

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson, Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Bob Gillis and Mariam Regan Fiore

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to accept Minutes of January 3, 2023 as circulated
2nd by Councilor Belcher
Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognize Abigail Adams Recipients-Received Citations

Michael Trepanier - Mass DOT

Re: Bennington St. in E.Boston and Revere

Discussion on construction that will beginning by the Mass DOR on Bennington St. Approx. from Orient Heights, Bennington St. to Beachmont Corner

Please see presentation on Town Website

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations

Town Charter Review Continues with Town Council with the recommendations made by the ORC. Process will continue and full amendments will be made available prior to being voted to get to the State House Agenda to be put on a Town Ballot

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5-Discusses the Ordinance Committee Recommendations. Does not agree with eliminating Precinct Councilors. He agrees with the 2 year term of President and Councilor. A new point provision for how the councilors can raise their salary and if there were two year term, you could adjust the councilor's salary. The Council has never had an increase in salary, it has been believed it should be a volunteer position.

Any amendment, change can be made from the ORC Recommendations by the Town Councilors.

At this point there has been no amendments to the "recall" language, which will be discussed.

Marc Chapedelain, Chair of the ORC discusses thanks the council for all the time they have given these ORC recommendations. 4-8-11-&12 are ordinance changes, these do not have to go to the voters.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Town council President reports he will be making a Town Address at our next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

There was a new Town Council Standing Committee sent to each councilor

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting next Monday night

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Update on Complete Streets Policy-one of the items was a committee be named and would like this to begin.

2 New Officers graduated Winthrop Academy, Alexis Joyce and Nicholas Discisio

Beginning to move town vehicles out of Town Lot behind Methodist Church

Parks and Rec. fee structure, they will plan on attending a future Town Council Meeting to update

Estimate for the gas usage at the DPW gas pumps. Put in a FOB system. Need accountability.

Starting the CORI checks on staff and begin Brightly. (Facility needs assessment)

Data Base of Air BnB Units

Resolution to water split Skating Rink and Gym

Capital Improvement Plan

Councilor Honan asks about a FOB system for the DPW costing close to \$65,000 and agrees with this system.

Councilor Flockhart asks what is the status of the Electricity Presentation the Town Council had. Town Manager reports once the Council agrees and votes it can move on.

Councilor Aiello asks on the inline meters for the gym and rink what the cost will be?

Town Manager reports it won't be that expensive.

Took a brief tour through parking lot and asks for a report on any tickets issued.

CDICR REPORT

Town Manager Reports: Black History Month, Social Media Account, Posting, conversation regarding the Tree on Somerset and they will be putting in a request with Tree Warden to review

OLD BUSINESS

- Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations-Vice President Ruggiero gives an Update
- Trash Ordinance-Vice President Ruggiero gives an update

Both items still in discussion and will be brought forth on the Jan. 31, 2023 Town Council Agenda

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to approve the appointment of Paul Flanagan to the MWRA Board of Directors for the Town until the term of February 15, 2027

2nd by Councilor Aiello

ROLL CALL

Approve: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson, Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie
Motion Passes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Millar P2-Appreciated all the efforts on the Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations by the Town Council. He stated he's received feedback that the residents are wondering why they are not being more included on this vote? Some do not understand, it will be on a ballot and they will be voting for it.

Has question on changes that have occurred with the Board of Health with the Animal Ordinance and feels these changes should have been reviewed by professionals, not just the Board of Health members. Concern is Communication with Town Council, Town Manager and Board of Health should be more in-depth.

Bill Schmidt, Chair of the Board of Health states that his committee is professionals and feels they do make the best professional decisions on their recommendations.

Julia Waller P2, Happy Mass DOT was at meeting. Suggests on Walden Street Sidewalks that there is state money (grants) that could help with this. Confusion about the sharrow in town and they do make safe streets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

- Opening on the Citizens Finance Committee, Jan Twombly who has benefitted this committee will be leaving committee due to her work schedule. she will be missed.
- MMA Annual Trade Show-Jan. 20-21st. 2023
- Jan. 25, 2023, The Great Molasses author Stephen Peleo will be speaking at the Library.

Before asking for motion to adjourn, Council President Letterie asks each Town Councilor if they have anything further to discuss

Councilor Honan-	None
Councilor Fucillo –	None
Councilor Munson-	None
Councilor Belcher-	None

Councilor DeMarco-	Thanks Council President for the Moment of Silence, two good people gone to soon
Councilor Aiello-	Advises everyone to see the MLK , Embrace Statue
Councilor Flockhart-	None
Vice President Ruggiero-	Appreciated the Abigail Adams Recipient Citations

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Munson to adjourn at 9:15 PM

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office.

Documents Used in this Meeting: Handwritten Notes / Committee Openings Documents Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motion

Respectfully submitted

Denise Quist

Town Clerk

Council Clerk