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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Town Hall, Room 201
(This public meeting was recorded.)

Present:

Armand Diarbekirian, Selectman
Chris DiSilva, Chairman/Selectman
David Gavin, Selectman
Melissa Levine-Piro, Clerk/Selectman

Justine St. John, Selectman
Gregory W. Johnson, Town Administrator
Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town Administrator
Becky Mosca, Administrative Assistant

1. Meeting Opening

A. Mr. DiSilva called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and it was moved into executive session.

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to adjourn to executive session under G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) for the purposes of: discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining of the LIUNA Local 272 Maynard Professional Personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental impact on the bargaining of the Town; and, discussing strategy with respect to threatened litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental impact on the litigating position of the Town.

Roll Call:	In favor	Opposed	Abstain	Absent
Diarbekirian	✓			
DiSilva	✓			
Gavin	✓			
Levine-Piro	✓			
St. John	✓			

Voted: ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. DiSilva reconvened to open session.

Public Comments

- A. Mr. Whitney, resident, commented on the conditions of the streets identified as Elaine Avenue, Fletcher Street and Assabet. He commented that the roads on these three streets named are all in poor shape, there are no sidewalks, and there are too many potholes. He added that it is a hazard in the winter due to an ice pit, and in the summer it is a sand pit. He would like these roads to receive some attention.
- B. Ms. Whitney, resident, commented she is an 11 year resident in Maynard, and that the roads are crumbling in this area, and she is in support to have roads repaired.

- C. Mr. Santos, resident, stated he is a resident of 3 years, and is in support of the request for the roads to be repaired.
- D. Brendon Sullivan, resident on Fletcher Street, is in support for roads to be repaired.
- E. Mike Candela, resident on Fletcher Street, is in support for roads to be repaired.
- F. Jim Burrows, resident on Howard Road, commented that he currently walks the roads in Maynard and agrees that the area down near Erikson's Ice Cream is in bad shape and in need of a sidewalk.
- G. Betsy Gardstein, resident on Main Street, thinks the Town Charter needs some changes, specifically considering the topic of Citizens Petitions and Elections. She believes the selection to fill open School Committee seats should be conducted through election, instead of appointment. Ms. Gardstein knows it costs money but thinks we should do this. In addition, she believes the Board of Selectmen should be renamed to reflect a gender-neutral character.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to accept and approve the June 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes, as shown.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Correspondence

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Mr. Gavin to accept the list of eight correspondence items (A thru H), as presented.

- A. MassDOT Bridge Inspection Report for Florida Road
- B. MassDOT Bridge Inspection Report for ST117 Great Road and Mill Canal
- C. Dep- Maynard – BWR 314 CMR 12-04(2)
- D. Letter from Brooks & DeRensis Law Firm
- E. Maynard Housing Authority to reappoint member
- F. Magic News and Events
- G. OARS updates
- H. MBTA Advisory Board MIT Project

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

Selectman Gavin commented that he expects planning for the Florida Bridge re-construction to factor emergency vehicle access if the bridge is closed.

Selectman Gavin commented that it is interesting, irregular and potentially inappropriate that attorney Leonard Kopelman is appealing to municipalities to procure his legal counsel services.

Selectman Levine-Piro recommended that the Board review all contracts with the town. Chairman DiSilva agreed and directed the Town Administrator to plan for such a review at a future meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to accept and approve the list of the three Consent Agenda items (A thru C), as shown.

- A. Proclamation – Employee Retirement: Police Sgt. Greg Balzotti
- B. Proclamations – Boy Scout Troop 130 of Maynard, Massachusetts: Eagle Scout rank award ceremony
- C. Licensing Authority Certification Approved application from Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission – Ralph Sacamore for Azucar Tapas Bar Corp.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to approve the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Urban and Community Forestry Challenge grant for \$20,100.00

Ms. Kaitlin Young indicated that the funds are for trees, parks and tree management. Mr. DiSilva asked if this includes the Maynard Golf Course. Ms. Young said yes the Maynard Golf Course is covered.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

7. Joint Interview for School Committee Vacancy

In joint session with the School Committee, Bethlyn Vergo Houlihan of the School Committee introduced three candidates, Josh Morse, John Skogstrom, and Maro Hogan as the volunteers to fill the recent vacancy created by Ms. Capello’s departure from the School Committee.

