. Jim said this is a grandfathered business in a residential area. Richard asked the Board if they would mitigate the hours to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It would give him the extra hour. The Board agreed with the extra hour, and confirmed 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the Class II license with the conditions as presented, with amendment of hours being 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to close the public hearing. Jim Lehan seconded and it was **so voted**.

PRESERVATION RESTRICTION, 97 NORTH STREET

Carissa Demore, Supervising Preservation Services Manager of Historic New England, and Doug Williams, Director of Massachusetts Audubon Stony Brook, Norfolk were present.

Carissa gave a summary of the house. This is the Solomon Blake House at 97 North Street.

She is here tonight to have the preservation agreement perpetual. It has to be approved tonight. It is joint approval between the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Norfolk Board of Selectmen. They attended the June 21st Historical Commission meeting, and they are very enthusiastic.

Mass Audubon owns the property and are in the process of selling it. Owners will have to abide by the guidelines of the Preservation Restriction.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the Preservation Restriction for 97 North Street. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

ROBERT MCGHEE, DPW UPDATE

Bob was here tonight to talk about Chapter 90 projects. First was the Route 115/North Street project. Bob said he will stay with Route 115 and granite curbing from the center of town to Liberty Lane to Route 115 to vertical granite curb. He can't support a loom border. The sidewalk is used more and more. Cost is \$109,259 to do the work and be funded through Chapter 90.

Bob discussed Old Coach Road and Lafayette Lane. He wants to do milling and hold streets for years to come. There are other roads in that area that there is no funding for, but needs work.

Bob said the sidewalks on Old Coach Road on the left go through the street and onto Lafayette Lane and then end. He would like to take the sidewalk out, after talking to neighbors, since there is a sidewalk on the other side. The left sidewalk just ends and doesn't go anywhere. Jim asked if it is a hazard or can it be left alone. Jim was concerned about costs. Bob said that the cost is insignificant; not an issue of a chunk of money that can be used for something else.

Another street – Freedom Trail? – Bob wants to do sidewalk overlay and clean up work while he’s there. There are trip hazards, but Bob didn’t know because they didn’t complain.

Bob said that he would like to use \$20,000 for an overlay Google base map that comes up and maps our town. We could overlay water, overlay drainage, overlay everything. They could go out with a GPS at night with a water break and know right where it is.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the following from Chapter 90 funds:

• North Street (Rt 115)		\$109,259
• Old Coach Road	\$51,560	
• Lafayette Lane	\$99,571	\$151,131
• Recycle to Process Materials		\$ 10,000
• GPS Drainage		\$ 20,000
	TOTAL	\$290,390

Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

They talked about speed lumps on Everett. Bob talked about lights – maybe a blinking red light coming out of Everett, and then a blinking yellow light, similar to the one at Marshall Street. Bob said there are speed humps, and speed cushions. Bob said he calmed down the bumps and painted them. He went down today and no one was going around them. They are using them the way they should be. But the phone calls aren’t stopping.

Bob said what are we doing this for? Residents are complaining there is traffic from Gillette; tractor-trailers; early morning trucks making deliveries and waking people by stopping and starting. Speeding. Bob doesn’t know how to satisfy these people.

Jim said the number one concern is public safety. He said a truck is an inconvenience, but not a public safety issue. Staggered bumps is an accident waiting to happen. Jim said people coming from the stadium may not be thinking clearly, and thinks staggers are dangerous. He thinks straight is better than the risks. Priority is public safety, and this is the best opportunity of controlling people speeding up and down the road.

Jack said the ultimate solution is to widen the street and put in lighting, and do sidewalks, and it will be costly. It will make it faster, but it will be safer. So put the speed humps across rather than staggered.

Bob said that this one has a diverse sense of opinion. Maybe put something together and tell them what they are doing and put it in mailboxes.

The Board agreed to keep it straight. Bob wants to do it professionally and clean it up and make it better. He may come back for Chapter 90 monies later. Bob said no one is going over 50, so it's working. Jim suggested that they not wait. Why not appropriate the Chapter 90 funds now, and then you have it if you want to work on it.

Jim Lehan moved to approve up to \$20,000 from Chapter 90 for speed hump work on Everett Street including appropriate ancillary work to accomplish this. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Ryan Allgrove of Environmental Partners was present. Bob said that they rely heavily on their consultants. They are working with new source development and looking at water. We are looking for a new well. Bob gave the Board a handout that showed four sites that they were looking at. Ryan described these four sites that they reviewed. The quality of the water is the same water quality we have now. No iron or manganese, which is important. We are hoping to get 500 gallons a minute.

Jim wondered at what point do we get a viable option? We don't own the property. Bob said if they tell us that it is 250-300 gallons, then we look at the price. Should we consider purchasing it? Jack said maybe have town counsel look at this and draft an agreement. Jim agreed and said we don't want to get too deep into this if we can't purchase the property. Bob said the owner has been great to let them do this. We may need a contingency purchase and have a way of getting out if something happens, and we need to do this quickly. We don't want to get too far in and own the golden goose and then something happens. Bob said 300-500 gallons isn't going to be a success in the future. We need to have several sites. Building is going on, and we need to look at as much as we can.

