

**SAUGUS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2024**

**(This meeting is being recorded)**

**7:00 PM, Town Hall Auditorium**

Chairman Panetta opened the meeting at 7:00.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chairman Debra Panetta, Vice Chair Jeffrey Cicolini, Selectmen Michael Serino, Anthony Cogliano, and Corinne Riley. Also present: Town Manager Scott Crabtree.

The Chair welcomed everyone.

**INVITED GUEST:** Eagle Scout Emmitt Lozano, 5 Pillings Road, Saugus, MA addressed the board and spoke of his project at Pranker's Pond. Scout Master George Bucko also congratulated Emmitt on his achievement. Emmitt thanked the Go Fund Me Page, volunteers and sponsors, and his parents. The selectmen congratulated Emmitt and presented him with an Achievement Certificate. Photos were taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Selectman Riley read the Arbor Day Proclamation. (Attached) and made the motion to approve and sign the Proclamation. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Saugus Little League Request for Parade Permit: The Parade date is April 20, 2024, with rain date of April 21, 2024, and kick-off at 9 AM. Mr. Craig Smith, Vice President of the League, 28 Jasper Street, Saugus, MA explained the route change of the parade which will now start at Oaklandvale School, head up Main Street to the Elks Field. (Map attached). He asked permission for road closure. Vice Chair Cicolini stated the police attended the parade in the past due to the bad intersection at the Lynn Fells Parkway and stated that the parade request is subject to approval of the Police and Fire due to safety issues.

Mr. Smith: "Retired Joseph Mirena wife, Jeannine, passed away recently and we are retiring Jo's shirt. He will throw out the first pitch to his son. His daughter will be throwing out the first pitch in the girl's Sophomore League. We are hoping for a fire truck. Many activities are planned in the parking lot." Vice Chair Cicolini made the motion to grant the approval of a parade permit for April 20, 2024, rain date April 21, 2024. Kick off at 9 AM, starts at the Oaklandvale School, goes down Main Street and ends at the Saugus/Everett Elks, 413 Main Street. Subject to and contingent on the approval of the safety and traffic plan from the Police and Fire Departments. Chair seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0.

Invitation to the Lynn Woods Celebration: Chairman Panetta read into the record the Conservation Restriction. Thursday. April 4, 2024, 11 AM to 12 Noon.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS;** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

National Grid No. 30868148: Chairman Panetta read the request into the record. Representative John Jankowski, 170 Medford Street, Malden, MA addressed the Board and explained the procedures to install poles. Chairman Panetta stated that all outstanding fees are in order. Seeing that Board members had no more questions, the Chair asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak either in favor or opposed to this application. Nobody from the public wanted to speak.

Selectman Cogliano made the motion to close the hearing. Chair seconds. All in favor? Motion passes 5-0. Selectman Cogliano made the motion to grant the request of National Grid to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Lincoln Avenue: National Grid request No 30868147: Request to install 1 JO pole on Lincoln Avenue, beginning at a point approximately 55 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Endicott Street and Lincoln Avenue. Installing one new pole. No. 30868148. Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes. Chair seconds, Further discussion, seeing none, All in Favor? Motion passes 5-0.

National Grid Number: 30868147 Chairman Panetta read the request into the record. Representative John Jankowski, 170 Medford Street, Malden, MA addressed the Board and explained the procedures to install poles. They are upgrading their facilities. All recommendations were received. Selectman Serino asked about the pole and was told that it will be near Kent Street, the sub-station. It's monitoring the circuit and needs to be close to the sub-station. Selectman Serino discussed how aesthetically, it doesn't look good with so many poles being so close together for the community. Seeing that Board members had no more questions, the Chair asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak either in favor or opposed to this application. Nobody from the public wanted to speak.

Vice Chair Cicolini made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion voted: 5 to 0. Vice Chair Cicolini made the motion to grant the request of National Grid to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: To install 1 JO pole on Central Street beginning at a point approximately 65 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Central Street. Installing one new pole. No. 30868147. Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes. Chair seconds, further discussion, seeing none. All in favor? Motion passes 5-0.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** Town Manager Scott Crabtree: "Work continuing Belmonte School project. Drainage became the problem and the crew had to pump out the water.

Riverwalk project is coming along, first phase is coming along – piles were driven out in the water for the pier. More details to come.

Selectman Riley asked for an update on the plaque missing from the Waybright School. Mr. Crabtree stated that he viewed the area recently but as of yet, the plaque has not been found. The schools are looking into. It wasn't the Town or maintenance that took it. She asked about the

three earmarks that came to the town from the state representatives, have those funds come out of the state agencies yet? The Town Manager said, 'not yet,' but in the last week, they sent over contracts that we have executed, so we can receive the funds. We may have received the Public Safety grant, but once we get them all, we will make more of an announcement. Sometimes we get earmarks from the State, but there isn't a good notification process. The State needs to make sure they have enough funding; sometimes, the earmarks are reduced. Whatever we are entitled to, we will get it. It's just a matter of how much. We have done everything we can do on our side to receive these funds.

**Selectman Appointments:**

Selectman Vice-Chair Jeff Cicolini made a motion to reappoint Thomas Traverse to the Board of Appeals, for a three-year term, where the term is to end March 31, 2027. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. Motion Passes: 5 to 0.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Selectman Cogliano made a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 minutes. Seconded by the Chair. Selectman Serino stated that he was going to abstain since he didn't attend that meeting. (A discussion was had regarding the Board of Appeals). Motion to approve minutes: 4 Yes, 1 Abstention.

Selectman Vice-Chair Cicolini asked the Town Manager to correspond with SCTV to look at the sound / acoustics at Town Hall. The investment was supposed to include everything, including new video, new audio, improved acoustics. He feels that we didn't get our money's worth with the investment made. The Town Manager spoke about the age of the speakers, and where they are located at the Town Hall.

People can hear watching at home perfectly, but we are having issues hearing each other speak. Selectman Cicolini stressed that the acoustics were supposed to be upgraded. The video looks better.

**Citizens Comments:** None

**Members Comments:** All Board members wished their fellow Board members, Mr. Manager, our Clerk, and the public a Happy Easter.

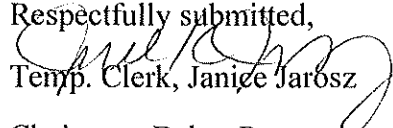
Chairman Panetta stated that the Annual Town Meeting Warrant is to close on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. She mentioned that the warrant closing date was later than in prior years to give everyone ample time to submit their articles.

**Adjournment:**

Selectman Cicolini made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by the Chair. Motion Approved: 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Temp. Clerk, Janice Jarosz

Chairman, Debra Panetta