

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
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
Joseph S. Lalli, Esq., Town Counsel
William Fitzgerald, DPW Director
Brian Winner, Esq., Mead, Talerman & Costa
Brian Campbell, A&B Campbell Realty, LLC
Brian Dunn, MBL Land Development & Permitting, Corp.
Paul Cusson, Delphic Associates

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He announced that this meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted via a hybrid method. The public may attend the Selectmen meetings in-person or may continue to participate via remote Zoom access. Until further notice, in-person attendees, who are not vaccinated, will be recommended to wear a mask. Chairman Rose reminded the viewing audience that people who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching local cable on Channel 9 or joining the Zoom link for the videoconference. Links to watch the recorded meeting will be available on the Avon Cable Access website www.avontv.org.

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

Public Participation

None

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 6, 2022 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19 Updates

Mr. Enos reminded citizens to stay vigilant, get vaccinated, and continue to social distance as we have seen a rise in cases this month. Mr. Enos informed the Board that town buildings will continue to stay open to the public at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update

Mr. Enos informed the Board that he, the Treasurer/Collector, and Town Accountant have been reviewing the budget in preparation for the Board's upcoming workshop meetings which are scheduled for February 5, 2022 and February 12, 2022. Mr. Enos stated that he just received the figures for health insurance, Blue Hills Regional Technical High School, and the Cherry Sheet from the state and will adjust the proposed budget accordingly.

Personnel Action Forms

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Forms of the following individuals:

- (1) Deb Morin, Treasurer/Collector, Grade 17, Step 7, effective July 1, 2021.
- (2) Erin Barry, Town Accountant, Grade 17, Step 1, effective July 1, 2021.
- (3) Shanna Faro, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator/Human Resources Coordinator, Grade 12, Step 8, effective July 1, 2021.
- (4) Sheri Carney, Executive Assistant to the Police Chief/Special Projects Manager, Grade 10, Step 4, effective July 1, 2021.
- (5) Sheri Carney, Executive Assistant to the Police Chief/Special Projects Manager, Grade 10, Step 5, effective November 30, 2021.
- (6) Jeffrey Bukunt, Police Chief, 2% merit-based increase, effective July 1, 2021.
- (7) Denis Linehan, Deputy Police Chief, 2% merit-based increase, effective July 1, 2021.

Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

PFAS Update

Mr. Fitzgerald approached the Board to discuss the status of PFAS and drinking water. Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that PFAS are man-made chemicals which have been in use since the 1950s for the manufacturing of certain fire-fighting foams, moisture and stain resistant products, and other industrial processes. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that six per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, referred to as PFAS6, were detected in the town's drinking water in the fall of 2021. Although PFAS6 was detected, the town has not violated the drinking water regulations. After an elevated level of PFAS6 was detected at the Memorial Filtration Plant, immediate steps were taken to reduce the PFAS6 levels to below detectable levels. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that upon the detection of the elevated level, the Avon Water Division replaced the granular activated carbon (GAC) media in a filter vessel. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the town was fortunate enough to have this type of technology for the effective removal of PFAS6. After the media was replaced, the water was resampled, and the results indicate that PFAS6 is now Not Detected (ND). Mr. Fitzgerald stated that as the town did not violate drinking water regulations, no Public Notice was issued. However, the town is required to notify the citizens that elevated levels were detected, the steps that were taken to remedy the situation, and general information and knowledge regarding PFAS6.

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board he is drafting a PFAS public education and information sheet regarding this matter which will become public as soon as it is finalized.

Brave Estates LLC – 40B Project Local Initiative Program Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Winner updated the Board on the status of the proposed Friendly 40B Project called Brave Estates located at 188 Central Street. Mr. Winner informed the Board that he has drafted the Memorandum of Understanding between the town and the developer to set up some parameters for this project. Mr. Winner stated that the two biggest provisions in the agreement from the town for this project are: (1) requesting the developer if additional affordable units could be added to the project to increase the town's 40B quota as required by the state; and (2) requesting the developer to pay the town a per unit fee. Mr. Winner stated that the town has requested that the developer add at least 14 additional affordable units by building more units or back permitting and labeling 14 of the existing apartments on that site as affordable units. Mr. Cusson informed the Board that he does not have experience with back permitting pre-existing apartments, but he will research that option. He stated that Mr. Campbell is amenable to adding additional units as affordable housing for this project. Mr. Cusson stated that he and his team are open to all possibilities to move forward with the 40B project. After a brief discussion between Mr. Cusson and the Board on the price per unit as a fee to the town, an agreement was reached at \$750 per unit. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to allow Special Counsel to continue negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding and make the revisions to the contract as discussed at tonight's meeting including the \$750 per unit fee which can be paid to the town in four payments and tied to the sliding scale based on the final number of affordable units approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Appointment to Historical Commission

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Priscilla Whittall to the Historical Commission, term to expire June 30, 2022. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Volunteer & Activities Coordinator

Mr. Enos informed the Board that there is vacant position for a Volunteer & Activities Coordinator at the Council on Aging as Jane Carthas recently held that position before she was promoted to the Director position. Mr. Enos requested the Board review and approve the proposed job description. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Volunteer & Activities Coordinator job description. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements

Chairman Rose announced that the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board will be February 3, 2022 and February 17, 2022.

Chairman Rose declared a snow emergency on January 29, 2022 in anticipation of the upcoming winter storm.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Enos stated that the architects performing the Town Hall Feasibility Study will be at the next meeting to review the plans with the Board.

Mr. Enos informed the Board that Mr. Fitzgerald has been working diligently this week on the grant application paperwork for funding for improvements to DeMarco Park.

Adjournment

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the regular session and convene in Executive Session for the review and approval of executive session meeting minutes to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and more specifically the Open Meeting Law, G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 22(f) and (g); and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (AFSCME, Police, Fire, Call Firefighters) or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna M. Faro
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. January 27, 2022 Meeting Agenda
2. January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel Action Forms for Treasurer/Collector, Town Accountant, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator/Human Resources Coordinator, Executive Assistant to the Police Chief/Special Projects Manager, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief
4. Request from Priscilla Whittall to be appointed to the Historical Commission
5. Volunteer & Activities Coordinator Job Description