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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Francis T. Crimmins, Jr., Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

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

Town Counsel Lalli led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hegarty called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. John Costa, Sr. who was the oldest resident in the Town of Avon and holder of the Boston Post Cane. He passed away last week. He was also the Grand Marshall of our 125th Anniversary Parade and opened many of the events during the 125th year celebration. We extend to his family our sincere condolences.

On behalf of the Board and all of the members and officials of the Town of Avon, we wish to extend our condolences to Mr. Frank Staffier and his family on the death of his granddaughter, Meghan Noel, who died last week in a very serious car accident. We extend to Mr. Staffier and his family our sincere condolences. There is a Scholarship Fund established at Salem State College in her memory. Please visit the school website for further information.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2015 (Regular Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Saturday, February 7, 2015 (Budget Workshop Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion relative to fuel costs for the Avon Fleet.

Town Administrator Crimmins updated the Board. At the last meeting the Board requested that Mr. Crimmins look into the matter of fuel costs since there was a disparity on what places were charging our fleet for fuel. Mr. Crimmins received some information that has been passed on to the Board. He is waiting for further information from departments that have vehicles operating and will bring this information to the Board at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hegarty read the Annual Town Election Warrant of Tuesday, April 14, 2015 to the public. Mr. Brady made a motion to sign the Annual Town Election Warrant of Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty read the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of Tuesday, May 5, 2015 to the public. Mr. Brady made a motion to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of Tuesday, May 5, 2015 as read. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request for transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairman Hegarty reported \$400.00 is requested for transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fund the part time secretary line item. Mr. Rose made a motion to request approval of the Finance Committee to transfer \$400.00 from the Reserve Fund. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request for transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Planning Board

A request for transfer from the Reserve Fund was received from the Planning Board to fund the salary part-time secretary line item due to training time for a new secretary. Mr. Rose made a motion to recommend approval to the Finance Committee to transfer from the Reserve Fund \$1400.00 to the Planning Board. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion of estimate for the Phase II renovation of Town Hall

At one of the budget workshops sessions a question was asked about Article 7 relative to the Phase II renovation at Town Hall and whether the amount (\$78,122) included an amount for the I/T requirements at that part of the building. Mr. Crimmins checked with Mr. Borden who provided us with those estimates and he indicated that Article 7 does include the I/T requirements.

Discussion of FEMA's upcoming Risk Mapping

Town Administrator Crimmins reported correspondence was received from FEMA today prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting regarding Risk Mapping. Risk MAP is a new FEMA program that helps communities identify, assess and reduce their flood risk. Discovery meetings scheduled for the Charles Watershed will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Walpole Public Library. There is a reference to the Charles River Basin and Mr. Crimmins did not think Avon was part of this. He asked Mr. Borden and others about this. We are trying to figure out how we became part of this mailing. This is for information purposes only.

A request was received from Avon Fish & Game Association for a one-day special alcohol permit for Saturday, April 18, 2015. The permit is valid from April 17th to April 20th.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the one-day special alcohol permit for Avon Fish & Game Association for Saturday, April 18, 2015. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Star Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive. Signs will be displayed from March 20th to April 15th advertising the opening of Star Kitchen Cabinets, Inc.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve a temporary sign permit for Star Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. advertising its opening with signs displayed from March 20th to April 15th. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Star Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive for permission to display a vinyl banner advertising the opening of their new business. The banner would be displayed from March 20th through April 15th.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve a temporary sign permit for Star Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. to display a vinyl banner advertising their new business opening from March 20th through April 15th. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COPE Center is pleased to collaborate with Avon ACES and Holbrook CARES to offer a free Opioid Overdose Prevention Night on Thursday, March 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Hall, 87 North Main Street, Avon. Naloxone rescue kits will be available. For further information, please contact Heather at (508) 583-3405.

April 2015 meetings were announced as follows:

Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

LEGAL UPDATES

Town Administrator Crimmins updated the Board on the case of Rick Mansur and Margo Mansur vs. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Avon and Robert C. Borden, Building Inspector for the Town of Avon. Attorney Robert Mangiaratti has indicated that this case that concerns property on King Street in this Town has been decided in favor of the Town of Avon. Norfolk Superior Court Docket #2012-526.

Mr. Crimmins is pleased to announce we have started a program reviewing contracts for the Town of Avon. We want to make sure we are receiving what we have bargained for. We are checking for expiration dates of contracts. We are monitoring vendors. Mr. Crimmins is working with Attorney Lalli. For example, there was a request from Chief Spurr to enter into an agreement with "Code Red." It requires a contract with the Town. Mr. Crimmins asked Attorney Lalli to review the contract and report back to the Board. We are starting to see what the terms of the trash contract is; we are starting to put together contracts from all types of vendors, utilities and suppliers. With respect to collective bargaining, there are dates coming up with Attorney Bettencourt.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Crimmins announced the main domain name change will take place tomorrow at noon time. The main domain will be www.avon-ma.gov. We will join the 21st century on that!

The Governor Baker Administration has established a winter recovery assistance program (WRAP) that would provide cities and towns with 30 million dollars in funding this spring to repair potholes and winter recovery efforts. The program would be implemented this month and the qualified work must be completed by June 30th.

DPW Administrative Assistant Christine Clifford has tracked down phone lines that no longer were being utilized by the Water Department. She has done a great job. This is an ongoing process. The phone company will be issuing a credit for those lines.

At one of our Saturday workshop budget meetings (March 7), Mr. Fitzgerald brought to the Board's attention the situation at Porter Well. I am happy to report he was able to get that waiver from DCAM for the emergency repair.

Police Chief Martineau advised the Board on the list of individuals who passed the Sergeant's exam has happened and he has a recommendation to come before the Board. This will take place at the April 16th BOS meeting.

Taser training is moving forward.

Chief Martineau and Chief Spurr were present at the Public Safety Building Committee presentation on Thursday, March 12th. Chief Spurr has been busy this winter with his Emergency Management crew and estimates for MEMA reimbursements—with the help of Shannon MacKenzie, Robert Borden, Bill Fitzgerald and Deb Morin. If we get approval, we won't see reimbursement until FY '17.

Treasurer/Collector—budget binders. Thank you to Deb Morin for putting these together.

Town Accountant—has returned from training at UMASS Dartmouth (procurement classes) and will attend training with Deb Morin at UMASS Amherst (municipal certification classes).

Board of Assessors—to meet again with Mr. Crimmins and go over and revisit figures on local receipts. Mr. Crimmins sent to the Board of Assessors some e-mails from the Division of Local Services—DOR—about programs to adopt.

FIN COM—Shannon MacKenzie sent the final version of the budget to Mr. Beckerman in electronic format. A copy went to the Board. It is a 6 page summary.

Town Clerk—Patricia Bessette has been very busy with the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the Town Election coming up. Her office continues to improve the Town website.

Building Inspector—Mr. Borden has been busy with inspections of buildings even in bad weather.

Board of Health—recycling.

Library—communication goes back and forth.

The Conservation Commission would like to Board to consider a by-law change.

Council on Aging—a gas leak was being repaired in one portion of the Town Hall parking lot.

Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter with non-union personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, so declared by the Chair, and to reconvene in Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Brady voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miriam Rothstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Miriam" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Rothstein".

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary

(Transcribed via tape recorder)