

April 5, 2016

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

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

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jack reviewed a draft of responses to Tara Comendul's request for information on the Run & Gun Ranch, Mike Brogan. The Board gave comments and Jack will include the information into his letter.

Jack said the Norfolk Police said it falls into one of those exemptions. Questions about guns were referred to the Police Department.

Jeff said this looks accurate to him. Scott is also okay with the answers. Jim thought that we should give as much information as possible. Jim said he thought that Mike has an Armor present to check all the guns. Jack recalled that as well, and said he will speak with Mike.

Jim said we should mention that we have no ability to regulate anything that he isn't charging for. Jim said he has heard by residents that these events are happening because of our Entertainment License. Jim said that is not true. We cannot prevent the events. The license is to control the events. We cannot prohibit or encumber the events. If they charge, we can. It is his right to hold these events on his own property and not charge. Then we have no say whatsoever.

The Board agreed to give as much information as possible. Jeff felt some of the information isn't under us.

Jim said that excavating after a certain hour is under the Police. He said a resident complained that Mike was running equipment after 7 p.m. The Police went up there and spoke with Mike, and he stopped. The Board would like a letter sent to Mike giving him the hours of operation.

Jeff said can we regulate hours. There should be some reasonable hours so that they won't be shooting at a ridiculous hour. Jack said Mike is now 61B. Under that, he has even more rights – target shooting and other exemptions that weren't under 61A. We probably don't have a lot of daytime control, but we can control evening hours.

Jeff would like Mike to put in writing exactly what he intends to do and hours of operation. Even if we can't do anything, he can state what his intentions are. Days....Sundays? Scott said Mike has every Friday. It's on his website. It was agreed then we don't need to ask him. We should ask him what time. Jeff would like him to be firm, and proactive with information.

Jeff said the construction is for the indoor arena? Jack said that he is building a home, and the arena will be used for training.

Jack said it was good to see that there was good debate on Facebook. He said some were for it, as well as those against it.

On other business, Jack told the Board that Dave DeLuca has filed two Summonses – one, we are trying to take control of a piece of property that we took by tax title – a home in Norfolk on Mirror Lake, and there is a hearing in Wrentham District Court on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

There is also a hearing in Wrentham District Court on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is regarding property on Needham Street. He has a variety of documents from town officials for that process.

Jack said they are coming up with a plan to have people use 911. Many people are calling the business line for emergency type issues. Chief Bushnell is going to reach out to people to call 911 instead of local numbers. Reaching out to boy scouts, girl scouts, etc., and various groups. This can become an issue when we convert to the RECC if people aren't using 911.

Jack said he has had people coming to him about SPECTRA. People have approached him, and if you would like someone to come in or speak with them on the phone, then we can do whatever you are interested in. Jeff wants to know if we have documented these concerns, and Jack said he would like to have a balanced discussion.

Jeff suggested we have the residents of the town speak to us first, before we have someone from the outside come in. Jim felt if it is informational, he doesn't care about having a Norfolk resident. He would like someone knowledgeable – even if they are out of town. This project encompasses many towns in the State, not just Norfolk.

Jeff said he doesn't really want to get into other discussions, because he is not interested in global warming. Jack will try to see what it is exactly the Board's role. Jeff will attend the meeting regarding this on Thursday night. He isn't sure the Board can do anything.

## **Action Items**

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint David Turi to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2018. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack presented the architect contracts for the Public Safety Building. The Board mentioned that MECC (Metacomet Emergency Communication Center) is a separate legal entity. The architect has no problems in terms of helping us allocate the expenses of the two entities? Jack said no, he thinks they are okay with it. They have the same architect so that they wouldn't incur additional fees; and secondly, they wouldn't not see eye to eye. They questioned the mechanics of how this invoicing would work – two separate invoices, or one showing fees and then credits. Jack said we will have to get two different bills for the MECC project and one for us. But there will be an Intermunicipal Agreement, and that will spell out how the billing will work.

Jim wants clarity on shared components of the project. If we are sharing anything – bathrooms, stairwells, elevators, etc. Jack said yes, and we are trying to work this out with the State too, because they are paying for all the MECC. They are paying the IT room and the terminals, etc. We need everything in the Intermunicipal Agreement. Between MECC and us is also between MECC and the State.

Jack said the Project Manager is the same for both projects, too.

Jack said we will get a formal agreement for the property owned by the Water Dept., even if it's an easement. Probably the same for the water towers, etc.

Jim told Jack that he will have an enormous amount of work to handle with this happening within the next year. Jim asked if the Board can help. If they can do anything, let them know. Jack said that there will be plenty to do. He will sit down and talk with them. He said other Town Administrators will work on this, too. Jack said around January, they will hire an Executive Director to work on this. They will have to be able to work on everything.

Jim will contact Jeff Nutting regarding the lease.

Jack discussed the Budget. He is trying to close the gap. We are about \$300,000 out. Jack said he needs a week to 10 days, but will talk with Loraine Fields next week and have her increase the new growth. Jack is confident he can get the gap closed.

Jim met with woman who is heading up the community garden. She has great ideas and is very enthusiastic. They will get that going soon. This could be used for residents, Food Bank, whatever. It could be handicapped accessible. She has done this before. Jack said another use could be gardening 101, and it could be an opportunity for people to learn how to garden.

At 8:28 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. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Scott Bugbee, **aye**; and Jeff Palumbo, **aye**. Lake Street; and Health Insurance.

At 9:35 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to go out of executive session. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jeff Palumbo, **aye**; and Jim Lehan, **aye**; and Scott Bugbee, **aye**. The Board returned to open session only to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:35 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of April 5, 2016.

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Scott Bugbee, Clerk