

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016 – 6:30 PM

On January 6, 2015, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burke at 6:41 AM. Selectmen present were: Selectmen Burke, Selectman Powderly and Selectman Hollenbeck. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary. Matthew Ferreira of the Middleboro Gazette was recording the meeting and LakeCam.

6:30 PM Meet with Board of Health and candidates for the Board of Health vacancy

Robert Poillucci and Derek Maxim, Members of the Board of Health, Christopher Spratt and Crystal Ng were present for the discussion. Chairman Burke told Mr. Spratt and Crystal Ng that whoever was appointed would have to run for the position in the April Town election. He provided both candidates with the information regarding the election time table. Chairman Burke read both letters of interest into the record. He asked both candidates to tell the Board about themselves.

Mr. Spratt said that he grew up in Lakeville and has been around septic systems and designs. He just received his degree at Bridgewater State University. He is familiar with licensing and surveying, and wants to put that experience to use and help out wherever he could. Mr. Poillucci asked Mr. Spratt where he worked. Mr. Spratt said Vanasse, Hangen and Brustlin. Mr. Poillucci asked if they do much work in Lakeville. Mr. Spratt replied not too much. Selectman Powderly asked Mr. Spratt if he had attended or watched any Board of Health Meetings, and did he like how they are run or would he change anything? Mr. Spratt said he had attended previous meetings. He has never been on a Board before. He has been around the business long enough and has drafted a lot of plans, done field work and septic repairs, so he has seen all the changes and the revisions and has a good grasp on it already.

Ms. Ng said she has lived in town over 20 years. She recently left her job at the hospital, and she has a lot more time on her hands and wants to do something for the Town. At the last Board of Health Meeting, she became really interested in what they do, as she was on their agenda regarding a rooster complaint. She feels she could do this. The Town could use a bit more diversity, and so she felt she should put her name in and see what happens. Selectman Hollenbeck asked if she has any experience with plans. Ms. Ng said her grandfather installed septic systems, so she would go with him on site. She is a microbiologist and worked in private labs. She is studying to be a herbologist, and she has become quite the expert with chickens in the last few months.

Selectman Powderly said whoever does not get nominated; he would certainly encourage them to run for other openings that there are throughout the Town. Mr. Poillucci said the Board of Health subs out all our nursing stuff. We tend to get people that are installers and are up to date on that. We just had an engineer leave the Board. The Board of Health does a lot of stuff like restaurants, etc., but 90% of the time we work with engineers and do septic systems. We really deal mostly with septic systems. Ms. Ng said she would like to withdraw her interest letter

since she thought the Board of Health did a lot more than just septic plans. Mr. Poillucci said bigger towns do infectious disease; we basically just have local variances for septic systems.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Burke; seconded by Selectman Hollenbeck it was:

VOTED: To appoint Christopher Spratt to the Board of Health.
Unanimous in favor.

6:45 PM Meet with interested candidates for the vacancies on the Cable TV Advisory Committee

Frederick Beal and Paul Meleedy were present for the discussion. Chairman Burke stated that David Curtis, Chairman of the Cable Advisory Committee, was unable to attend the meeting, but he has reviewed both applicants information and recommends appointment of both Mr. Beal and Mr. Meleedy. Mr. Meleedy stated that his understanding is that the Cable meetings are infrequent, and there has not been one in the past few months. Chairman Burke provided an explanation on the upcoming contract negotiations that the Cable Committee would be working through for the Town. Mr. Beal stated that he was interested in participating on the Committee.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Hollenbeck; seconded by Selectman Burke it was:

VOTED: To appoint Frederick Beal and Paul Meleedy to the Cable TV Advisory Committee with both appointments expiring on July 31, 2016.
Unanimous in favor.

