

Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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Board of Selectmen Minutes 05/24/2016

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May 24, 2016

Chairman Joseph Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present were Joseph Pacheco and Karen Roberts and Marie Smith.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Mrs. Smith motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting as printed, Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

New Business

Mr. Don McKinnon and his family were present, as the 2015 Annual Town Report was dedicated in his honor. Mr. Pacheco spoke about how much he had done for the Town during his tenure. He became a Selectman in 1973 when he saw issues weren't being addressed, and continued as a Selectman for over 39 years. In 1976 he was instrumental in getting safety bars and flashing lights installed on every school bus. In 1980 he was instrumental in getting the Borden Colony Complex transferred to the Town of Raynham. In 1982 a hazardous waste company wanted to relocate their business on the site of the former Jordan Marsh property. Mr. McKinnon encouraged the Paramount Corporation to establish a commerce park there and which is now one of the most successful parks in the northeast. In 1991 he addressed an issue at Pine Hill Estates. After a notice of discontinuance was issued to residents, an act which would have displaced hundreds of residents, Mr. McKinnon fought and won to keep it open and assisted in getting rent control enacted. Beginning in 2000, he worked tirelessly for a new Middle School, and complete rehabilitation of LaLiberte & Merrill Schools and construction of a new High School. Since his retirement in 2012 Mr. McKinnon has kept involved in two cable programs The Good Old Days and This and That and as a member of the North School Committee. He has worked tirelessly for the Town his whole life and is considered a Town Father. Mrs. Roberts commended and thanked him for the vast amount of work that he has done for the community. Mrs. Smith also thanked him for all the contributions he has made, as she has worked with him for many years and considers him a friend. Mr. McKinnon wanted to thank the Board for the dedication and recalled many of the people who he has worked with over the many years as Selectman: Helen Lounsbury, Al Porter, Don Francis, Richard Mastria, Harold Ashley, Harry Carey, Leroy Latimer, James Pacheco, Shoshanah Garshick, E. Joseph Laliberte, Barbara Sleezer, Pat Riley, Richard Schiavo, Bill Nickerson, Ronald Glavin, Louis Emond, Reginald Nickerson, James Dupont, Calvin Ellis, Ray Chappell, Theodore Januse, Richard Smith, John Welch, Gary O'Neill, Allan Chiocca, Albert Lounsbury, Sen. Marc Pacheco, Ray Danis, Betty Thompson, Bernice Fountain, Bill Powers, Barbara O'Brien Arthur Pillsbury, Peter Flynn, Ed Murby, Randy Buckner, Marsha Silvia, Debra Tanner, Carol Sullivan and Marc Antine.

Department Heads & Committees

Police Chief Jim Donovan was present to give his Monthly Report. The Police logged 1,336 incidents, charged 63 people with crime and there were no overdoses during the month. During the month the Detectives assisted Mr. Flaherty with the tobacco stings and there were 3 failures which were addressed immediately. There have been a number of cars being broken into in the early morning hours in Raynham and in the surrounding areas. Credit cards have been stolen from the vehicles and

used in Warwick and Dedham. Chief Donovan wanted to commend his officers and dispatchers for their work on May 10th during the incident at the Silver City Galleria. Last week was National Police Officers week. There have been 123 Police Officers killed in the line of duty in the last year and on Sunday, Officer Ronald Tarantino in Auburn, MA was shot and killed responding to a traffic stop. Chief Donovan also wanted to let it be known that the department does many traffic stops, there were 400 done last month alone.

Mr. John McGarry, Sewer Superintendent was present to give a report on the sewer construction in Raynham. They are currently working on Church Street and will be doing some blasting next week as they have hit ledge. They will also start working on Locust Street May 31st and will need to stop through traffic as it is narrow road. It should be completed by July 4th and he is requesting permission to block the road. There will be police officers at either end of the construction. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the request, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Old Business

Mr. Pacheco discussed the proposed Social Media Policy which was distributed a few months ago and got the okay from everyone. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the Social Media Policy, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Buckner reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. Kel-Kor, Inc. is set to start the work on the Senior Center Roof in June. The Memorial Day Parade will be held this Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Merrill School.

Mr. David Flaherty will be present at the next Selectmen's Meeting on May 31st.

The SERSG Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Mansfield.

The OPEIU negotiations will be held on June 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Report

Mrs. Smith wanted to thank all of the students who participated in Student Government Day. She also read a message from Pat Riley regarding the Memorial Day Parade, which will start at 10:00 a.m. at Merrill School on Saturday, May 28th. After the parade there will be a ceremony at Gazebo Park. Veterans are invited to participate as guests of honor and can ride on the trolley that's available. The Annual Rave Volunteer luncheon will be held on Friday, June 3rd as RAVE celebrates 35 years of service to the Town. Shoshanah Garshick will be honored at a ceremony immediately following the luncheon for her 90th birthday. Mrs. Smith also attended the Women's Breakfast and are chock full of activities for seniors.

Correspondence

A thank you note was received from Sarah Brennan thanking the Board for the opportunity to work for the Town.

An Invitation was received from B.R. School District for the Graduation on Sunday, June 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Correspondence was received from the Edgewood Club, Board of Directors, requesting a one day liquor license with a T.I.P. certified bartender to be held on Friday, June 17th from 7:00 p.m. – midnight. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Adjournment

7: 40 p.m. Mrs. Smith 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. Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Murphy
Recording Secretary