

IPSWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Monday, March 5, 2018
Ipswich Town Hall, 25 Green Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §§ 18 - 25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A.

With a quorum present, William Craft called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
Selectmen present: William Craft, Chair; Nishan Mootafian, Vice-Chair; Linda Alexson, Edward Rauscher; William Whitmore
Also present: Jim Engel, Temporary Town Manager; Alexys Parsons, Recording Secretary
Not present:

Abbreviations used: BOS - Board of Selectmen; TM - Town Manager; SC- Search Committee, Electric Light Sub-Committee (ELSC); BOH- Board of Health

Public Information: Agenda; Meeting Packet

Welcome / Announcements: *(Section of video 00:02:58 – 00:09:28)*

Winter storm watch and warnings for Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Two water main breaks. Major break on 1A Paradise Road intersection and a smaller break near the ELD office.

Thank you for all the hard work from the Public Safety, Electric, Emergency Management volunteers and DPW personnel who put restorations into Town from the storm on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Citizen Queries: *(Section of video 00:09:30:00 – 00:19:09)*

James Prato, 35 Bunker Hill Road, in response to the Florida High School shootings, inquired what the BOS has done to prevent incidences like this in Ipswich schools and if the BOS considered a committee to help secure the safety of the school children. Comments from the Board: There is currently a School Resource Officer in the high school, schools have conducted drills and training. New school design has included safety (entrances/exits) in new school.

Board and Committee Appointments: *(Section of video 00:19:11 – 00:21:23)*

Barta Hathaway – Ipswich Cultural Council – Reappointment

Vote: Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to reappointment Berta Hathaway to the Ipswich Cultural Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Diane Young – Government Study Committee – New Appointment

Vote: Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to appoint Diane Young to the Government Study Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: New Seasonal Liquor License – Ipswich Country Club: *(Section of video 00:21:30 – 00:27:48)*

Mr. Mootafian recused himself from discussion, as he is a member of the Ipswich Country Club. Mr. Craft read the legal notice.

Dan Dwyer, Director of Golf, was present to request the Board to approve the Seasonal Liquor License. License is active from Memorial Day through September 15th. No comments from audience.

Vote: Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to approve the request.. The motion carried unanimously.

Change of Manager – Ipswich Country Club Liquor License: (Section of video 00:27:50 – 00:31:31)

Mr. Mootafian recused himself from discussion, as he is a member of the Ipswich Country Club.

Mr. Dwyer is the new Manager of the Ipswich Country Club as the previous General Manager resigned. All monies owed are paid up.

Vote: Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to approve the change of Manager at the Ipswich Country Club to Mr. Dwyer. The motion carried unanimously.

Follow-Up & Adoption of FY2019 Capital Budget: (Section of video 00:31:42 – 1:50:16)

Total of \$1,341,224.00 to spend on Capital Plan. Pony Express barn demo is now \$35,000. Police Department needs new generator, email migration to iCloud \$42,000, library window replacement \$80,000. Discussion over the command vehicle and the Riverwalk whether it can be put off for one year.

Votes: Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to put off the command vehicle for one year. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to continue original 30,000 investment in the comprehensive plan update. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to delay Riverwalk extension. The motion failed for a lack of a majority vote. Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to support general direction for budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Pony Express Decision Regarding Future of Stables and Release of \$35,012.50 Escrows Account: (Section of video 1:50:16 – 1:56:11)

Vote: Mr. Whitmore moved and it was seconded to remove stables. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Mr. Rauscher moved and it was seconded to release escrow account. The motion carried unanimously.

Formalize Future References to Selectmen as Selectperson(s) and Select Board: (Section of video 2:09:47 – 2:14:08)

For a more gender neutral term the Board of Selectmen will be referred to as the Select Board/Selectperson(s).

Vote: Ms. Alexson moved and it was seconded to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to “Select Board” and “Selectperson(s)”.

Discussion and Selection of Town Manager Candidate – Tentative: (Section of video 1:56:15 – 2:09:40)

Bernie Lynch, Search Consultant and Mr. Whitmore, Chair of the Screening Committee, and the BOS gave their feedback from March 3rd TM candidate interviews.

Vote: Mr. Mootafian moved and it was seconded to meet with candidate and Mr. Lynch and work through details of contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to offer the Town Manager position to Anthony “Tony” Marino. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: *(Section of video 2:14:14 – 2:15:57)*

February 12, 2018 – hold off approval until a later meeting.

Consent Agenda: *(Section of video 2:15:59 – 2:16:48)*

Street or Sidewalk Blocking Application(s):

Partial Street and Sidewalk Blocking Application from Costello Dismantling for building demolition at 18 Hammatt Street on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

Vote: Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Town Manager's Report: *(Section of video 2:16:49 – 2:21:57)*

Mr. Engel noted that improvements need to be made to the emergency notice system.

Mr. Engel will work on the warrant within the next few days.

New Business: *(Section of video 2:21:59 2:32:36)*

Mr. Whitmore suggested scheduling a Select Board meeting at one of the elementary schools.

Veterans Service meeting will be on March 28, 2018. Budget for Ipswich has gone up 5.9%. Total increased by \$3,700 for a total of \$57,776 for FY19.

Shellfish Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, and the Public Safety Facilities Committee will meet on March 13, 2018.

Mr. Rauscher stated that all Town official vehicles should have a decal. Department heads to make sure their departments have car decals.

Meeting with MEMA for funds to Town for fixing disrupted areas from the last coastal storm on March 2, 2018.

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None.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence: *(Section of video 2:21:59 2:32:36)*

None.

Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to adjourn at 9:34 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Alexys Parsons
03.21.18