

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Selectman Rose led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Wednesday, February 12, 2014 (Workshop Meeting) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 6, 2014 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 6, 2014 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty wanted to remind residents that this is the final day of Avon's 125th Anniversary. Tomorrow will begin Avon's 126th year.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty wanted to express his sincere thanks to the 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee for making the celebration of Avon's 125th birthday a complete success. A special thank you to Co-Chairs Paul Chute and Ray Gouthro who worked tirelessly to bring the citizens of Avon together in a number of community inspired events.

7:35 p.m.—Verizon double poles—Stan Usovicz

Mr. Usovicz presented the Board with a handout relative to double poles. He explained Verizon had 43 poles eliminated since December 1st. Pond Street was the area of concentration to

remove poles. There are 27 double poles remaining with 12 ready to be taken out. Chairman Hegarty stated this is a great improvement, especially on Pond Street.

The Board thanked Mr. Usovicz for attending the meeting and updating the Board on the status of double poles in the Town.

AWARD BID FOR PRINTING OF THE 2013 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town Administrator McCue recommended awarding the contract for the printing of the annual town report to Country Press of Lakeville, MA. Mr. McCue reported that we had a very positive experience with the Country Press last year.

Mr. Brady made a motion to award the contract for the production of the 2013 Town Report to Country Press, Inc. of Lakeville, MA for a price not to exceed \$2610.04, as recommended by Town Administrator McCue. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meetings for the month of March were announced as follows:

Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF WATER/HIGHWAY/DPW CLERK

Town Administrator McCue stated per the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, this position was posted internally. Mr. McCue is recommending that the Board appoint Christine Clifford to the position of Water/Highway/DPW Clerk, Grade OAL 5/3, Administrative Assistant II.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the recommendation of Town Administrator McCue to appoint Christine Clifford to the position of Water/Highway/DPW Clerk, Grade OAL 5/3, Administrative Assistant II at the rate of \$21.70 per hour, pursuant to all applicable sections of the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose asked "how did we arrive at that grade"? Mr. McCue explained the salary is less than the part-time person was making. The position is out of the clerical pool for this year. The position is being funded from the Water Department's budget. The position will be a part of the clerical pool next year. This position did not exist before.

The vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR CIRCULATION ASSISTANT

Mr. McCue reported that he received Library Director Karen Johnson's letter requesting the re-appointment of Thadeus Washington to the position of Senior Circulation Assistant. This is a 30 hour position. Mr. Washington is a former Library employee who left his position to return to college. Mr. Washington will graduate in May from Bridgewater State University.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Thadeus Washington to the position of Senior Circulation Assistant at the Avon Public Library, Grade OAL-2 at a rate of \$16.54 per hour. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL—CITY OF BROCKTON DRAFT DEED

Town Counsel Lalli presented the Board with a "First Draft Deed" sent by the City Solicitor for the Town of Brockton. Town Counsel Lalli noted his comments on the deed in blue ink. He has asked the Board to carefully review the deed and its attachments. He is concerned with some of the language in the deed and whether the Board will decide if it is acceptable.

Town Counsel Lalli reported that he and Chairman Hegarty attended many meetings working on the final agreement that was signed off by both Avon and the City of Brockton. Town Counsel Lalli expressed his concern that although the Town may never use that land or lands, we still should take it with the best possible ideas in mind. Attorney Lalli also has concerns on the conservation restrictions placed on the deed.

After further discussion, Chairman Hegarty requested that Town Counsel Lalli contact Attorney Nessralla for another meeting. Chairman Hegarty would like to meet with the new mayor to resolve this.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported that if you drive down Fagan Drive, you will notice the Crowley Elementary School is down. The demolition has been completed. Seeding will begin in the spring.

Mr. McCue stated that the Town has purchased bicycle racks to be installed in the spring at various locations in Avon. The Highway Department will be installing the bicycle racks. Mr. McCue again explained the Old Colony Planning Council's Bicycle Rack Reimbursement Program where OCPC will provide reimbursement for bicycle parking equipment for those Towns in the Old Colony region. Each Town must submit an application and a list of rack placement locations in their community.

Mr. McCue announced the Snow and Ice Deficit is now \$51,312.62.

Mr. McCue would like to commend the Highway Department and Plowing contractors for keeping the roads safe. He also announced that the Town did not run out of road salt. A shipment was delivered today.

Chairman Hegarty reported that he would like the Chief of Police and the Acting Highway Director to attend the Board's next meeting to discuss the clearing of sidewalks in the Town. Chairman Hegarty observed many sidewalks blocked by private driveways, where private plowing companies are pushing the snow on to the sidewalk. The Board is concerned with the safety of individuals walking in the street.

Mr. Rose asked if there is a Town By-Law addressing this issue. He is concerned with the safety of pedestrians. He suggested placing penalties on blocked sidewalks.

At 8:15 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Miriam Rothstein
Secretary