

**Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Stow Town Building
July 14, 2020**

Physically present at this meeting in the Warren Room were Thomas Ryan, Chair, Cortni Frecha James Salvie and Ellen Sturgis. Megan Birch-McMichael was absent.

Also present physically was Executive Assistant Maureen McKeon. Town Administrator William Wrigley was absent. Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Public input: Town Clerk, Linda Hathaway, thanked everyone who helped coordinate Annual Town Meeting. Resident Joelle Spear thanked Laura Greenough of the Recreation Department on cleaning up Pine Bluff Recreation area and hiring an employee to oversee the entrance to the property.

Chairman's comments: Mr. Ryan thanked all who helped make Annual Town Meeting possible. He reminded everyone that tomorrow, July 15th, Claire Kennedy's 100th Birthday drive-by parade and presentation of the Boston Post Cane would take place at 2 p.m.

Correspondence: Mr. Ryan read an anonymous letter that was received by the Board of Selectmen's Office regarding alleged misappropriation of funds by the former Treasurer. He also read a response from Town Counsel regarding the matter that stated this item would be discussed in Executive Session until resolved.

Pine Bluff Recreation Area and Beach Use for Summer 2020

Recreation Director Laura Greenough and Chair of the Recreation Commission Mike Bush were present via Zoom to inform the public and the Selectmen of their plan going forward for use of the recreation area this summer. Ms. Greenough announced that there would be a fee to park in the area and that a resident-only policy has been implemented. She added that a portable bathroom has been installed onsite.

Certificate of Appreciation for Randall Library Trustee Tim Reed

Tim Reed, former Chair of the Randall Library Trustees was present via Zoom and was thanked for his 30+ years of service to the Randall Library, including his involvement with the Second Century Fund. Library Director Tina McAndrew and Library Trustee Kathleen O'Brien were present via Zoom and thanked Mr. Reed for his dedication to the Library. Members of the Select Board Jim Salvie and Ellen Sturgis added their comments and thanks. The Board voted unanimously to present Mr. Reed with a Certificate of Appreciation upon this occasion, his retirement from the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a certificate for retiring Randall Library Trustee Tim Reed in the form read by the Chair. Ms. Sturgis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Certificate for 100-year-old Stow Resident Claire Kennedy

Mr. Ryan congratulated Claire Kennedy, Stow's Oldest Resident, and the Board voted to present her with a congratulatory certificate.

Ms. Frecha moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a certificate for Stow's oldest resident Claire Kennedy, who will be honored with the ceremonial Boston Post Cane on the occasion of her 100th birthday July 15. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Appointment to Conservation Commission

Douglas Morse had expressed his interest in serving on the Conservation Commission and the Commission voted unanimously to recommend him for appointment. Mr. Morse was present via Zoom to speak with the Board. He has served on the Commission in the past and the Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint him to the Conservation Commission again.

On the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, Ms. Frecha moved to appoint Douglas Morse to the Conservation Commission, to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2022. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote re: Appointment to Recreation Commission

William Sieller had expressed his interest in serving on the Recreation Commission, and he was present via Zoom to speak with the Board. Mike Busch, Chair of the Recreation Commission was present via Zoom and said the Commission was pleased to accept his offer to volunteer. The Board voted unanimously to appoint him to the Recreation Commission.

On the recommendation of the Recreation Commission, Ms. Frecha moved to appoint William Sieller to fulfill the remainder of a one-year term expiring June 30, 2021. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Joint Boards Meeting re: Ch. 61 (Right of First Refusal Option) Hallock Point Road The Selectmen heard from various Boards and Committees regarding their possible interest in the Town acquiring a 12-acre parcel that is currently classified as Chapter 61 property adjacent to Lake Boon. The Town will need to determine over the next few months whether they are interested in exercising its right of first refusal in purchasing the property. The price is \$1,000,000. The Board heard from members of the Lake Boon Association and the Lake Boon Commission who expressed interest in the parcel. Vin Antil of the Open Space Committee and the CPC were present via Zoom as well. Mike Kopczynski was present via Zoom as a representative of SMAHT. Resident Bill Byron voiced his opposition to the possible purchase. The Board determined they would request that the Town Administrator form a working group to investigate the Town's options regarding this parcel. Kathy Sferra of the Conservation Commission said she would coordinate and participate in the working group and they would report back to the Selectmen at their September 8 meeting.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board instruct the Town Administrator to convene a working group regarding a possible purchase under 61B of land at Hallock Point Road. Ms. Frecha seconded the motion and it was passed 3:0:1 Mr. Ryan, aye, Mr. Salvie, aye, Ms. Frecha, aye. Ms. Sturgis abstained.

Liaison reports

Ms. Sturgis reported that she had attended a recent Board of Health meeting. She commended their current Chair Mary McDowell. Mr. Salvie agreed and mentioned that Merrily Edvokimoff is also a fantastic member of the Board of Health. She talked about a possible debrief from Annual Town Meeting that might help with future Town Meetings during COVID. Mr. Ryan said he would most likely add an agenda item, and invite the Town Moderator, to a future agenda regarding discussion of the options for the next Town Meeting.

Mr. Salvie mentioned that he thought the Selectmen might want to consider resuming reports from the Library Director at regular meetings at six months intervals for updates on activity at the Randall Library, as they had been doing in the past. He said that he had spoken with David Gavin, a Selectman from Maynard, and he proposed a liaison group of 1-2 Selectmen from each of the two towns to discuss common issues in the two towns. He said that he would be interested

in being one of the two representatives. This will be discussed that the Board's July 28th meeting when liaison assignments will be discussed.

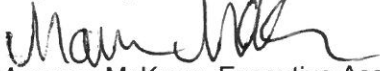
Ms. Frecha reported that the CPC received a trajectory of the affordable housing project planned at the corners of Pine Point and Sudbury Road. They are at the point where they're planning their construction schedule.

Mr. Ryan mentioned that Acting Police Chief Mike Sallese would be visiting the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the 8 Can't Wait initiative and a proposed policy change in the Police Department. He added that on 7/28 he is planning on holding an executive session to bring all members of the Board up to speed on pending issues. Mr. Ryan would like people to consider whether they would like to skip the first meeting in August. He added that Mr. Wrigley's last Selectmen's meeting will be August 25th.

Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m. Ms. Frecha moved to adjourn. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen McKeon, Executive Assistant

YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhOPFVlt_o8

Documents used at this meeting. Items can be found in the Selectmen's Office filed with meeting folder:
Certificate for Tim Reed
Certificate for Claire Kennedy