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Board of Selectmen Minutes 06/28/2016

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June 28, 2016

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

Acceptance of the Minutes

Ms. Roberts motioned and Mrs. Smith seconded to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting as printed, Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Department Heads & Committees

Mr. Tim Inacio, Director of Planning & Development was present to address the Board. Bassett Knoll Estates was recently before the Board to get interpretation of a dead end road. There is a new company seeking a site plan approval for Raynham Woods and Hutch Motor Sports is also seeking a site plan approval. Tomlin Estates was just approved as a 3 lot subdivision. Whippoorwill Estates is seeking permits for its final phase and fencing is being discussed for catch basins for that project.

The final permit from MassDOT was issued in June for the Center Street and Broadway traffic lights. There will be bridge replacement on Rt. 24 over the Taunton River. Bridge deck replacement on Rt. 138 and Rt. 495 is ongoing and is expected to be completed March of next year. Signal installation on Rt. 44 and Orchard St. is ongoing and due to be completed in August of this year. The Rt. 138 resurfacing project has been TIP funded for 2021. Mr. Inacio and Mr. Buckley will attend a meeting at SRPEDD on the topic of resurfacing Rt. 138. Mr. Inacio has included MassDOT mapping projects for the website. There has been some interest for a new gas station and a Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 44 across from Raynham Woods. The South Coast Rail meeting was postponed with no date given for the next meeting.

Chief Jim Donovan was present to give his monthly report. There were 1,588 incidents for the month of June, 67 people were charged with crimes and 2 non-fatal overdoses. There have been some significant events recently. There was a pursuit on Rt. 44, the suspect being chased was violent and possessed large amounts of drugs and cash. There was a break in at the Flea Market, 4 people were arrested. A home invasion and assault occurred on Elm Street, the man was apprehended and charged.

There was a call received from the new Seasons Gas Station, where a person was charged with open and gross lewdness. In a routine traffic stop an officer seized 42 grams of heroin. And most recently, there was a stalking incident that occurred in Raynham, and the individual was apprehended and charged.

Mr. John Dolan was present to address the Board. He has a diseased oak that is hanging over his house and would like have it taken down. The only access to the tree is by Town property and he is requesting that the tree service be allowed to do so.

Mr. Pacheco asked to have a copy of the tree service's liability insurance. Mr. Pacheco made a motion to approve upon receipt of liability insurance from the contractor, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

Appointments

The Annual Appointments were discussed and Mr. Pacheco made a motion to appoint all as listed, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mrs. Roberts made it unanimous.

Old Business

Additional correspondence was received on behalf of Nutel Communications, Inc. from the applicants Attorney, Mr. James Fagan and follow up information was received from Town Counsel. Town Counsel, in a four page document, does believe this is legal based upon case laws. The Appellate Court and the SJC has also ruled on it. Attorney Fagan supplied documents stating that it is operable in Taunton and Swansea. Mrs. Smith said she is not comfortable yet as the Attorney General still has not made a decision on it, and the Lottery Commission has not made a decision on it. So at this point in time she is not in favor of it, Mrs. Roberts concurs. Mr. Pacheco said the applicant really does not need the Board's permission, they can just pull a license. They were coming to the Board more as a courtesy. Mrs. Smith said there is more correspondence about the topic that she would like to discuss, before a final decision is made. Mrs. Smith made a motion to deny the request until further information is discussed, Mrs. Roberts seconded. Mr. Pacheco went on record as approving it, because denying it could cause legal action. So it was a 2 to 1 vote and the request was denied.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Buckner reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. The construction of the new jail cells should begin next month when the specialized equipment arrives. The design has been approved by the Mass. Department of Public Health. SRPEDD has released the draft TIP for FY 2017-21 commencing a 30 day comment period. Replacement of the Rt. 44 over Rt. 24 bridge is on the plan for next year.

The repaving of Rt. 138 is on but not until 2021. Mr. Buckley would definitely like to see that moved up.

The annual soil samples from the Raynham Corp. (Susi) Gravel Pit came back clean for hydrocarbons and metals: either undetectable or below applicable standards.

There will be no Selectmen's Meeting next week, because of the Summer Schedule. The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on July 12th. Appearing before the Board will be Chief Jim Januse and Mr. David Flaherty, Health Agent.

OPEIU negotiations will be held on July 12th at 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Report

Mrs. Smith attended the Buddhist Temple on Sunday for the ceremonies and lunch. She had a wonderful time.

Mr. Pacheco wanted to make the Board aware of the vandalism that took place at the North School this week. Mrs. Smith discussed with the committee of putting screens up to protect the windows, as it worked at South School.

The Governor's administration has decided not to go forward with the South Coast Rail, something the Board has advocated for. Mr. Pacheco suggested writing a letter of support for the project, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mrs. Roberts made it unanimous.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Grieco Automotive Group requesting approval to utilize vacant land across the street, while sewer tie in work is being done.

They have already received approval from the land owners. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from Adam Perry, Animal Control Officer. An incident occurred on June 22nd involving a dog attack that took place at 181 on Prospect Hill Street. The dog is owned by Brian Szakaly of 211 Prospect Hill Street. Mr. Pacheco is requesting a hearing take place on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. to decide what appropriate action be taken with regard to the dog. All parties involved will be notified; the dog owner will be compelled to attend the hearing; he has the right to counsel. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding the Legislative End of Session and some of the pieces of legislation that are coming up.

Correspondence was received from Derek Swenson, Superintendent of Schools, informing the Board of the School Committee's vote to elect the following slate of offices for the ensuing year: Ms. Pat Riley, Chairman, Mrs. Julie Scleparis, Vice Chairman, and Dr. Susan Prewandowski, Secretary-Clerk. Ms. Riley appointed Dr. Prewandowski and Mr. Anthony Ghelfi as liaisons to the Raynham Board of Selectmen and the Raynham Finance Committees for the 2016-2017 year ahead.

Correspondence was received from Bristol County Retirement Board regarding a notification of approval of involuntary accidental retirement benefits for Duane Mitchell, who has been on extended leave.

Correspondence was received from Kevin Ellis of the Raynham Cable Advisory Board, requesting permission to contact Catherine Maloney of the Dept. of Telecommunications to set a meeting between the two Boards. Also, the Cable Advisory Board is short one member and he is requesting help in finding a new person to fill the spot. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

An Application for a Kennel License was received from Joseph and Diane Cotell of 485 Prospect Hill. Mr. Pacheco requested a hearing take place on July 12th at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

A Transfer of application for an Annual Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages License of A.E.A.Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Debuca's Wine & Liquors, 600 South St. West, Raynham is being sold and transferred. Mr. Pacheco entertained a motion to set a hearing for July 12th, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mrs. Smith made it unanimous.

Tag Day requests were received from B-R Varsity Cheer for August 19th, and Hebert Skating Championships for August 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th & 29th. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from Todd Henshaw who is requesting to purchase a small parcel of land on South Main Street which abuts his property. Mr. Pacheco has discussed this with Mr. Buckner and suggests an appraisal be done and to allow Mr. Buckner to enter into discussion with the applicant. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Citizen & Community Input

Mr. Joshua Freeman was present to address the Board with questions pertaining to the Board of Overseers, and the Cable Advisory Board.

Adjournment

7:29 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