Saugus Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

7:00 PM

This meeting is being recorded.

Chairman Anthony Cogliano opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Also, Present; Vice Chair Panetta, Selectmen Riley, Cicolini and Serino.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The request to call for a Special Town Meeting is on hold awaiting Articles from the Town Manager.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request from SCTV to accept an appropriation of an Article for the next Special Town Meeting Warrant which was already accepted by the Board and referred to the next Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Letter from Precinct #2 Town Meeting Member Joseph Vecchione to be read into the record by Selectman Riley. (See attached). The letter will be referred to the Police Department.

Selectman Serino spoke about the split vote, and it required a 2/3rd's vote not a majority. Vice Chair Panetta concurred with Selectman Serino. Selectman felt it was a step in the right direction and housing and height were issues, but I accept the wishes of Town Meeting.

Chairman Cogliano thanked Mr. Vecchione and the Cliftondale Revitalization Committee for all their hard work, and it is a major defeat for the town of Saugus. Waiting for a ruling from the Attorney General.

Town Manager Crabtree stated that change is hard, everyone has a different opinion, and everyone should respect them.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

CONTINUED HEARINGS:

National Grid to locate poles and fixtures at Broadway (US-1) Massachusetts Electric Company and install 1 SO Pole northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Walden Avenue and Broadway. Also, to install a new Pole # 2-SO on Broadway. Signed Bob Coulter

Mr. Dan Roache, employee of National Grid requesting a work request to put monitoring equipment in place reaching into the communities for effective management to collect data for many cities and towns.

Anyone in the audience who would like to speak? Seeing no one, Selectman Cicolini moved to close the hearing. Chair seconds, all in favor? Motion passes 5-0. Selectmen Cicolini with that there are no outstanding fees, offered the Motion to install poles, wiring fixtures and necessary equipment along Broadway at the intersection of approximately 1,130 feet northeast f the centerline of Walden Avenue and Broadway, and a new Pole # 2-50 on Broadway US-1, along with a police detail and to work with the DPW. Chair seconds, all in favor? Motion passes 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7:15:Request of Vilela Corp, d/b/a Vteck. Auto Service, for a Class II Auto Dealer's license to buy and sell secondhand vehicles at 24, Winter Street, Saugus, MA Notice was sent out notifying the abutters that this hearing would not be held tonight Vice Chair Panetta offered the Motion to continue the hearing. Chair seconds, all in favor? Motion carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Selectman Riley: Discussion of Third Fire Station, Parks and Playgrounds and Clean Town Maintenance Program.

Selectman Riley asked several questions. How long does a Feasibility Study take. The town manager will know more when a new person comes on board. Schools are a little different. The land and location a bigger challenge to decide. Many studies have been done in the past and will be included in the next one. Needed is location and cost, and site work. Mr. Crabtree will provide the Board with an assessment of the status of parks and playgrounds in Saugus.

Selectman Serino stated that the Board needs to prioritize the needs to be put on the ballot and maybe we could meet with the manager next month. May not be ready in November and both to be put on the ballot. The public needs to be educated.

The town manager stated the priorities should be small to be successful. They will meet offline to schedule the meeting. No property belonging to the Town will not be sold.

Two Minute Recess:

Chairman Cogliano called the meeting back to order.

Selectman Cicolini offered the Motion to grant the request from Mr. John Tammaro,574 Chestnut Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940, to be reappointed as a Constable for the Town of Saugus to run until April 2026. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Chris Riley, 7 Oceanview Avenue, Saugus, MA addressed the Board. Selectman Riley recused herself because of a conflict. He is requesting a full appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He first presented a letter to serve on the board as an alternate last year.

Selectman Cicolini made the Motion to appoint Mr. Chris Riley, 7 Oceanview Avenue, as a regular member of the Saugus Board of Appeals with his term expiring in March 2028. Chair seconds.

Vice Chair Panetta offered a substitute Motion for Mr. Bernie Sturniolo, 11 Rhodes Street, on as a regular member as well. Chair seconds.

Roll Call for Mr. Sturniolo: Selectman Cicolini NO; Selectman YES: Vice Chair Panetta YES: Chairman Cogliano NO: Motion fails 2-2.

Chair suggested Mr. Riley stay on as an alternate for now. It will be brought up at a later date.

Mr. Thomas Traverse, Chairman of the Board of Appeals. He stated that the Board now has four permanent members but should have five and we have two alternates. All six sit on every hearing, but alternates cannot vote or make motions. One sits out at voting time. It is working. The Board could use another alternate.

Selectman Cicolini made the Motion to reappoint Attorney Peter Rossetti, 6 Summit Avenue, Saugus MA to a five-year appointment ending March 31, 2028. Chair seconds. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Vice Chair Panetta made the Motion to reappoint Mr. John Cannon, 19 Talbot Street, Saugus, MA, Apt 5, to the Saugus Board of Appeals with a term ending on March 31, 2028. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Cicolini moved to reappoint Mr. Randy Briand to a one-year term as Veteran's Grave Officer. Chair seconds, all in favor – Motion passes 5-0.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Department of Public Works sprucing up the town for the upcoming Parade.

Selectman Cicolini thanked Mr. Peter DiPesa for creating the traveling video to to be included in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

The selectmen congratulated all the graduates from Saugus High School and colleges.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ms. Patty Stockwell, First Street, Saugus, MA asking for pickle ball courts in town. Presently, the only one we have in town is at the Belmonte School. Danvers and Reading have courts. Town Manager Crabtree stated that there are plans in the works for pickle ball courts.

Selectman Cicolini made the Motion to adjourn, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Janice K. Jarosz, Temp Clerk