

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Victor Skende and Demetrius Atsalis. Also present Deputy Chief Melanson. ABSENT: Commissioner Laura Cronin.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

I OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: The minutes of November 10, 2016 were approved unanimously as presented. Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Atsalis.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: Cross stated that we had received message from Debe Schiavi that Mrs. Boschetti called the station to say she was unhappy about the letter she had received from Atsalis which stated that the Board did not feel additional lighting was warranted at this time. Cross followed up with a call to Mrs. Boschetti. He explained the role of FD and street lighting. He informed her that public safety e.g. speeding cars, lack of sidewalks and homelessness are not purview of FD and he recommended that she contact the Town Manager, Police Chief, and/or DPW. Cross invited her to Commission meeting and offered to meet with her personally.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Allen Goddard told the Board that the Hyannis Civic Association has begun to explore Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Ed Maroney is researching the issue. There is concern that the proposed performing arts center on the Twin Brooks Golf Course could become tax exempt.
4. STREET LIGHTS: No new requests.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None
6. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Building Committee Update: Cross gave a report of the committee activity. A recent hang-up has been the unanticipated presence of asbestos containing materials on the 77 High School Road Ext. lot. DEP has required our engineer to develop a work plan to address the issue. DEP will approve the plan when it is submitted. Southern Middlesex Industries has estimated this additional cost may be as much as \$87,500. Paul Griffin will continue to negotiate with SMI and our consultant engineer will continue to explore options with DEP. The Building Committee recommends that we agree to go ahead and get this work done as soon as possible. Atsalis moved that we approve an expenditure of not to exceed \$87,500 for asbestos abatement on 77 High School Rd. Ext. Seconded by Sullivan. Passed unanimously.  
Cross stated that Griffin feels confident that we remain within the budget at this time. There has been some slippage in the date for advertising for bids and we expect to be out for bids in 2 to 3 weeks.
  - b. Chief of Department Search Committee Update: Sullivan gave a report of the Committee activity. The committee has met 8 times and has selected Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) to act as our recruitment agent and assessment board. Bob Craig of MRI conducted interviews with Commissioners and Department staff. MRI will draft ad copy for Committee approval and it is expected that the ad will be published after the first of the year.
  - c. By Law Committee Update: There has been no meeting this month.
  - d. Appointment of Acting Chief Effective 8 January 2017: Cross asked the Deputy if he would accept the Position of Acting Chief. Melanson answered affirmatively. Skende moved that the Board of Commissioners appoint Dean Melanson as Acting Chief effective 8 January 2017 and until a

permanent Chief of Department is appointed. Seconded by Atsalis. Passed unanimously. Upon suggestion by Sullivan it was agreed to that we discuss compensation in Executive Session.

7. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.  
None
8. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Deputy reported in response an inquiry by Cross at the last meeting about the Coast Guard boat. The vessel is being assessed by the Mechanic. The Harbor Master has expressed interest in the vessel for use as a Mooring Boat.
9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The OPEN SESSION of the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

## II EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair declared that an open meeting would have detrimental effect on negotiations.

A motion was made by Skende and seconded by Atsalis: a) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to negotiating collective bargaining agreement with Firefighters Union 2172; and b) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with Dean Melanson and to conduct contract negotiation with Dean Melanson and not to return to Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Cross called for a roll call vote.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Peter Cross       | Yes |
|                 | Demetrius Atsalis | Yes |
|                 | Dennis Sullivan   | Yes |
|                 | Victor Skende     | Yes |

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende  
Clerk