7:00 PM Meet with Park Commission to discuss location of Police Station

Daniel Hopkins, Park Commission Chairman, was present for the discussion. Chairman Burke stated that the idea of a new Police Station has been around for quite some time. However, now with the necessary roof repairs needed for the existing Police Station, it is more than a consideration. There has been some research done on a modular building built on a concrete foundation. Based on discussions with the Building Commissioner and Police Chief, they suggested that if a new building is built, the new building should be located on another piece of property. If the Town votes to approve a new station, it would be best to be built on a portion of the Ted Williams property. Ms. Garbitt stated that one of the locations back in 2008 that were considered was between the Tennis Club and the entrance to the Ted Williams Camp. The Committee at that time ultimately voted to build it near the Senior Center. However, that proposal went by the wayside. Mr. Hopkins mentioned that there could be potential issues with the swamp with septic design, since it would have to be so many feet away from a brook and there is a brook there near the Senior Center. If it was to be located near the Tennis Club, what would be needed in terms of acreage? There may not be even three (3) acres there. Ms. Garbitt stated that she believed it was a 16,000 square foot building that the architect was proposing in 2008. Chairman Burke added that the ModSpace people are working on providing the necessary specifications. Ms. Garbitt mentioned that there was Taunton water that the Police Station could hook up to within the Park. Chairman Burke suggested that it be confirmed with ModSpace about the amount of space needed to make sure that the parcels of land being discussed would be

adequate to support a Police Station. The information could be provided to the Park Commission for them to discuss both locations and take a new vote on which parcel would be the more suitable. Mr. Hopkins stated that the Park Commission meets on Monday, and this topic would be presented. Mr. Hopkins will let the Selectmen know how the discussion goes.

7:30 PM Meet with residents to discuss formation of an Agricultural Commission

Iain Ward was present for the discussion. Chairman Burke stated that the Selectmen had been asked to meet with a resident about the possibility of forming an Agricultural Commission. The Board received information from Mr. Ward to review. Mr. Ward stated that he would like to help the Town form an Agricultural Commission (AgCom). The AgCom would field calls and be a go between the Town, farmers and neighbors. The second gentleman stated that he had been involved with forming the AgCom with the Town of Middleborough, which was the 3rd one formed in the State. The AgCom would be helping the Conservation Commission, Selectmen, Board of Health, and Animal Control Officer with agricultural issues. In Massachusetts people have a right to farm, but there are ramifications to that. It is the intention to bring this matter before the Town at Town Meeting, and see if the Town would want to have one in place. The Right to Farm Bylaw would also be proposed, since they go hand in hand. On Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 PM at the Council on Aging there will be a public meeting to learn about the AgCom and the Right to Farm. There is a panel of people that are on successful Agricultural Commissions who would be attending, so that they can discuss what they have done in their Towns. This will help provide as much information as possible before Town Meeting.

Selectman Powderly stated that there needs to be additional information so that people can understand this. Right now people would go to the Farm Bureau with concerns. Would this Committee take the place of them, or what is the relationship in working with them? Mr. Ward stated that the AgCom has a good relationship with the Farmers Bureau. They want the AgComs in place. If an organized body cannot help the farmer, then the matter goes to the Farm Bureau. This Committee would help streamline the process. There was an issue on December 16th with the Board of Health regarding a rooster. The AgCom would be able to help navigate matters before they grow into a big issue with the Board of Health. The Committee would relieve the Board of Health of issues that they may not have time to deal with or want to deal with. The AgCom would help with loose livestock situations, so that it does not become an issue.

Selectman Hollenbeck asked what the role of the AgCom would be. Would they propose bylaws? How does it impact the Town overall? Mr. Ward stated that if there is a neighbor complaining about a rooster, the Animal Control Officer (ACO) would be called so that a meeting can take place regarding the complaint. The ACO would then contact the AgCom to get involved to help solve the matter, before it was necessary for another meeting to take place on the complaint. There is a network of people that are involved with animals at all different levels. There are overlapping circles and when communication opens up, matters are solved more easily. Selectman Hollenbeck stated that they would be subject to the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Ward said the AgCom would follow the Open Meeting Law as Members would be appointed by the Selectmen. In Middleborough, meetings take place about once a month. There is a secretary who takes minutes and a website that has the meeting agendas and minutes. Issues come up;

members go out and talk to people about resolving the issue. There are benefits from the State level, if a Town has an AgCom in place. The Town would be able to receive money from the State. Selectman Powderly stated that for the Town of Lakeville the typical issues are loose animals, animals in wetlands, manure piles not maintained, etc. Selectman Hollenbeck stated that when an Economic Survey was done, Agricultural Tourism was something that people wanted to see come back again. Mr. Ward said that they would like to help put together an article for the Town Meeting Warrant and will need to know the timeline. There is a template, which will be followed; however, it will need to be tailored for the Town of Lakeville. Selectman Powderly stated that the Board supports the idea.

