

Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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Board of Selectmen Minutes 08/23/2016

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August 23, 2016

Chairman Joseph Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 August 9, 2016 meeting as printed, Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Department Heads & Committees

Chief Jim Donovan was present to give his monthly reports. In the month of July there were 1,343 incidents and charged 69 people with crime and there were 3 non-fatal overdoses. The 16th Speed Camp was held this summer, with over 70 people attending. In August, there were 1,271 incidents and 42 people were charged with crime and 1 non-fatal overdose. There was an incident that took place on Thrasher Street on August 9th, and after a thorough investigation, it was declared to be mental health related. The cruiser that was damaged has been repaired and is now back in service. Chief Donovan also wanted to note that 36 police officers have been killed in the United States in 2016 in the line of duty. In Raynham there has been excellent support of the department.

Mr. Ed Buckley, Highway Superintendent, was present to give his monthly report. The Highway Department will begin roadway and sidewalk construction projects on Monday, Aug. 22nd and will consist of repaving the locations listed: Suzanne Drive, Gretchen Way, Adam and Sarah Lanes, Hill and Dean Streets and South Street West to Richmond Street. Mill Street will have a sidewalk replaced only. The projects are expected to be completed by early October. Mr. Pacheco asked if a sign could be placed on South Street West to make people aware the businesses in the plaza will be open during construction.

Mr. Tim Inacio, Director of Planning, was present to give his monthly report. There will be a public hearing for an expanding copy machine company located in Raynham Woods; Tolman Estates, a three lot subdivision was endorsed at the Aug. 16th meeting; Skyline Marble & Granite on Rt. 138 at Elm Street West had its site plan approved at the Aug. 9th meeting. Update on the South Coast Rail: Mr. Inacio attended a forum and there seems to be a strong lobby for the Middleboro option.

There will be a meeting on Sept. 12th in Taunton at BCC for community input. He has GIS installed and running and has maps that will offer project updates.

A developer is looking at the Bradford RV site to put in a mixed use Dunkin Donuts and gas station. The Economic Development Committee is looking into vacant property options.

Town Administrator's Report

The bids on the HVAC system for North School are due on Thursday.

Work on the new jail cells at the police station will begin this week with the needed demolition work.

The Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Housing Authority have vacancies.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on September 6th; the Board will resume their normal weekly schedule after Labor Day.

The next SERSG monthly Meeting will be held on September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in Mansfield.

Rick Colon from MassDOT has asked to meet with Town Officials regarding the Rt. 44 bridge over Rt. 24 on Sept. 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Selectmen's Report

Ms. Roberts and the Board wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the South Coast Rail Meeting Schedule and the Taunton area will be held at BCC, 2 Galleria Mall on Monday September 12th.

A joint pole request was received from the TMLP and Verizon. Mrs. Smith made a motion to hold a hearing on September 6th at 7:05 p.m., Ms. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

A Tag Day request was received from Massasoit Warriors Girls Basketball for September 1st. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve, Ms. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Adjournment

7:26 p.m. Mrs. Smith motioned and Ms. 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