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BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Steven P. Rose, Chairman
Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk
Jason L. Suzor, Associate

Others Present: Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant (via videoconference)
Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent
Emmanuela Isidor, Prevention Coordinator
Robbie Moyes, AMHS Student for ACES

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present.

Health Agent Kathleen Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Robbie Moyes appeared before the Board to discuss Red Ribbon Week. He stated that alcohol, opioid, and other drug abuse in the state has reached epidemic stages, therefore, it is imperative that prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs. Mr. Moyes requested that the Board proclaim October 23, 2021 through October 31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week and asked for residents, businesses, and other organizations to demonstrate their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign. Chairman Rose signed the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.

COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Waldron informed the Board that this week there are nineteen positive cases which is an increase from the sixteen positive cases confirmed last week. Ms. Waldron stated that the Board of Health will discuss a possible mask mandate for public buildings regardless of vaccination status at their next meeting. Ms. Waldron reminded the viewing audience that anyone who is 65 years of age or older can go to the Intergenerational Center in Randolph for the Pfizer booster vaccine.

DeMarco Park Plan Review

Mr. Enos reminded the Board that the town has been working with a landscape architect on potential improvements to the front area of DeMarco Park, including an evaluation on parking, events, accessibility and walking paths. Mr. Enos shared his screen to show the proposed plan to the Board. The preliminary

proposal includes relocating the existing gazebo more towards the center of the park surrounded by level gravel. A band pavilion will be constructed as well surrounded by level gravel for the summer concert series and other events. The fountain will be rebuilt to meet MAAB requirements. Mr. Enos informed the Board that the plan includes removing some trees which were deemed by the arborist to be unhealthy as well as some brush removal for a more accessible route for the trail entry. The entrances to the park will be widened. The drive will be regraded to provide a pedestrian accessible slope. An emergency path will also be constructed. Mr. Enos informed the Board that the town could apply for grants such as the PERAC grant to fund this project. Chairman Rose suggested drafting an article for Town Meeting as well to get funding this year for the DeMarco Park improvement project. With the Board in favor of the proposed plans, Mr. Enos will move forward with the landscape architect. Mr. Enos informed the Board that the plans will remain on the town's website and social media for residents to review.

Adjournment

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:48 p.m. and convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Call Firefighters) or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna M. Faro
Executive Assistant

List of Documents

1. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation
2. DeMarco Park – Proposed Plans for Improvement Project