

IPSWICH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Monday, March 19, 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 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Meeting Room A.

With a quorum present, William Craft called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 00:27:48 – 00:31:20)

Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to resume the meeting in open session at 7:16. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation of Jennifer Breaker. Last day on April 11, 2018.

Citizen Queries: (Section of video 00:31:22 – 00:59:33)

KellyJane Kloub, Mitchell Road, expressed concerns about the Emergency Communication System, start date of new TM, and Charter modifications to reflect the name change of the “Select Board”.

Brian Kubaska and Lucas Kubaska, 14 Ocean Drive, and Charlie Egan, Argilla Road, asked the Board to accept late Student Shellfishing Commercial Permits as Lucas and Charlie missed the deadline. *Vote: Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to allow Lucas Kubaska and Charlie Egan to apply for student permits. The motion carried unanimously.*

Phil Goguen, Kingfisher Road, expressed concerns about lack of quality microphones at various meetings, requested the Board to host a “Pre Town Meeting Forum” and asked Mr. Craft for his interpretation of “appropriation”.

Board and Committee Appointments: (Section of video 1:03:22 – 1:04:10)

Raymond Putnam – Conservation Commission – Confirmation of TM Appointment
Resignation – Michele Hutton – Conservation Commission

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

Approval of Commercial Shellfish Licenses: (Section of video 00:59:35 – 1:03:20)

Votes: Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to approve commercial clam license listing as contained in the packet. The motion carried in favor with a 4-0 vote (Ms. Alexson recused herself from the regular commercial clam license list vote). Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to add Lucas Kabaska and Charles Egan to the student permit list for the upcoming year. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to approve student commercial clamming licenses. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to approve the over 70 commercial shellfish licenses for the upcoming year. The motion carried unanimously.

Referral of Open Space Preservation Related Zoning Amendment to Planning Board: (Section of video 1:04:15 – 1:06:40)

Heidi Paek and Ethan Parsons proposed a zoning amendment about open space preservation district and a public hearing would need to occur to move on to next stages.

Vote: Mr. Whitmore moved to refer back to Planning Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: ATM 2018 Warrant: (Section of video 1:06:43 -3:38:30)

Mr. Craft read the legal notice.

Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 1 – Consent Calendar – *Not voting until future meeting due to number changes.*

Article 2 – Finance Committee Election - *Not voting until future meeting due to unknown candidates.*

Article 3 – New Elementary School Funding – *No vote until future meeting for further discussion.*

Article 4 – FY 2019 Municipal Budget – *Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to support Article 4. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 5 – FY 2018 School Budget – *Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to support Article 5. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 6 – FY 2018 Whittier Regional High School Budget – *Mr. Rauscher moved and it was seconded to RATM. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 7 - FY 2018 Essex County Technical Institute Budget – *Mr. Mootafian moved, and it was seconded to RATM. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 8 – Transfer of FY 2018 Appropriated Budget Funds to Educational Stabilization Fund – *Mr. Rauscher suggests to take no action at tonight’s meeting.*

Article 9 – Transfer FY18 Budget Funds to Special Education Stabilization Fund – *Mr. Rauscher suggests to take no action at tonight’s meeting.*

Article 10 – Annual Capital Plan - *Mr. Rauscher suggests to take no action at tonight’s meeting.*

Article 11 – Water Main Replacement – *Mr. Rauscher moved and it was seconded to support Article 11. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 12 – Town Farm Road Sanitary Sewer Extension – *Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to support to extend sewer. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 13 – Public Safety Building Study – *Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to support with source of funding to be determined. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 14 – Stabilization Funding – *Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to strike Article 14. The motion carried 3-2 in favor.*

Article 15 – Other Post-Employment Benefits Funding – *Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to support Article 15. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 16 – Compensated Absences – *Mr. Whitmore moved, and it was seconded to remove Article 16. The motion carried 5-0 in favor.*

Article 17 – Revisions to Central and General Business Districts Zoning - *Take no action at tonight’s meeting.*

Article 18 – Open Space – Kozeneski Property - *Take no action at tonight’s meeting.*

Article 19 – Non-Binding Ballot Question Regarding Adoption of an Open Checkbook System – *Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to not support. The motion carried 5-0 in favor to not support.*

Article 20 – Non-Binding Ballot Question Regarding the Town of Ipswich Conducting Quarterly Forensic Audits – *Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to not support. The motion carried 5-0 in favor to not support.*

Article 21 – Non-Binding Ballot Question Regarding Adoption of Term Limits for Elected Town Officials – *Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to not support. The motion carried 5-0 in favor to not support.*

Article 22 – Non-Binding Ballot Question Regarding Use by the Town of Ipswich of Inventory Control Software - Mr. Rauscher moved, and it was seconded to not support. The motion carried 5-0 in favor to not support.
Article 23 – Amend Sections 5 and 13 of the Town Charter – Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to support petition. The motion failed with a 4-1 opposition.

No comments from audience.

Mr. Mootafian moved and it was seconded to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Follow-Up & Adoption of FY2019 Capital Budget: *(Section of video 3:38:33 - 4:02:10)*

“Facilities Assessment” two year project (100k/year) should be in operating budget instead of Capital budget. Talk about the Riverwalk project phases being divided into more phases. IT security/migration to the Cloud (further discussion needed). Marijuana updates discussed.

Approval of Minutes: *(Section of video 4:02:14 – 4:02:48)*

February 20, 2018– Vote on minutes to follow up at a future meeting.

February 26, 2018– Vote on minutes to follow up at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda: *(Section of video 4:02:49 – 4:02:58)*

One Day Liquor License Application(s):

Wine and Malt License Application from True North Ale Company, LLC for Fundraiser for YMCA following annual Chase the Gorilla Down Argilla 5K Road Race on Saturday, April 14, 2018

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

Temporary Town Manager’s Report: *(Section of video 4:03:01 – 4:06:29)*

Police Chief Nikas has received a completed study for the speed limit change and it was determined that there is no basis for changing the speed limit on High Street.

Recommends modifications for improving the Emergency Communication System.

Continuing to meet with Moderator for venues for Town Meeting.

New Town Manager starts on April 23, 2018.

Temporary Town Manager position ending on April 20, 2018.

New Business: *(Section of video 4:06:31 – 4:13:20)*

Tri-Board meeting between Finance Committee, School Committee, and the Select Board to discuss the School Building Project on March 27, 2018.

Audit Committee meeting March 21, 2018 at 7:30 located in Room C.

Finance Committee Meeting March 22, 2018.

FINCOM meeting on March 20, 2018

Select Board added a meeting on March 26, 2018, at 7:00 in Meeting Room A.

Old Business: *(Section of video 4:06:31 – 4:13:20)*

Good opportunity to move back payroll for the new HR position proposed to add to the agenda for next meeting for further discussion.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence: *(Section of video 4:06:31 – 4:13:20)*

None.

Ms. Alexson moved, and it was seconded to adjourn at 11:02 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Alexys Parsons
03.30.18