

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 25, 2023 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 7:00

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

TOWN COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(8)—

To consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided, however, that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary screening committee, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening; Town Council will return to Open Session

Return to Open Session:

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Council appropriate from the Water Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund the amount of \$174,062

Public Hearing Opened

Discussion

Finance Committee Chair, Councilor Fucillo discusses the reasoning for the increase on this motion
Town Manager Marino discusses it was put out to bid increased in price, therefore we needed a motion for the increase

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vasilli Mallios P5-Would like the Town Councilor to revisit the recommendations from the Ordinance Review Committee regarding the number of councilors. He has noticed that throughout the last couple of years we do not have a competitive market for candidates. He would like the Town Council to review minimizing the size of the Council.

Pleasant St. now has lights for traffic and he feels this will help with the speeding would like to see a possibility of cross walk signs. He has seen children trying to cross street and no one stops for them.

Todd Sacco P2-Pleased to see that a conversation about a proposed new fire station is being considered.

He is pleased with the discussion of the Town Council decorum...consistent lateness, lack of care of position in general. He would like 10(C) to be considered...all town Council Sub Committee Meetings should be on zoom and all minutes posted.

He also thinks lap tops should not be used during a meeting.

He thinks that many of the Councilors have not completely read the Town Council Rules & Procedures and would like all to review.

Frank Constantino P2-Would like more publicity for all residents to be more aware of all topics that are being discussed?

Carol P3-She would like the Public Health Meetings to be on zoom to make more accessible for those that may be disabled.

She also would like minutes to be posted more accurately.

Karin Chavis P2-She states that she is so happy to see information on the new proposed Fire Station that this town needs so badly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

○ Joint Public Health & Safety / Rules & Ordinance-Locust St.

Councilor Flockhart reports on meeting discussing the traffic problem with Locust St. and Revere St.

Unfortunately, there was not a quorum therefore the committee could not vote on this but if the Town Council would like to proceed without a recommendation from the committee, it would be accepted by the committee.

Town Council President reports this has come out of committee with no recommendation and this has gone back to TSAC and returned with similar recommendations.

Motion by Councilor Aiello to continue

Discussion Opened

Vice President Ruggiero is a recusing himself from discussion on the Locust St.

Motion by Councilor Honan to accept the recommendations made by TSAC for Locust St.

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Discussion

Mike Diluiso, Chair of the TSAC Committee explains the reasoning's for this safety decision

Councilor Flockhart gives the history of this motion. This has been being discussed for over 3 years and they committee realizes that this is not what the neighbors might want but unfortunately this parking problem is still happening therefore she is in agreement with the TSAC recommednatin

Councilor DeMarco asks how many accidents have been recorded in this area

Mike DiLuiso reports he has no records of any actual accidents but there have been many close calls.

Councilor Munson states dispite the neighbors against this he is in agreement with TSAC and Safety First.

Chief Wiley is in full support of this motion in the interest of public safety

Councilor Belcher is in support of this due to public safety

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council appropriate from the Water Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund the amount of \$174,062 to a new special article in the Water Sewer Fund to provide additional funding for the PRV Project for which bids came in higher than the amount of the SRF loan; or take any other action thereto.

No 2nd Needed

Roll Call

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

Winthrop Beach Access

Town Council President reports that the stairs on Locust St. were taken down by the work being done by DCR and they have been notified of the need for these stairs to be replaced. The Town has since replaced the stairs and DCR has given their approval and understood our concerns.

He would like to thank the DPW for the incredible job done on these stairs.

Committee Appointments-Tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

○ Discuss the August Town Council Meeting Dates

Town Council President reports we meet on the 1st and 15th IN August and due to vacations may have to be moved. He would like to make our meeting as soon as possible as would like to begin on the proposed fires Station and the information needed to begin this process.

Dates will remain August 1st & August 15th.

Discussion Town Council Rules & Procedures- Decorum Rule #11-Referred to the Rules *& Ordinance

Town Council President reports that the time has come for the town to consider proposing a new Fire Station and a presentation will be unveiled. There has been a lot of work and effort with this project and there are many obstacles, different sites were considered but now we are proposing we will be building a new Fire House...It will be placed on the current property of Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home. There will be no disruption in Fire Services for the Town during this project.

A Fire House Building Committee will be named and will consist of 7-9 members and 3 alternatives.

Town Council President or Designee

Town Manager or Designee

Fire Chief or Designee

Citizen(s)

Alternates

This committee's job will be to educate the residents of this project, benefits, costs...etc..

Over the last several years there has been much talk about a public safety building. The Fire House need is there both stations are over 100 years old.

The way that this building is designed is so the Police Station will be included in several years.

Please see presentation of this Fire House on our Website

Councilor Munson is very impressed with this process of the new public safety building

Councilor DeMarco asks what condition the Wadworth Building is in? This is a historical building.

Town Manager reports this building is not historical , it is in a historical district.

He asks about the current tenants.

Town Manager reports the town will have responsibilities with the tenants to re locate.

Vice President Ruggiero wants to make sure this starts off correctly. Would like everything kept in one place to make it easier for the community to follow this project.

Council Aiello-Praises the process that has been done on making a decision to propose this site. This site really does work. He comments on going to the Fire Stations and they are disgraceful that these fire fighters have to put up with these conditions.

Town Manager reports there will be several committees working together on this project to cover all aspects of need for this to progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Fucillo to adjourn at 7:30 PM

2nd by Council Vice President DeMrco

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, Council Clerk

: I move that the Town Council appropriate from the Water Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund the amount of \$174,062 to a new special article in the Water Sewer Fund to provide additional funding for the PRV Project for which bids came in higher than the amount of the SRF loan; or take any other action thereto.
