

Saugus Board of Selectmen  
August 17, 2016

\*\*\*\*\*MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

AGENDA  
Saugus Board of Selectmen  
August 17, 2016 at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Auditorium  
298 Central Street  
Saugus, MA

Call to order.

Invited guests: -Saugus Softball Little League 10-11 year old All Star Team  
-Saugus Shadows, U12 Girls Soccer Team  
-Saugus Wings Baseball Team, 18-19 year olds

Correspondence:

- 1.) Police Dept. re: recommendation on crosswalk & crosswalk signs on Elm St @ Desota St.
- 2.) MAPC re: MPO Elections & Statements of Candidacy.
- 3.) Saugus Youth Soccer re: request for banner announcing registration.
- 4.) MA Lottery re: if there is any objection to Keno-to-go monitor at 7-Eleven, 32 Hamilton St.
- 5.) Saugus Lions Club re: request for canning on public ways on Hamilton at Saugus Center Rotary and on Lynn Fells Parkway at Village Park.
- 6.) Victor's, 1639 Broadway re: request to send application back to ABCC for reconsideration.
- 7.) Saugus Italian American Club re: request for change of officers, directors and manager; and Annual Report to ABCC.
- 8.) Mr. Rossetti re: National Farmer's Market Week August 7 – 13.
- 9.) Boy Scout Troop 62 re: request for exemption to By-Law 804 fee to sell Christmas trees, etc. at 50 Salem Turnpike.
- 10.) ABCC re: invitation to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of ePLACE Licensing Program.
- 11.) School Committee re: low hanging wires near / at Lynnhurst School.

Citizen's Comments

Continued Hearings: 0

Public Hearings: 0

Manager's Report: -Appointments to the Youth & Recreation Commission  
-Parks & Playgrounds Update  
-Bond Rating Update

Approval of minutes: July 13, 2016

Appointments: -Traffic Hearings Officer  
-Ms. Waugh re: resignation from Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees  
-Joint Meeting with Housing Authority to fill two vacancies on the Housing Authority.

Member's Comments: -Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club 25<sup>th</sup> year.  
-Breakheart Reservation dedication of new gazebo, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5PM  
-MEPA decision regarding Wheelabrator expansion  
-Founder's Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Citizen's Comments

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The Saugus Board of Selectmen met on August 17, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street. Present were: Selectmen Scott Brazis, Jeffrey Cicolini, Jennifer D'Eon, Mark Mitchell and the Chairman Debra Panetta. The Town Manager Scott Crabtree was also present.

Invited guests:           -Saugus Softball Little League 10-11 year old All Star Team  
                                  -Saugus Shadows, U12 Girls Soccer Team  
                                  -Saugus Wings Baseball Team, 18-19 year olds

The Chair read citation to Saugus Softball Little League 10-11 year old All Star Team, Section 2 Champions for outstanding year and Buddy Millerick introduced coaches Mike Halley and Dan Rego and thanked the Board for acknowledging their achievements and thanked the Town for the new field. Each team member was presented a citation and the Board congratulated them.

The Chair read citation to Saugus Shadows, U12 Girls Soccer Team for winning the Essex County Championship and for an outstanding year and Coach April Martinez introduced coaches Joanna Salvo and Kelly Barressi and thanked the Board for having them and said these girls are amazing athletes. Each team member was presented a citation and the Board congratulated them.

Selectman Mitchell excused himself from the table and took the podium.

The Chair read citation to Saugus Wings Baseball Team, 18-19 year olds for winning the Ripken Experience, A National Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Coach Mark Mitchell introduced coaches Bob Merlina and Jim Roche and said it has been an honor coaching them and they represented Saugus well and set a great example for younger players in the program and congratulated them. Each team member was presented a citation and the Board congratulated them.

Selectman Mitchell returned to the table.

The Chair said the Board applauds the coaches, parents and others that step-up to be part of these programs and thanked all.

Selectman Brazis moved for recess. Chair seconds 5-0. Meeting recessed at 8:03PM.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 8:12PM.

Correspondence:

1.) Police Dept. re: recommendation on crosswalk & crosswalk signs on Elm St @ Desota St.

Precinct 5 Town Meeting Member Ron Wallace, 54 Magnolia St was present with his son Alex. The Chair read his letter and read police recommendation. Mr. Wallace explained that his son Alex pointed out the problem with crossing at the location. The Chair thanked Alex for bringing the issue to his father's attention.

Selectman D'Eon moved to approve a pedestrian crosswalk across Elm Street at the south end of Desota St; approve the brush be cut back at the "School Zone" sign between Alvah St and Biscayne Ave; and to approve two additional crosswalk signs , one facing south and the other facing north at the actual crosswalk location as recommended and illustrated in letter dated 7/12/16 by the police dept. Chair seconds 5-0.

2.) MAPC re: MPO Elections & Statements of Candidacy.

The Chair explained the different regions represented on the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and announced if anyone would like to run for a seat they can submit statement of candidacy.