All three candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak to their attributes in relation to the vacancy, followed by a question and answer session with the Board and School Committee members.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding candidate qualifications, experience, and perspectives.

A motion was made by Ms. Brannelly and seconded by Ms. Vergo Houlihan to nominate Maro Hogan to fill the vacancy on the School Committee with said balance of term June 30, 2020

Voted: *5-3 (Gavin, Diarbekirian, and Clancy against)*

8. School Committee recommendation for Request for Qualification (RFQ)

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to approve request from the School Committee for the Town Administrator to develop a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure services in support a study of the envelope of the Green Meadow School facility for recommended maintenance, repairs, renovations and replacement.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Bikes are a Good Business

Mr. Salvie introduced himself and presented consideration of the history of changing transportation methods in America in the modern age. He highlighted the emerging appeal of bike commuting in the Boston area and its economic influence. He presented considerations to increase local bicycle appeal,

including investment in bike-friendly infrastructure and the connections between; inviting business participation; and, local event promotion. His presentation referenced the Harvard General Store as a case study. He recommended consideration establishing a “criterium race” to be set in downtown Maynard. He promoted awareness of the organization MassBike.

Mr. Gavin commented that he recalled that the local business community once denied a proposal for a bike race in Maynard.

Mr. Salvie pointed out that the bike-rental programming is already established in Maynard, and that the South Acton Commuter Train Station’s bike lockers are sold out.

Maro Hogan commented that she supported the design of the map of the town’s Economic Development Committee’s downtown business brochure, which included bicycle accessible business opportunities.

Ms. St. John inquired what Mr. Salvie would recommend to support bike path users to get off the path and visit local businesses. Mr. Salvie replied that signs could be placed to direct path users where stores are located, and where the exit points are located.

10. Local Initiative Program Application for Local Action Units

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to accept the Local Initiative Program (LIP) application for local Action Units at “the Vue” at Maynard Crossing and endorse the local housing partnership between Maynard Affordable Housing Trust and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Cashman, SEB Housing, introduced himself and Tom Hayden, of Le Cesse, who hired SEB Housing for affordable housing application procedure administration.

Mr. Gavin commented that as a member of the Maynard Affordable Housing Trust, he inquires if the affordable unit’s renters have the same potential access to garage parking as the full cost units.

Mr. Hoyden pointed out that all renters have access to uncovered spaces, but he did not have the answer regarding garaged units.

Mr. Gavin commented that he understood there should be a balance of accessibly sized units amongst affordable units and standard cost units. Mr. Cashman agreed that there should be that balance.

Ms. St. John asked what the estimated opening date might be. Mr. Hoyden replied that Eversource is expected to come out to the site next Monday. He added that the first units would open potentially next September. It was noted that there is no electricity currently at the site. Selectman Levine-Piro asked if it would be safe for occupants in the residences with other sites still under construction. Mr. Hayden said it would be.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

11. Special Fall Town Meeting

It was reported that the Fowler School Auditorium is reserved for Monday, October 28, 2019, pending the approval of the date of the Special Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to set the date, time and place for the Special Town Meeting as Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm Fowler School Auditorium.

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

12. Town Administrator Report

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to authorize the Town Administrator to recruit and negotiate a contract agreement for the position of the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Voted: *Motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Diarbekirian inquired about the recent visitation of representatives for a proposed branch of the Beijing Royal School at 111 Powder Mill Road. Town Administrator Johnson provided an overview of the visit and stated that the town would work with the proposers to help the development of plans for the site recently acquired by the proposer.

13. Chairman's Report

No comments.


14. Board Member Reports

Board members had no comments.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Voted: Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: 7:05 pm
Date: 7/2/19



Melissa Levine-Piro, Clerk/Selectman

Initials: bjm