

TOWN OF WENHAM

Wenham Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 3, 2016
138 Main Street, Town

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on TUESDAY, May 3, 2016 at 7 PM in the Selectmen Chambers.

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mr. Clemenzi called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order 7 PM.
Selectmen present, John Clemenzi, Chair; Jack Wilhelm, Vice Chair; Catherine Harrison; Clerk
Also Present: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

Public Information:

The meeting was recorded with permission by HWCAM

Agenda

Proposed Pingree Park Playground Committee Charge

Open Space and Recreation Committee Draft Charge

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Flag will be at half-staff in remembrance of Warren Stevens who recently passed away. Mr. Stevens was an Assistant Treasurer for the Town of Wenham.
- Michelle Bailey submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Assessor citing her recent election to the HW School Committee. The BOS will meet with the Board of Assessors to consider candidates to complete Ms. Bailey's term
- Letters of Interest for the open Board of Assessors position can be submitted to the Town Administrator's office
- Residents interested in serving on the Open Space and Recreation Committee should submit a Letter of Interest to the Town Administrator's office by May 11, 2016.
- There is a vacancy on the Iron Rail Commission
- Mr. Lombardi announced the Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 30. The parade will step off at 1 PM from the Bessie Buker School. Information will be posted on the Town's web site.
- Preliminary interviews for the Land Use Coordinator are scheduled this week. Final interviews will be open to the public and held on Wednesday May 16, 2016.
- A land-use attorney is working with the Planning Board. A training session with the Planning Board was held last week. Similar training sessions for other boards/committees is May 26, 2016.
- After the reappointment process in July, Kopelman & Paige will hold a workshop for issues related to municipal government i.e. open meeting, ethics, etc.
- Shared services: The Finance Committee met last week with the Town Administrator and Finance Director to talk about possible shared services. The Finance Committee will follow up with the BOS on those areas that potentially could provide cost savings to the Town.
- The BOS recognized John Maestranzi, proprietor of Iron Tree, for the donation of tree work done last week around town in honor of Arbor Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Update

Jan Dempsey, Library Director, was present to update the Board on the Library.

Ms. Dempsey started by reporting 85 people attended the Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting last week. The Friends membership has quadrupled from last year.

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Ms. Dempsey recognized the Friends of the HW Library for their support and contributions to the library.

- The Friends will improve the flower beds around the library with native species to encourage monarch butterflies.
- IT continues to be updated. The Library recently switched from the Merrimack Library Consortium server to the HW.org; emails have changed
- New telescope passes are available to card holders to borrow a telescope
- COA Director Jim Reynolds is holding the Aging Mastery Program at the library
- The annual Teen Poetry Contest had a record 93 submittals this year
- The Library is issuing 40 new library cards last month
- Overdrive averages 450 – 500 electronic books a month
- The 8th Community Read for October 2016: Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt

The Community House Update – Melissa Elmer & Tess Leary

Melissa Elmer, Director and Ms. Leary, Program and Event Planner were present to give a general overview of the events and programs at the Community House such as the Father & Daughter Ball, Mother & Son Night; Theater, Summer concert series in Patton Park; Patriotic Celebration Day, etc.

Sean Timmons and the Joint Recreation Department were acknowledged for their support and assistance with some of these programs.

Enon One Facility Gift /Donation Solicitation Form

Present: Fire Chief Blanchard was present to talk about the status of the Enon One project.

Town Meeting approved Community preservation funds up to \$50,000 towards the cost of designing and constructing suitable housing for Wenham's vintage fire pumper. Chief Blanchard noted the antique apparatus is in its original state and in excellent condition.

The Enon One Committee is set to begin the fundraising process. An architectural design will be done first to gain a better cost estimate.

A formal recommendation will be made to the BOS after the preliminary engineering work is prepared regarding a preferred location.

Contributions to the Enon One Facility Account should be identified as restricted to Enon 1 and can be accepted at town hall or the fire station.

VOTE: Mr. Clemenzj moved, and it was seconded, the BOS approve the Enon one Facility Gift/ Donation Solicitation form. The motion carried unanimously

Proposed Pingree Park Playground Committee Charge

The playground at Pingree Park was recently closed due to safety concerns. Mr. Lombardi provided an overview and recommendation for an ad hoc Pingree Park Committee of up to five members, to be appointed by the BOS for a one-year term. The Committee would be responsible to work with town staff on various options and make a final recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The committee will also be involved with fundraising activities.

VOTE: Mr. Clemenzj moved, and it was seconded, BOS adopt the proposed charge for Pingree Park Playground Committee and formally request that letters of interest be submitted by Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Space and Recreation Committee Draft Charge

The Board considered a recommendation from the Town Administrator to appoint a nine-member Open Space & Recreation Committee, all serving one year terms subject to reappointment by the BOS.

The Committee would:

- Update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan
- Establish a process for on-going review/ update
- Work with the Town to maintain a list of properties considered desirable for protection / various uses
- Work with property owners and nonprofit agencies
- Make a recommendation to the BOS/ Town Meeting regarding the acquisition of properties

- Follow the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements

The Open Space and Recreation Plan must be signed off by the Conservation Commission, by statute. The Town administrator recommended that at least one person from the Conservation Commission be on this committee. Consultants are being sought to assist the Open Space and Recreation Committee during this process. It was determined that a Conservation Commission member be an ex officio liaison.

VOTE: Mr. Clemenzì moved, and it was seconded, the BOS adopt the charge for the Open Space and Recreation Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously

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VOTE: Ms. Harrison moved to approve the BOS open meeting minutes of January 12, 2016 and it was unanimous to do so.

VOTE: Ms. Harrison moved to approve and release the ES meeting minutes of January 12, 2016 and it was unanimous to do so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wenham Call Fire Fighters Association Agreement

VOTE: Mr. Clemenzì moved and it was seconded, the BOS enter into Executive session under MGL Ch. 30A, § 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares regarding negotiations with the Wenham Call Fire Fighters Association Agreement and to include Fire Chief Blanchard, and to return to open session for further discussion and potential vote.

The Selectmen returned to open session at 8:23 PM

*VOTE: Ms. Harrison moved, and it was seconded, to approve the **Wenham Call Fire Fighters Association Agreement** as presented (5.3.16) including a COLA increase as follows: FY 17 1 % / FY18 2% / FY19 2%. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

The BOS unanimously adjourned at 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley
5.6.16