

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony Cogliano. Also present were Vice Chair Debra Panetta, Selectmen Corinne Riley, and Michael Serino. Selectman Cicolini was absent as well as Town Manager Scott Crabtree. Chairman Cogliano led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Panetta offered a Motion to continue the Saugus Cable TV budget hearing until April 19, 2022. Chair seconds, all in favor – Motion passes 4-0.

Vice Chair Panetta offered a Motion to accept Arbor Day on April 29, 2022 as National Arbor Day Chair seconds, all in favor - Motion passes 4-0. Proclamation read into the record.

Selectman Serino offered a Motion to insert 10 Articles into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Chair seconds, all in favor – Motion passes 4-0.

Vice Panetta made a Motion to insert an Article from Building Inspector Dan Kelly into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 4-0.

Vice Chair Panetta offered a Motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant the end of the business day on April 14, 2022 to give enough time for residents to submit Articles into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 4-0.

Vice Chair Panetta moved to accept the route change of the Saugus National/American League annual parade. The parade will start at Anna Parker Field at 9 AM and proceed to the Hurd Avenue Baseball Field. Chair seconds all in favor, Motion passes 4-0.

Mr. Patrick Sullivan submitted a letter requesting a continued hearing on Thermo inspection site at 121 Ballard Street until a May meeting. Selectman Panetta offered the Motion, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 4-0.

Old Business: Selectman Riley asked the Board to put on the agenda for April 19, 2022, a report from the Town Manager on the alleged contractor's yard operating at 132 Main Street.

Also, Selectman Riley asked if Robo calls could be made to residents regarding the schedule of street sweeping to alert residents. Selectman Panetta suggested that a list be put into the newspapers and WEB site as well.

Appointments: Open seat on the Board of Appeals. Residents are asked to submit their resume if interested in serving on the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Vice Chair Panetta moved to table the Minutes of March 9, 2022. Chair seconds, all in favor – Motion passes 4-0.

Member Comments: Selectman Riley asked to put the Animal Control Officer position on the agenda for reappointment. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 4-0.

Also, Selectman Riley inquired about a part-time Animal Control Officer appointment and asked to refer this to the Town Manager.

Selectman Riley thanked Bernie Sturniolo on his retirement after serving the town for 20 years on the Board of Appeals and also thanked Dmitry and Svetlana Sevkovich who held a Drive for the families of Ukraine. It was a very successful drive.

Selectman Riley asked for those who served in the Military to contact the Selectmen's office as the Board would like invite them to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2022, and also to recognize them in future opportunities.

Selectman Riley offered condolences to the Surabian family on the loss of Ron's mother.

Selectman Riley wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter along with Selectman Serino and the rest of the Board.

Vice Chair Panetta announced a Flea Market will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Appleton Street from 9:AM to 4 PM also thanked Bernie Sturniolo in his 20 years of service to the town, and also offered the Surabian family condolences on the loss of Gisele Surabian.

Vice Chair Panetta suggested a future Clean Up throughout the town.

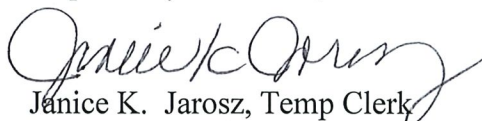
All the selectmen extended their best wishes on the upcoming Passover and Easter celebrations.

Chairman Cogliano stated that he will be submitting two Articles into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. First, a proposal to allow Beer and Wine licenses in convenient stores. Presently, stores are required to wall off a separate area in the business. The second article concerns the prohibition of permitting marijuana businesses in Saugus. The Chair: "Businesses adjacent to Saugus are reaping the financial benefits and we are losing 3% of funds." Also Chairman Cogliano referred the two alleged contractors yards on Main Street; 132 and at the former Girls Seminary also on Main Street.

Chair: "Granite Court, at the stairs, is full of trash and old logs and asked if the Manager could send the DPW to clean it up." Town Meeting Member Joseph Vecchione asked the Board for clarification on submitting Articles. Vice Chair Panetta: Articles for the next Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be accepted if all required signatures are attached and presented at the end of the business day of Thursday, April 14, 2022 deadline,

Vice Chair Panetta moved to close the meeting, Chair seconds all in favor Motion passes 4-0. Meeting ended 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice K. Jarosz, Temp Clerk