Jeff would like to try to have something to review in August. We need to get a draft with everything spelled out. Jack said that could happen.

Jim said we have four projects people are trying to work with us on, which is 500 units. Even small projects are an issue as far as needing water.

Bob said we need to stop people from using irrigation systems. It used to be 300 gallons, where now it is 700-800 gallons. He said they have an interconnect and if we go down because of irrigation, and we go to Wrentham to obtain water, and they won't give it to us because they have the same problem, it is costing us money.

Jim asked why we don't enforce our bylaw about irrigation. Scott said we didn't want to. Jim said now it is a crucial issue. Bob said he can pinpoint exactly who it is. We can go directly to them. We are not in a position to support lawn growth. We need to be aware of what is going on. We don't have rain and the water supply can get low. This can become dangerous.

They do not need a permit to put in an irrigation system, but they do need a plumbing permit to tap into our water. We can't do that.

Jack said we don't enforce it. Our bylaws say you can't have an irrigation system hooked up to town water. There is no penalty such as a police fine, etc. Jack said the real issue is people who are using a lot of water. There should be a fine system that will give the bigger rate to people who are using it and they will self monitor. Bob said some people are conscious and not using the systems and their lawns are suffering, while others don't care and are using water heavily.

We need to do public outreach. A suggestion was to do a Reverse 911 call letting residents know.

Jack asked Al Phinney (who was in the audience at our meeting) if he had any suggestions. He said we could fine them on the water bill. First, give them a \$500 fine. If they continue, then another \$500 fine. If they don't pay it, you put a lien on their house. The Board agreed that would be a good idea. Jeff suggested we look into this. The Board said we should explore these options. People should be educated, and aware of what we are implementing.

Bob said we have had very little rain, and this is a major problem.

Jack will draft something and get it to the Board to review. Jim said we should do another reverse 911. Scott said we should tell them we are going to implement our bylaw and start fining people because of the dire situation. We need to ask for residents cooperation. Maybe we can look individually, and we could see who the biggest abusers are.

Bob and the Board discussed solutions, such as no irrigation with the Planning Board as far as streets accepted or site plans with developers, etc. They discussed mitigation, and costs of fees to hook up, etc. We will increase the fee if it isn't enough.

Jack will draft something and get the Board's input. Bob suggested he could contact other towns and see what they do.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Elisabeth Vallee and Peter Soltz to the Council on Aging, terms to expire 6/30/19. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jeff Palumbo, as Chairman appointed David LaPointe to another term on the Design Review Board. His term expires June 30, 2019. Jim moved to reaffirm the chair's appointment. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the annual Hockomock Area YMCA Triathlon on Sunday, July 24th. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to hold the Fall Town Meeting on November 15, 2016. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to award a contract for Leachate Removal Services to Waste Water Services, Inc., of Bridgewater, MA. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to renew directional sign permits for Jane & Paul's Farm, Norfolk Rink Management, Fore Kicks, and Gulf/Subway/Dunkin Donuts. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to delegate the Town Administrator to authorize all Directional Signs for the Town. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board took under consideration appointing Anne Marie Battistone as the Norfolk County Advisory Board back-up member until we had more information from the NC Advisory Board.

The Board took under consideration the IMA with Metacomet Emergency Communications Center, as Jack expected to have the Agreement tonight, and hadn't received it yet.

Discussion Items

The Board will review the Goals and Liaisons from last year and consider new ones for this year for our July 26th meeting.

Town Administrator Update

Jack said with respect to Union Negotiations, we are sending out to unions our formal agreement of what we are putting place in exchange for them agreeing. It formalizes what they previously agreed to. The Board concurred, and signed.

We will also include the form that we agreed to.

Jack said there is a slight amendment to the police contract just clarifying language that broke out the steps. The Board signed this as well.

Jack told the Board that Norma Shruhan, Council on Aging Director, will retire in a few months. They have been collecting resumes and receiving a lot of input from seniors who recommend one or more persons. The week of July 11th, Scott and he will begin interviews, along with a Council on Aging member, and any board member who is interested. Jeff volunteered, but Jim will do it as the interviews will probably be during the day.

Jack said Todd Lindmark was hired to be new Town Accountant. He is a resident of Norfolk, and the Recreation Commission chairman. He has been here a few weeks now, and doing a great job. He was assigned a mentor from MMMMA. He had a meeting with DOR and met with Julie McCarthy. He has done a great job reaching out and with employees and department heads who have said he is easy to talk with, and has experience. Jack said he is a great asset for years to come.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Lehan moved to accept the minutes of May 24, 2016, and June 14, 2016, regular and executive session. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 9:20 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 28, 2016.

James C. Lehan, Clerk