Selectman D'Eon moved to refer the correspondence to the file. Chair seconds 5-0.

Selectman D'Eon moved to take correspondence #9 out of order. Chair seconds 5-0.

9.) Boy Scout Troop 62 re: request for exemption to By-Law 804 fee to sell Christmas trees, etc. at 50 Salem Turnpike.

Scoutmaster John Kane was present and introduced other Scoutmasters and scouts with him and explained last year's fundraiser was a great success and would like to do it again this year and all would be the same, but will offer deliver if needed. The Chair asked if they sold wreaths last year. Scoutmaster Kane said yes. The Chair asked if they will be selling kissing balls. Scoutmaster Kane said yes and tree stands and lights. The Chair asked if there will be anything different this year. Scoutmaster Kane said

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they will sell more trees. Selectman Cicolini said they did a fantastic job last year with signage and parking and confirmed it would be the same.

Selectman Cicolini moved to approve the request to exempt Boy Scout Troop 62 from the Town of Saugus By-Law section 804.00 and to waive the fee and to allow the sale of Christmas trees, wreathes and other holiday items and services (tie-downs and deliveries) at 50 Salem Turnpike from November 21, 2016 to December 25, 2016 on Mondays through Fridays 4PM to 10PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 9AM to 10PM with same signage and parking as was done in the past. Chair seconds 5-0.

3.) Saugus Youth Soccer re: request for banner announcing registration.

No one was present. The Chair read request and noted the requested location on Essex Street is unavailable due to needed repairs and their clerk did reach out to them and the Main Street location would be fine.

Selectman Brazis moved to approve the request of Saugus Youth Soccer re: request for banner announcing registration on Main St at Vine St from August 17<sup>th</sup> through September 17, 2016 and to waive the bond requirement. Chair seconds 5-0.

4.) MA Lottery re: if there is any objection to Keno-to-go monitor at 7-Eleven, 32 Hamilton St.

No one was present. The Chair said there are 13 locations in Saugus that have Keno-to-Go and asked if Board Members had any objection. Selectman Brazis said he would like to have someone present. Selectman Cicolini pointed out the Board needs to respond within 21 days and they already received extension to hear at this meeting. Their clerk explained the MA Lottery issues the licenses and only asks if the Town objects to it being issued. Selectman Brazis asked if the Board would have any control over hours or seating. Their clerk said they do have a Common Victualer's and the Board may restrict hours and seating on that License. Selectman Cicolini agreed it would have been nice to have them in but understands this is only to express any objection.

Selectman Brazis moved to submit to MA Lottery that there is no objection to Keno-to-go monitor at 7-Eleven, 32 Hamilton St. Chair seconds 5-0.

5.) Saugus Lions Club re: request for canning on public ways on Hamilton at Saugus Center Rotary and on Lynn Fells Parkway at Village Park.

No one present. The Chair read request and said they typically use safety vests and cones and they have been doing this for many, many years and haven't had any issues.

Selectman Brazis moved to approve the request with standard conditions. Chair seconds 5-0.

6.) Victor's, 1639 Broadway re: request to send application back to ABCC for reconsideration.

No one was present. The Chair explained they need to provide a current Certificate of Good Standing and it has been submitted.

Selectman D'Eon moved to send the application back to the ABCC for reconsideration. Chair seconds 5-0.

7.) Saugus Italian American Club re: request for change of officers, directors and manager; and Annual Report to ABCC.

No one was present.

Selectman Cicolini moved to approve the change of officers and directors and the change of manager to Paul Serino and to accept the annual report. Chair seconds 5-0.

8.) Mr. Rossetti re: National Farmer's Market Week August 7 – 13.

The Chair read Mr. Rossetti's request and read letter from David Webber, MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources and announced Saugus Farmer's Market is held on Tuesdays.

9.) Boy Scout Troop 62 re: request for exemption to By-Law 804 fee to sell Christmas trees, etc. at 50 Salem Turnpike.

This item was taken up earlier out of order.

10.) ABCC re: invitation to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of ePLACE Licensing Program.

Their clerk explained the ABCC's on line program she had requested a couple of months ago to participate in, but Saugus wasn't chosen at that time, but now has invitation to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the program and asked the Board if they had any objection to participating.

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Selectman Cicolini moved to approve Saugus' participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of ePLACE Licensing Program. Chair seconds 5-0.

11.) School Committee re: low hanging wires near / at Lynnhurst School.

The Chair read letter and said the Board did have a site visit there last year and approved changes and asked their clerk to reach out to National Grid and Verizon. Their clerk said she did and said the project was approved by the Board last September but the work was not done and they are following up on it. The Manager said the homeowner at the end of the street contacted his office and it seems everyone is getting the run around but will stay on it. Selectman Brazis said the Board did vote to relocate the poles and asked if it was within their rights to have them in. The Manager said the Board could send them a letter to come in next meeting.

Selectman Brazis moved the Chair send a letter to National Grid asking why the work is not completed and ask for date when it will be completed. Chair seconds 5-0.