Announce Informational Meeting regarding the Route 79 Project on January 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM – Lakeville Public Library

Chairman Burke stated that there would be an Informational Meeting regarding the Route 79 Project on Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 PM at the Lakeville Public Library. MassDOT has asked that this meeting take place regarding the Route 79 Roadway and Traffic Improvement Project. The Town's engineering firm, Beta Group, Inc. will also be in attendance. If anyone would like more information, they should attend this meeting. Ms. Garbitt stated that at the last informational meeting, a lot of the residents that live on Route 79 were in attendance.

Discuss Letter of Interest received from Sarah Kulakovich to fill vacancy on Open Space Committee

Ms. Garbitt stated that Linda Grubb wanted to address the Selectmen about the vacancy on the Open Space Committee. Chairman Burke stated that Donald Foster had conveyed that he did not want to be reappointed to the Open Space Committee. Sarah Kulakovich submitted a letter of interest on July 17th. Ms. Grubb asked that the Selectmen delay appointing anyone to fill the vacancy until the Open Space Committee meets this evening. Over the past three (3) months, the Open Space Committee failed to have a quorum twice.

New Business

Ms. Garbitt said a meeting has been scheduled for January 19th in Berkley at their Town Hall at 6:00 PM to discuss the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and what is taking place with the Tribal Casino. Selectman Hollenbeck stated that she had been speaking with Keiko Orrall, State Representative, regarding reaching out to the Tribe, but she was waiting for this meeting to happen first. Selectman Hollenbeck will be at the meeting. Ms. Garbitt will see if a Member of the Casino Advisory Committee will be able to attend the Berkley meeting.

Other Items

1. Certificate of Recognition regarding Transfer Station
2. Massachusetts Historical Commission 2016 Preservation Awards
Brian Reynolds was present for the discussion. Mr. Reynolds spoke about the cost of preservation of Indian Sites being in the \$10,000 range. Another issue is the Historic Master Plan, which identifies what in Lakeville should be preserved. That is another

\$7,000-\$10,000 item. Selectman Powderly stated that he understood the Indian location preservation so that people do not use that area, but what and why the cost for other areas of preservation. Mr. Reynolds explained that if there are sections in Town that are Certified Local Government areas, then the Town is eligible for grants. However, it is an involved process. Forming a Historic District for the Town would also allow the Town other opportunities to be eligible for grants. The main area is near the Library and Town House, since other areas have been torn down or destroyed. Selectman Hollenbeck asked if the plan had been addressed in the Master Plan. Mr. Reynolds responded that it has been. Ms. Grubb stated that this is not in the Master Plan. Ms. Garbitt explained that the Master Plan Implementation Committee will be meeting with all Town Boards, Commissions and Committees.

3. Comcast Conditions Newsletter
4. The Voice of the Retired Public Employee Newsletter

Adjournment

At 7:55 PM, upon a motion made by Selectman Powderly; seconded by Selectman Hollenbeck it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting.
Unanimous in favor.

List of documents provided at the January 6, 2016

1. Letters of interest for vacancy on the Board of Health. MLG information for Chapter 41, Section 11-Appointment to fill vacancy in Town Offices
2. Letters of interest for vacancy on the Cable TV Advisory Committee
3. Information regarding possible location of new Police Station on the Ted Williams Camp property
4. Information from Iain Ward regarding what an Agricultural Commission is
5. Notice of meeting regarding the Route 79 Project at the Lakeville Public Library on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
6. Letter of interest from Sarah Kulakovich to fill vacancy on the Open Space Committee