

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Chairman Peter Cross called the meeting to order at 7pm.

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Laura Cronin, Dennis Sullivan, Victor Skende and Chief Dean Melanson. Commissioner Demetrius Atsalis joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of January 26, 2017 were accepted as presented. Motion made by Cronin and seconded by Skende
2. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a. Cross has received a Disclosure Form from Chief Melanson. Chief's daughter has applied for the open position of firefighter. She has taken the test administered by the County Fire Chiefs Association and is on the list of qualified candidates. The Chief has recused himself from the interview and selection process. Interviews will be conducted on January 28 and February 1 and 2.
 - b. The Chief presented the Board with a letter for the Chief Credentialing Program for endorsement by the Board. The Chief's employment history was outlined in the letter. Skende moved approval, seconded by Cronin. Passed unanimously.

Atsalis joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Larry Decker asked if PILOT was a dead issue with the Board. Cross stated that PILOT was not a dead issue. The issue has been discussed with Town Attorney and Assessor. Cronin questioned if we could not instruct the Tax Collector to issue bills. We would need to consult with our attorney. Skende offered that there are two separate issues. One issue is PILOT and the other is our taxing authority as a municipality. Cross has let folks know that we want to be included in any discussions concerning tax relief for new development. We will continue to pursue this issue but Cross said we have a lot of our plate at this time.
 - b. David Webb asked if Assessor Rudziak was coming to a Board meeting any time soon. Sullivan said Rudziak was not able to attend our meeting when set the split tax rate. Rudziak has said we have no recourse but to accept Town Council's decisions on tax relief.
4. STREETLIGHTS: Cross asked if there had been any follow-up to Charlie Pisicano's email. Atsalis said he had not received the email but would follow-up.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS: Items a. and b. were taken up under Correspondence.

c. Building Committee Update: Bids for the pre-qualified sub-contractors will be opened Thursday the 9th at 1pm. Bids for General Contractors will be opened on the 16th at 1 pm. There has been a lot of interest in this project. The clean-up of the site (77 High School Road) is progressing. The contractor has doubled the crew at work. There is a monitor on site while the work continues. The monitor ensures that the work is done in compliance with DEP approved plan. Cronin had questions after reading minutes of Building Committee. She will submit them to Cross after the meeting.

d. Chief's Search Committee Update: Applications for position close on Friday the 24th. The Committee will receive an update from MRI on Monday the 27th.

e. By Law Committee Update: The committee requested the Board's authorization to submit the proposed changes to Attorney Moss for review. These are for minor changes to clean up the By Law. The committee will have a report for the Board at our next meeting.

f. Annual Report and Budget FY 18: Skende has spoken with the Chief and Clerk/Treasurer about the report. Narratives should be completed by the middle of March. Budget numbers need to be completed by the end of March. We need to get the warrant and annual report printed by the 15th of April for distribution to the voters a month prior to the annual meeting. We received a preliminary budget with fixed costs from the C/T. Cross reminded the members that free cash was not free and not cash.

7. Items not reasonably anticipated: Cronin asked the Chief about a recent transformer fire and whether there was any requirement for fire alarms. Chief stated that there were no alarms required for a stand-alone transformer.
8. CHIEF'S REPORT: We are still awaiting word about the SCBA grant. We should receive word between 30 and 90 days. We should have word on ambulance reimbursement for which we submitted a grant. We are still in the mix on that and we should hear about that grant in June or July.

Chief explained the requirements that the State Committee for 911 is currently discussing and the possible cost to the department.

The Chief has order a replacement for 807 (Training Captain's vehicle). He is getting prices for a new ambulance and would see if it is possible to place an order under the FY17 budget. The reserve ambulance has proven to be a valuable asset. The ambulance made 130 calls since being put into service this past year. There has been a cost savings of about \$100,000.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Skende reported on a well received Inside Town Government session this week. He recognized the Chief and Capt. Kenney for a job well done and thanked the personnel who volunteered their time to do the demonstration.

Munafa asked about the status of the ladder truck. It is in production at this time and we can check on its progress through manufacture at: minutemanfiretrucks.com.

Dalmau announced the Retirement Party for FF Barry Pina to be held on April 1st at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

Sullivan moved that the meeting be adjourned and that the Board of Commissioners go into 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 not to return in open session. Seconded by Cronin.

Roll Call Vote:	Cronin	Yes
	Cross	Yes
	Atsalis	Yes
	Sullivan	Yes
	Skende	Yes

The meeting was adjourned and entered Executive Session at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk