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Board of Selectmen Minutes 02/23/2016

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February 23, 2016

Chairman Marie Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Present were Marie Smith, Joseph Pacheco and Karen Roberts.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Mr. Pacheco motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting as printed, Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

Appointments

A request was made from Mr. Bob Iafrate, Building Commissioner, for the appointment of an Assistant Building Commissioner. The assistant would be used for emergencies, when he was on vacation or ill, or there was a conflict of interest. He would be paid on a per-inspection basis. He has requested that Nathan Darling, Lakeville Building Commissioner, be appointed to the position. Mr. Pacheco made a motion to appoint, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

The Board of Appeals is recommending the appointment of Charles Carey, 32 Mohawk Road to fill one of the open seats on the ZBA. Mr. Pacheco made a motion to appoint, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

Department Heads & Committees

Chief James Donovan was present to give his Activity Report for the month of January. There were 1,205 incidents, 62 people were charged with crimes and there were 2 non-fatal overdoses during the month. Bristol County was designated a HIDTA, a high intensity drug trafficking area, which will allow for more grants, funding and additional data bases. Last Saturday night into Sunday morning, there was a tremendous amount of vandalism: mailboxes smashed, and vehicles broken into in the area. A resident was able to give the police a description of the vehicle and the perpetrators were later apprehended.

New Business

Ms. Pat Riley, Ms. Kathleen Roberts and Ms. Kim Dolan were present to discuss the R.A.V. E. program Read Across America. Ms. Roberts initiated Read Across America in Raynham in 1998. The program will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at Raynham Middle School, Thursday, the 25th at LaLiberte and Friday, March 4th at Merrill School. Mrs. Smith read a Proclamation declaring February 28th through March 5th 2016 as Read Across America Week in the Town of Raynham. Ms. Riley encouraged anyone who is interested in volunteering for the program to call Ms. Dolan who is the RAVE coordinator.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Buckner reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. He is in the process of setting up an interview with one more candidate for the position of Director of Planning and Community Development before making recommendations to the Board. All budgets are in now except for the Town's largest (Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District) which will come in March after their public hearing. The Finance Committee and Mr. Buckner will be reviewing the budgets and meeting with the larger departments and some of the smaller ones as needed. Draft warrant is presented to the Board on April 5th with the final warrant on April 12th so there's a lot of work to do in the next 6 weeks. The health insurance rates, due to the Town's participation in SMHG, a joint purchase group, and the change that was made 3 ½ years ago to a deductible plan, the health insurance rates will only increase by 5-6% next year, while many municipalities are seeing a 10-12% increase. Mr. Ed Buckley will be present at the next Selectmen's meeting. The Fire Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:15 p.m.

Selectmen's Report

Mr. Pacheco discussed the potential new TIF company. The TIF Committee met with the company and voted to support a tax incentive finance plan for the company pending receipt of the draft agreement to be delivered in two weeks. If there are no objections to the draft, the company would be invited into the Selectmen's meeting with a positive recommendation from the Committee.

Mrs. Roberts wanted to commend the Fire Department on their quick response to a house fire in her neighborhood today.

Correspondence

The Town of Raynham is going to hold the annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 26th from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. behind the Raynham Fire Station. Dogs must be on a leash and cats need to be in a carrier. This event is being put on by Dr. Karen Reamsnyder and all proceeds will benefit the Raynham Food Basket.

Correspondence was received from the Raynham Patrolmen's Union requesting to open contract negotiations during the month of March.

Adjournment

7:26 p.m. Mr. Pacheco motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to adjourn for the performance of administrative duties, signing of Bills and Warrants, with no business to be conducted afterwards. Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Murphy
Recording Secretary