The Chair asked their clerk to notify the Chairman of the School Committee of action taken.

Citizen's Comments      None.

Manager's Report:      -Appointments to the Youth & Recreation Commission  
                                     -Parks & Playgrounds Update  
                                     -Bond Rating Update

The Manager recommended the appointment of Betty Sullivan, Philip Rando, Glen Davis, Kimberly Politano and Paul Petkewich to the Youth & Recreation Commission to expire as follows: Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Rando on 9/14/17; Ms. Politano and Mr. Petkewich 9/14/18; and Mr. Davis 9/14/19.

Selectman Cicolini moved to confirm the appointments of Betty Sullivan, Philip Rando, Glen Davis, Kimberly Politano and Paul Petkewich to the Youth & Recreation Commission to expire as follows: Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Rando on 9/14/17; Ms. Politano and Mr. Petkewich 9/14/18; and Mr. Davis 9/14/19. Chair seconds.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Brazis, yes; Selectman Cicolini, yes; Selectman D'Eon, yes; Selectman Mitchell, yes; Selectman Panetta, yes.

The Manager said he had recommendation for appointment to the Historical Commission. The Chair said it is not on the agenda and will include on next agenda.

The Manager gave update on parks & playgrounds including Belmonte Middle School tennis courts, Veterans Memorial School playground and Bristow St Park.

The Manager announced the upgrade in the Town's bond rating to AA+ and explained the significant savings this will have on borrowing and thanked the Board for putting their faith in him and supporting the financial practices to build confidence with the residents. The Chair said this is the best news for Saugus and all worked together collaboratively and 4 years ago we were in dire straights and now we are moving forward and thanked the Manager and his administration. The Manager said it has been a lot of work and sacrifices and thanked the Budget Director and Accounting and his administrative assistants and announced and invited all to a celebration at the 99 Restaurant tomorrow night.

Approval of minutes:      July 13, 2016

Selectman Brazis moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2016. Chair seconds. The Chair offered several corrections. Vote 5-0 with corrections.

Appointments:              -Traffic Hearings Officer  
                                     -Ms. Waugh re: resignation from Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees  
                                     -Joint Meeting with Housing Authority to fill two vacancies on the Housing Authority.

Selectman D'Eon moved to reappoint Stephen Sweezey as Traffic Hearings Officer to expire August 31, 2017. Chair seconds 5-0.

The Chair said the Board received a letter of resignation from Ann Marie Waugh from the Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees and read.

Selectman D'Eon moved to accept the resignation. Chair seconds 5-0.

The Chair asked a letter be sent thanking her for her service.

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The Chair announced a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Housing Authority on August 25<sup>th</sup> to fill two vacancies on the Housing Authority and announced letters of interest may be submitted by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Member's Comments: -Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club 25<sup>th</sup> year.  
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Selectman Brazis congratulated the Manager and his staff on the bond rating and the parks & playgrounds projects; and said Pam Harris has resigned from the Board of Health and thanked her for her service to the Town; and announced the Rumney Marsh Toastmasters will be celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Selectman Brazis moved to invite them in for citation. Chair seconds vote 5-0.

Selectman Brazis said this is the Board's last meeting of the summer and said he is proud of how the Town is moving forward and proud to sit on this Board and to be a resident of this Town.

Selectman D'Eon said as a resident she thinks the Town looks fabulous and people are happy and congratulated the Manager; and announced Founder's Day on September 10<sup>th</sup>; and said she did attend the Purple Heart ceremony and said Madam Chair gave a lovely speech and there was singing and the Purple Heart signs are up.

Selectman Cicolini said he is pleased with the bond rating and is excited about what's coming down the pike and said the Manager has a financial vision and he supports that.

Selectman Mitchell thanked and congratulated the Town Manager and said everything we talked about when we first came on board we see coming to fruition.

The Chair said Pam Harris has resigned from the Board of Health and she has been in public service for many years and thanked her.

Selectman D'Eon moved to send a letter thanked her for all her service. Chair seconds 5-0.

The Chair said a decision has been issued from MEPA regarding the request for environmental impact study for Wheelabrator application and is very disappointed being the host community feels they should have a voice and the Board and many others did write letters, the Board voted a policy and Town Meeting voted resolution and listed and thanked all that wrote letters and said she did requested that the Town Manager ask the Director of Public Health, David Greenbaum to contact the DEP to discuss the next steps. She emphasized the importance that the Board of Health being notified as soon as Wheelabrator files its permit with DEP, as well as the public being alerted to the start and end of the public comment period. She stated that our town's voice is being ignored in this process which is very troubling, especially being the host community of both the incinerator and landfill.

The Chair said the Board received a thank you card from Ms. Martino's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for having them in for presentation and held up the card signed by the class.

The Chair announced Founder's Day on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the Man & Woman of the year awards ceremony will be held at 12 noon.

The Chair announced the gazebo rededication ceremony at Breakheart.

Citizen's Comments     None.

Selectman Brazis moved to adjourn. Chair seconds 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Reed, Clerk