

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Cross, Commissioners Dennis Sullivan, Ben Perry, Demetrious Atsalis, Victor Skende and Chief Brunelle.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of March 24, 2016 were accepted as presented.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairman said that he had received many emails congratulating us on the vote of last Saturday. He has responded saying that it had been a community effort and was gratifying. He thanked the many community volunteers who gave of their time to make the vote so successful. Atsalis said that the Board go on record to acknowledge the efforts of the men and women of the department.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Laura Cronin congratulated the Board for the vote on the new firehouse. She said it was a good day for the community and that the community came together to get it done. She asked asked for comments on the By-Law Committee Report. And lastly, she asked for clarification on the hours for the election of commissioners on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

In response Cross said that extending the hours for voting had been discussed and that with the vote on the 9<sup>th</sup> and his own medical issues time had run out. Although he would like to extend the voting hours but at this there was not sufficient time to do so. Sullivan suggested we leave the hours from 3 to 8 pm as it has been in the past. It was agreed to stay with voting hours as 3 to 8 pm and that we should address the issue before next year's election. Cross stated that the By-Laws Review Committee report and amendments will be presented at the Annual Meeting. He thanked Laura Cronin for chairing the committee and the work the committee did.

Bill Cronin asked if the Board would be taking a vote on supporting the changes. Sullivan acknowledged the work of the Committee and that the Board should endorse the changes.

4. STREET LIGHTS: No requests received.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Sale of Scudder Avenue Property: Cross reported that we have a Purchase and Sales Agreement with a \$5,000 deposit. The bid of Beach Point LLC for \$250,000 was accepted. It had been advertised three times. The state has approved the sale at less than appraised value. This bid was the highest offer that we had received to date. The proceeds will go to reduce the bond issue. We have received an offer of space to house the antique engine currently housed at the Scudder Avenue property.

b. New Hyannis Fire Station: Cross stated that he has been asked frequently “when do we start?”. Then answer is as soon as possible. A meeting has been scheduled with Griffin and McKeon for Friday. It was agreed that Cross and Skende would attend for the Board. We should get some idea of how we can make some more immediate progress. Brunelle said it should be possible to free up some cash to clean up the lot and demolish the building. Cross would like to discuss with the Town a waiver of the cost for building permits and fees for this project.

Skende spoke about the success of the vote of April 9<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Cross for his leadership and the Commissioners for their support. He thanked the Chief and his staff for their support. He thanked Larry Decker and Ed Maroney, members of the campaign committee for their efforts. He acknowledged Allan Goddard for the many phone calls he made in our behalf and the work he did with voter list. He thanked Mike Dalmau for the work he did with the fire fighters and for their participation. He acknowledged the extraordinary work done by David Webb on Facebook pages, the videos and much more. Dave’s work went a long way to get out the vote. We will know more when Goddard works the voter list. From the beginning the committee conducted a positive campaign. We didn’t “rile up the union or scare the seniors”.

c. Maintenance Plan for Current Station: Cross asked the Chief to put a plan together for maintenance and remediation of the current station now that we know those repairs will need to get us through the next 18 to 24 months. Cross also requested the necessary work be done to the overhead door to accommodate the new aerial ladder. The Chief said he wanted to address the hot button issues with the fire fighters. The aerial ladder is expected to be delivered in 12 to 13 months.

7. CHIEF’S REPORT: The Chief complimented the Board on the successful vote on Saturday. He said this was the first time the Commissioners took the lead and not just the Chief, staff and fire fighters. It was a community effort. Cross complimented Mrs. LaFleur and her staff for the excellent job during the voting and count. The Chief also noted that his staff is making progress in emptying Scudder Avenue property. He has talked with Ciluzzi who indicated we have some time before closing.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Decker complimented Skende for his leadership of the campaign committee as well as the members of that committee. He stated that Dave Webb did a great job and deserves a lot of credit. Decker feels that the Board should give a lot of thought to the discussion and negative positions being expressed in the

community with regard to transparency and soft costs. There should be opportunity for public participation.

Mike Dalmau spoke on behalf of the fire fighters to express thanks to everyone who came out and voted. He expressed their gratitude to the Commissioners, the Chief and the citizens who came out to volunteer to make the vote successful, He also stated that the Board needed to ensure that accurate information be made available to the public and that the social media be kept up. There will be 8 or 9 months before the public sees progress. Cross responded that we wanted to keep people informed as we go forward.

9. ADJOURN: Sullivan moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende

Attachment: Report FY 2015 – 2016 By-Law Committee