

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY
JANUARY 22, 2018**

Members Present: Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman
R. Michael Sullivan
Craig J. Dutra
Brian T. Valcourt, Clerk
Members Absent: Shana M. Shufelt, Vice Chair
Also present: Timothy J. King, Town Administrator

Chairman Ouellette called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Westport Town Hall, 2nd floor meeting room, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman's Announcement – Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – Meeting being recorded.

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

Mr. Ouellette stated some people within our Westport Family have passed away within the last week or so and we normally have a Moment of Silence but their wish is for privacy, so the Board would like them to know that they are in our prayers.

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. No action taken on a request for appointment by Barbara Hanley to the Zoning Board of Appeals which was withdrawn by an email received from her.
2. No action taken on a request for appointment by Alex Preston to the Zoning Board of Appeals which was withdrawn by an email received from him.

Acoaxet Club, Inc. - RE: Approval of application for Change of Officers

Present: Holly Cummings, Facility Manager. Ms. Cummings stated this request for a Change of Officers for the Acoaxet Club is standard procedure in order to update their officers as part of their liquor license requirements. Ms. Cummings stated the new officers are Thomas Slaight (President), Stephen Carney (Vice President), Richard Brewer (Treasurer) and Rebecca Merchant (Clerk) and Benjamin Squire (Director). **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve the Change of Officers for Acoaxet Club. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).

Action Items

1. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve of a letter of support to the CPC for the Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study, which is being endorsed by the Town of Westport Bike/Walking Path Committee and proposed by the South Coast Bikeway Alliance. Second by Mr. Valcourt. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).
2. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept donations made to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,710.37. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).

Licenses

1. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve the 2018 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation for the ABCC. Second by Mr. Valcourt. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).
2. **Motion** made by Mr. Valcourt to approve the 2018 Renewal Certification for the ABCC. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).
3. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve of the Annual Liquor License Report for 2017. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).

Town Administrator Report

1. **Marijuana Guidance for Municipalities**: Mr. King stated he has provided the Board with a copy of "Guidance for Municipalities" from the Cannabis Control Commission to assist communities as they begin to address the new laws and regulations. Mr. Sullivan questioned Mr. King on the language that was forwarded for the prohibition article. Mr. King stated he sent copies of prohibition language as prepared by KP Law which included language both for an election ballot, as well as for a Town Meeting article to Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan stated his request was not just that but that we forward those two language items along with a short paragraph to the Attorney General's Office stating that we are potentially planning on having a prohibition article in May and a prohibition ballot initiative, and if could they advise us if there are any issues. Mr. Ouellette stated he thought it was going for more legal. Mr. Sullivan stated this will give us a clear path as to whether we want to do this or not. Mr. King agreed.
2. **Opioid Litigation Effort (KP Law)**: Mr. King stated that KP Law is participating in this Opioid Litigation effort on behalf of MA municipalities and provided some background on this.
3. **Noquochoke Village (Rte 177)**: Mr. King stated there was an incident at the construction site of Noquochoke Village. The Board and he wanted to thank the departments that rendered assistance with the flooding of an abutting property during last week-end's heavy rain storm. Mr. King stated the Fire and Highway Departments, Board of Health, Conservation and Planning Agents were all onsite. Mr. Ouellette stated all departments did the best they could for the homeowner.
4. **MMA Convention**: Mr. King stated he attended the MMA Convention this past weekend. Mr. King stated the Governor, Lt. Governor and Senators spoke on the shutdown; the Governor feels confident that the revenues are such that there will not be any significant impact on local aid which will give a certain level of confidence in terms of municipal budget planning. Mr. King stated that many towns are grappling with the implementation of medical and recreational marijuana laws; there are many concerns of how municipalities are going to properly address these issues. Mr. King stated there are some states laws such as Pay Equity and Pregnancy Fairness which will be going into effect that will impact municipalities.
5. **Senior Center Monthly Report**: Mr. King stated he has provided the Board with the COA monthly report.
6. **Marine Services Monthly Report**: Mr. King stated he has provided the Board with the Marine Services monthly report.
7. Mr. King stated he has provided a summary of the articles for Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7PM at the High School. Mr. Ouellette read aloud the summary of articles and announced that the Special Town Meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 191.
8. Mr. King stated he has also provided to the Board, a report of the Capital Improvement requests.

Discussion Items

1. FY 2019 Municipal Budget. This item was passed until next meeting.

Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Valcourt to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2017. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 3 in favor, 1-abstention (Sullivan), 1-absent (Shufelt).

Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports

None.

Question and Answer Period

None.

Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

Mr. Valcourt read aloud the vacancy list.

Board Members Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action

None.

Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting

None.

Other Business

None.

6:30 PM Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of MGL c 30A section 21 to approve Executive Session Minutes of November 13, 2017; and to vote on an IOD Status (Police Department); and to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining (LAW & Highway); and to discuss strategy with respect to possible litigation; and to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Mr. Valcourt. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt).

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sullivan-aye. Mr. Ouellette-aye. Mr. Valcourt-aye. Mr. Dutra-aye.

Mr. Ouellette announced the Board would return to Open Session following Executive Session in order to adjourn, with no business to be conducted.

7:26 PM Open Session

Motion made by Mr. Valcourt to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Shufelt)

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Pelland
Administrative Asst/Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

APPROVED: Brian T. Valcourt, Clerk