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2016-05-24 Selectmen's Minutes

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Minutes
Stow Board of Selectmen
May 24, 2016
Town Building

Present at the meeting that was held at Town Building were James Salvie, Brian Burke, Donald Hawkes and Thomas Ryan. Absent: Ingeborg Hegemann

Also present were William Wrigley, Town Administrator, Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant and Barbara Huggins, Town Counsel.

Mr. Salvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Input: Mr. Salvie invited all to attend the Town's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th at 2 pm. He thanked organizers of the SpringFest Committee and all volunteers and local businesses that contributed to a successful event.

Joint Boards Meeting - Chapter 61B filing for Minute Man Realty Corp.

Present from the Study Evaluation/Quick Response Team were Vin Antil of the Open Space Committee, Kathy Sferra of the Conservation Commission, Kristen Fox of the Assessor's Department, Jesse Steadman of the Planning Department, Mike Kopczynski of Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (SMAHT) and SMAHT's consultant Leonardi Aray. Also present was the owner of Minute Man Realty, Don McPherson. A Purchase and Sale Agreement for \$2.25 million has been signed by a potential buyer for a portion of Mr. McPherson's property on Boxboro Road. Because the land is classified under MGL Ch. 61B, giving the Town the Right of First Refusal, the Town must determine whether it is interested in exercising its right of first refusal.

It was determined that the Town is not interested in purchasing this property.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 61B, section 9, Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board **decline** to exercise its option to purchase, or to assign its option to purchase, property located at 302 Boxboro Road and owned by Minute Man Realty Corp., as described in the Notice of Intent to Sell dated April 4, 2016, and to send written notice to the land owner. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Joint Boards Meeting - Chapter 61A filing for 241 Boxboro Road (Winkler)

A Purchase and Sale Agreement, for property located at 241 Boxboro Road, has been signed by potential buyer, Jennifer Henderson. Patrick Holmes, potential buyer, was present. Because the land is classified under MGL Ch. 61A, giving the Town the Right of First Refusal, the Town must determine whether it is interested in exercising its right.

Lot 1, 4.17 acres, is selling for \$40,000 and Lot 3, 4.13 acres, is selling for \$140,000. SMAHT has expressed some interest in exploring the feasibility of the property as a site for affordable housing. The Selectmen's office will schedule a public hearing on this matter for June 28th. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 61A, section 14, Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board **continue to consider** exercising its option to purchase, or to assign its option to purchase, property located at 241 Boxboro Road and owned by Susan G. Winkler and Frederic P. Messenger, as described in the Notice of Intent to Sell dated January 15, 2016 and to send written notice to the land owner. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote on appointment of Lake Boon Safety Patrol Officer

Police Chief Bill Bosworth was present and recommended Special Police Officer Lee Heron, also present, for the position of Lake Boon Safety Patrol Officer. Theresa O'Riordan of the Lake Boon Commission was present and also spoke in favor of the appointment.

On the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Town Administrator, Mr. Ryan moved to appoint special Police Officer Lee Heron as the Lake Boon Safety Patrol Officer, effective immediately and ending June 30, 2017.

Discussion/vote on Town Building Space Use Feasibility Study Committee Appointments

The Chair announced that this item would be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion/vote on Annual June 1 Appointments – Inspectors

Building Commissioner, Craig Martin, was present and explained that the only change was that Eric Sahlberg would become the Deputy Plumbing Inspector.

Discussion/vote on Annual appointment of Inspectors

On the recommendation of Building Commissioner Craig Martin, Mr. Hawkes moved to reappoint the following inspectors, for one-year terms, ending May 31, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- Assistant Facilities Manager/Local Inspector: Douglas Hyde
- Electrical Inspector: Robert W. Norton
- Deputy Electrical Inspector: Charles Weeks
- Deputy Electrical Inspector: Michael A. Norton
- Gas Inspector: Adam Sahlberg
- Deputy Gas Inspector: Robert Smith
- Plumbing Inspector: Adam Sahlberg
- Deputy Plumbing Inspector: Eric S. Sahlberg
- Deputy Plumbing Inspector: Robert Smith



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Discussion/vote on Annual appointment of Building Commissioner

Mr. Hawkes moved to reappoint Craig Martin to the position of Building Commissioner, for a one-year term, ending May 31, 2017. . Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote on Annual appointment of Forest Warden

Mr. Hawkes moved to reappoint Fire Chief Joseph Landry to the position of Forest Warden, for a one-year term, ending May 31, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote on approval of the Annual Animal Control Warrant

In accordance with Chapter 140, section 151A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Mr. Hawkes moved to approve the annual Animal Control Warrant, dated May 24, 2016, and effective for one year from June 1, 2016, and to authorize the Chairman to sign it on behalf of the Board. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote to sign certificate for Beverly Benoit

Mr. Hawkes moved to approve and sign a certificate for Council on Aging driver Beverly Benoit on her retirement after more than 30 years of service to the Town. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote Contract with MKA, Inc.

Mr. Wrigley explained that after the Randall Library Trustees had completed the RFQ process, McGinley Kalsow & Associates of Somerville was chosen for a remodeling project to the historic section of the library. Mr. Wrigley has completed negotiating a contract with that firm. Marianne Sharin, Chair of the Library Trustees, was present.

Mr. Ryan moved to authorize the Town Administrator to execute a contract with MKA, Inc. for design services for the Randall Library building restoration project. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Wrigley explained that the Father's Day weekend event at the Collings Foundation would operate under a Memorandum of Understanding with input from Public Safety officials, as it did last year.

Mr. Wrigley left the meeting at 8:40 pm to prepare for the Executive session.

Liaison reports

Mr. Burke had nothing to report.

Mr. Ryan reported that he attended the Lake Boon informational meeting on May 17, 2016 and was happy with the results of the meeting.

Mr. Salvie mentioned that Liaison re-assignments will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Hawkes had nothing to report.

At 8:43 Mr. Hawkes moved to go into Executive Session, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3), for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and for discussing strategy with respect to litigation, and to adjourn thereafter. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Burke, aye, Mr. Salvie, aye, Mr. Hawkes, aye, Mr. Ryan, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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