

Saugus Board of Selectmen  
January 14, 2020

AGENDA  
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January 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM  
Town Hall First Floor Conference Room  
298 Central Street  
Saugus, MA

6:00 PM      Selectmen Goals  
Discussion on goals & priorities.

Town Manager: updates

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The Saugus Board of Selectmen met on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall First Floor Conference Room, 298 Central Street. Present: Selectmen Jeffrey Cicolini, Debra Panetta, Corinne Riley, Michael Serino and the Chairman Anthony Cogliano. The Town Manager Scott Crabtree was also present.

Town Manager: updates

The Manager gave updates:

Police Chief: he has engaged a company to do the Chief assessment to be conducted on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the position has been posted to Civil Service, sign-ups held and will present a report to appointing authority. The Chair asked if it is open to all Lieutenants. The Manager said yes and if there are not enough applicants it will open to Sargent's. Selectman Cicolini asked if he is looking to hire from within. The Manager said yes. Selectman Panetta asked how long the process is and if should be completed by April or May. The Manager went over the process.

Fire Station: has reached out to consultants to conduct assessment and cost is \$15,000 - \$30,000 for both assessments. Selectman Panetta said it was a number 1 concern of those that attended today's meeting.

Master Plan: had initial internal meeting. Selectman Cicolini asked if it takes longer than 18 months how it would align with the moratorium. The Manager said they engaged with MAPC and working with Planning Dept. The Board discussed site improvements and linkage.

Selectman Serino asked for a written update on the ACO. The Manager said he's looking to create a water / sewer commission. The Board discussed MWRA adjustments and project that will effect Saugus.

Selectman Serino requested a written opinion from Town Counsel on the proposed Wheelabrator Post Closure Committee.

Held a forum today to update our Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Selectman Panetta said she was impressed at the number of people that attended.

Green Communities Grant: mechanical bids are out.

Street Light LED: a consultant was hired and replacements will start in March.

Ballard School: was turned over to the Town. The Chair said he attended the School Committee meeting and it was said there's only \$7m remaining for projects. The Manager said he was not aware. Selectman Riley asked about the Building Committee and why they haven't met. The Manager said they would need to vote on change orders but they don't have that kind of problems. The Chair said school start time doesn't have anything to do with the Board but traffic does and asked if police are on it. The Manager said a study was conducted.

Traffic Study: waiting for State approve. Have put up speed signs. Selectman Cicolini said he should look at the crosswalks.

Budget season & labor contracts: the issue is with non-union positions.

Selectmen Goals

Selectman Riley said she would like the Board to develop goals with public input, some that can be achieved this year and would like to have meetings open to the public. Selectman Panetta said the last

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Board prioritized financial stability, parks & playgrounds, recreational and middle/high school project. Selectman Cicolini said the Board has only so much authority and in his opinion the master plan is most important to set direction. Selectman Riley said yes the Manager has almost everything under him, but why do they need to see the wishes of the public on facebook when they can have meetings or workshops on what people see for the future of Saugus. Selectman Cicolini said they have to be aligned with the Manager's goals. Selectman Riley said they should listen and hear the public then incorporate them. The Chair suggested setting a meeting. Selectman Serino said he'd rather hear input from the public first and said when the Town was in a mess with DOR and sent a list of what needed to be done the Board set those as goals and continued from there and said it takes time to evolve but first get input, then meet. Selectman Panetta said with everything on the Town Manager's plate they shouldn't be adding more things to the budget. Selectman Riley asked why the meetings the Manager has for Town Meeting Members be public so the public can know. The Manager said it doesn't become a genuine conversation and they are able to talk about issues candidly. The Board discussed meeting dates. The Board will meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall first floor conference room.

The Chair asked about status of hiring an Animal Control Officer. The Manager said it has been posted and is looking to go regional and other options.

Selectman Cicolini moved to adjourn. Chair seconds 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Reed, Clerk