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Minutes

Board of Selectmen

July 15, 2019

Cotter Room

6:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Connolly, Chair, Tim Chapin, Jim Connolly, Kevin DiMarzio, Rick LaFond, Town Manager

Absent: Ken Coyle

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Appointments:

Fire Chief John Nuttall - reported on an incident that had occurred on June 18th at 1016 Plymouth Street to recognize neighbor Kurt Kneppshield, Police Officer Shawn Kelly and Police Sergeant Mark Kilgour on their actions in getting the resident out of the burning house which undoubtedly saved his life. They were each presented with a Letter of Excellence from the Fire Department and citations from State Representative Alyson Sullivan and State Senator John Keenan, demonstrating courage and heroism in saving a life. In addition, Chief Nuttall, recounted the efforts by Firefighter Paramedics Ryan Amado and Ken Wright and off-duty Firefighter Paramedic Jarrod Driscoll. Firefighter Amado performed CPR while Firefighters Wright and Driscoll began a protection line for the crews to make sure everyone else was out. Firefighter Amado was presented with a letter of thanks from the Fire Department, received on behalf of all the firefighters and paramedics who assisted with this incident. A citation was also given by State Representative Alyson Sullivan and State Senator John Keenan.

Motion by Tim Chapin to move Action/Discussion items before candidate interviews for Town Manager Search Committee, seconded by Jim Connolly, unanimous.

1. Approval of June 24, 2019 minutes – motion by Tim Chapin to accept as amended, with motion on page 3 from motion to adjourn made by Jim Connolly to Tim Chapin, seconded by Kevin DiMarzio, 3-1 abstention (J. Connolly)-0.
2. Update on F1 and Steve's Auto. Town Manager – Steve's Auto is not operating upon visual inspection and hasn't responded to certified letter. It was recommended that the Board recognize the license as forfeited.

Motion by Jim Connolly to recognize the license as forfeited, seconded by Kevin DiMarzio, unanimous.

F1 Auto – Town Manager – this is a Class II license. There was an error by the bonding company, and the bond has been updated. There are cars on site. Town Manager helped resolve a consumer complaint with the dealership. There is no need for further action.

Town Manager's Report:

1. Marijuana Applications – there are two license applications pending. Community Host Agreements have been submitted to Town Counsel for review, hopefully the Board will be able to meet in executive session to discuss the proposals on July 29th. Two other interested parties have made contact, but Town Counsel suggested taking them in the order they have been submitted.
2. Fire Department Feasibility Study – six submissions were received. The Fire Chief is reviewing them.
3. N. Quincy Street/Chestnut Street – for construction of a roundabout at that intersection that is under the jurisdiction of the State. The process has started for the two takings. Appraisals were obtained as well as reviews of the appraisals. Cost for appraisals was about \$50,000 plus \$5,000 in assessing fees to be paid from Chapter 90 fees. Will probably still take a couple of years before it goes through. Will be funded by the state.
4. Housing Survey – part of Master Plan being conducted by the Old Colony Planning Council on behalf of the Planning Board is online and on website for anyone who wants to participate to share their opinions on their visions for housing.
5. Carpet – replacing the carpeting will begin on Friday.
6. Dog Park – project is on schedule. Grand opening will take place on August 10th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jim Connolly – re housing, we got 500,000 gallons more from Brockton. Can 10% of sewer capacity be earmarked for elderly housing? Town Manager – we could speak to Sewer Commission; he will verify what capacity is and let Board know at next meeting. Location is important.

Kevin DiMarzio - can old items be put on agenda? Tom Connolly - consulted town counsel. Rick LaFond - has to be listed specifically. Can't violate open meeting law; can be a standing item but can't be "old business". Asked about Chapter 90 money. Town Manager – there is \$385,000 for FY20 in Chapter 90 funds.

Kevin DiMarzio – would like Feasibility Study for Fire Station on next agenda to talk about creating a subcommittee.

Kevin DiMarzio – who is Emergency Management Director? From meeting he had at Senior Center, felt seniors had concerns about emergency plans and wondered if update would be in order, are there regional services? Rick LaFond – Police Chief is Emergency Management Director according to Charter and works closely with COA Director. Asked if there were specific concerns.

Kevin DiMarzio – wanted Police Department Study on the next agenda, to form subcommittee. Tom Connolly - what scope are they looking for?

Jim Connolly - would like to schedule a joint meeting with Rockland Selectmen re Union Point in August.

Candidates for Town Manager Search Committee:

Ken Coyle joined the board by phone at this time. The candidates in attendance gave a brief background and explained their interest in wanting to serve on the Committee.

Paul McDonnell
Samantha Hall Linnehan
Cynthia Whiting
Ann Welch
Thomas Tardie
Richard Smith
Jack Caine
Rick Collins
Jim Coughlin
Ellen Delany
David Shawles

Andy Burbine and Karen Bowen withdrew their applications, and William Adamczyk was unable to attend this meeting.

The following motions were made resulting in Samantha Hall Linnehan, Ann Welch, Thomas Tardie, Richard Smith and Ellen Delany being chosen for the Town Manager Search Committee. The School Committee representative is Christopher Coyle and Finance Committee representative is Russell Fuller.

Motion to nominate Samantha Hall Linnehan made by Kevin DiMarzio, seconded by Tom Connolly, 4-1 (Coyle opposed).

Motion to nominate Ann Welch made by Ken Coyle, seconded by Tim Chapin, 3-2 (DiMarzio, J. Connolly opposed).

Motion to nominate Thomas Tardie made by Tom Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin, 3-2 (Coyle, J. Connolly opposed).

Motion to nominate Richard Smith made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Tim Chapin, unanimous.

Motion to nominate Ellen Delany made by Tim Chapin, seconded by Ken Coyle, unanimous.

The Committee's charge is listed in the Charter. Ken Coyle suggested that final candidates be presented to the town at a get-together at the Senior Center. It had been done previously and worked out well. Tim Chapin suggested a meeting in the auditorium at the High School for the Search Committee, the Selectmen and anybody in the community that wanted to come for their input.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. made by Jim Connolly, seconded by Kevin DiMarzio, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst