

## **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Jessica M. Rushing (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Manager), Linda Peterson, Matthew Rushing, Stephen Curley, Brooke Young, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), and others.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting and advised that this meeting is being made available to the public through a live video and audio broadcast on Comcast Government Access channel 15 and is being recorded for broadcast at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded.

### **7:30 ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATION OF JOINT APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY: MATTHEW RUSHING**

Advisory Chairman Linda Peterson was present before the Board to recommend the appointment of Matthew Rushing to the Advisory Committee as voted at their last meeting. Selectman Rushing announced that she will recuse herself from deliberation and vote on this matter. Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Matthew Rushing to the Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2022. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor with none opposed and Ms. Rushing abstaining. 4/0/1.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING FY21 SOLID WASTE BUDGET**

Mr. Thorne presented the Board with the Solid Waste Budget worksheet with spreadsheet prepared monthly to track costs. The largest impacts are solid waste disposal, recycling disposal and curbside collection costs. Disposal costs of all materials have significantly increased as previously discussed with recycling costs in excess of \$100/ton which is more expensive than trash; while costs to dispose of items has increased, debt service has gone down. The curbside collection with EZ Disposal cost has increased 2.5% per the contract which has four more years left. Solid waste disposal has few players in the industry and all range from \$80-\$100/ton; trash that was brought to Taunton landfill is now trucked to Ohio and west, raising local costs significantly. The increased passed on through the existing New Bedford Waste Services contract is a result of the force majeure clause to support the costs of out of state trucking. Mr. Thorne summarized by stating that the Board will have to vote to increase municipal user fees to compensate; rates are currently \$280/year and the rising costs will require a \$30-50/year increase.

### **VOTE TO OPEN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Boyle moved to open the annual town meeting warrant on Monday, January 27, 2020 and to close it on February 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm; Ms. Rushing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2020**

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020; Ms. Rushing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne had a meeting with Mass Development and Representative Cutler yesterday to discuss the center revitalization options. The Plymouth County Collaborative has moved out of the Hatch Building effective December 31<sup>st</sup> and the building is vacant. The School Committee would like to schedule a budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boulter advised that Herring Fisheries volunteers spent 1,129 hours clearing the streams and waterways last year and they are planning their second annual Fisheries Festival April 26, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Lucky Dawg. Linda Peterson stated that she read in the newspaper that Pembroke did not receive Chapter 90 supplemental funding.

At 8:00 pm, Mr. Boulter read the upcoming issues from the agenda. Mr. Trabucco moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if

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the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; 660 Washington Street; Mr. Boyle declared it to be so and stated that the Board will return to open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Brown – yes, Rushing – yes, Trabucco – yes, Boyle – yes, Boulter – yes.

At 8:15, the Board re-entered public session. Mr. Trabucco moved to place the 660 Washington Street's RFP advertisement in the Central Register on January 22, newspaper advertisements on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with all questions submitted to the Town Manager by February 17<sup>th</sup>, the bid opening on February 24<sup>th</sup> and bid award March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the P&S Signed April 1<sup>st</sup> with an inspection period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> and a closing of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Brown – yes, Rushing – yes, Trabucco – yes, Boyle – yes, Boulter – yes.

Ms. Rushing moved to adjourn; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Email, D. Badger RE: Recommended Appointment of M. Rushing w/Application (AdCom/BOS/TM Office)  
FY21 Solid Waste Budget Worksheets (BOS/TM Office)  
Draft Minutes of January 7, 2020 (BOS/TM Office)