

TOWN OF IPSWICH  
SELECT BOARD  
Meeting of April 30, 2018  
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 Select Board members, a meeting of the Select Board (“Board”) was held on Monday, April 30, 2018 in Meeting Room A.

With a quorum present, Mr. Craft called the meeting to order at 7:07.

Select Board members present: Willian Craft, Chair; Ed Rauscher; Linda Alexson; William D. Whitmore

Select Board members not present: Nishan Mootafian

Also present: Anthony Marino, Town Manager; Alyson von der Esch, Recording Secretary; Sarah Johnson; Jim Engel, Former Temporary Town Manager; Vicki Halmen, Water and Wastewater Director

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Welcome/Announcements – W. Craft

- Welcoming Mr. Marino
- Boston Globe Magazine April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Top spots to live
- Acceptance of Anonymous Donation –Police
  - Police Chief - anonymous donation to Community Resource Department of \$1,000
  - Motion by Mr. Rauscher and seconded by Ms. Alexson to accept donation within all applicable statutes of the Commonwealth

→*Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0*

### 3. Citizen Queries – W. Craft

- Gary Champion, 3 Palomino Way
  - Stated that flyer sent by Strong Ipswich Schools Committee provides misinformation and fears voters’ views will be skewed.
  - Asked Select Board to make a statement at Town Meeting regarding the validity of the process.

### 4. Approval of Provisional Commercial Shellfish Applications – W. Craft

- Police Chief discussed commercial shellfish business.
  - Commercial permits limited to 125, 13 still available. 10 new requests. Recommending approval.
  - Motion by Ms. Alexson and seconded by Mr. Rauscher to approve provisional shellfish licenses for the 10 applicants listed in the meeting packet.

→*Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0*

- Shellfish subcommittee meeting tomorrow night to discuss protocols for flat closures. Division of Marine Fisheries will be present.

### 5. Update on Dow Brook Dam Conditions, Next Steps – V. Halmen

- New wet spot on dam required Haley & Aldrich to do a site visit. It was determined that immediate action should be taken, and the dam was lowered by 2 feet. This did not help the seepage and an existing seepage spot has also gotten dramatically worse.
  - Office of Dam Safety will be issuing an order to repair the dam.
  - Dam is “unsafe but stable”.
  - Concern for the water supply because lowering the dam lowers the reservoir systems.
  - Barricades are on dams now and press release will go out tomorrow. Area is off limits to public.
- Recommendations: Drive sheeting across the entire length of the dam and down to bedrock. Will extend life of the dam at least 75 years. Improves waterproofing of dam.
  - Timeline for completion: Late September/early October is worst case but trying to expedite.
  - In order to maximize water level over the summer, asking public to be mindful and to plan for a restriction.
  - Engineering costs through bidding will be about \$90,000. Will not be able to finish Smart Meter system because will be using those funds.

- End of June will know better cost estimate, but right now construction costs are estimated at \$500,000.
- Some water main projects will likely be delayed, as well as some sewer projects.
- Select Board members discussed other possibilities for saving water until dam is repaired.
- Ms. Johnson discussed funding. By changing wording of Article 11, this money could be used to fund project. There is also a possibility of borrowing money from the state, which could include borrowing money for water main if needed.
- Water bank was discussed several years ago and perhaps should be revisited at the subcommittee level.
- Board would like to be kept up to date on project.
- Motion by Mr. Rauscher and seconded by Mr. Whitmore to accept report as it stands with understanding that there will be continued discussion.

→Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0

## 6.2 Chebacco Road Authorization to Sign Land Disposition Agreement – T. Marino

- Mr. Marino asked for a motion for permission to execute the First Amendment to Land Disposition Agreement. Temporary Town Manager was previously authorized; Mr. Marino now needs same authorization. Motion made by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Ms. Alexson.

→Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0

## 7. Determine Town Meeting Speaking Assignments – W. Craft

- Refer to handout.
- Mr. Craft noted that the town moderator is concerned about when the new elementary school funding vote will take place since daycare is over at 10:00 pm. Mr. Craft would like to keep budgets first; however, if someone makes a motion during the meeting to move it up, it will likely pass.
- Assignments made:
  - Article 1: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 2: Simple Recommendation to support FinCom
  - Article 3: Mr. Craft
  - Article 4: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 5: Mr. Mootafian
  - Article 6: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 7: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 8: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 9: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 10: Mr. Whitmore
  - Article 11: Mr. Rauscher
  - Article 12: Petitioner will recommend indefinite postponement; Simple Recommendation
  - Article 13: Ms. Alexson
  - Article 14: Mr. Mootafian
  - Article 15: Mr. Craft
  - Article 16: Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Craft will also speak if needed
  - Article 17: Mr. Rauscher
  - Article 18: Mr. Craft will speak against
  - Article 19: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 20: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 21: Simple Recommendation
  - Article 22: Simple Recommendation

## 8. Approval of Minutes – W. Craft

- March 3, 2018
  - Motion by Mr. Whitmore and seconded by Ms. Alexson to approve minutes with minor typographical edits to be made.

→Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0

- April 17, 2018 (Open Session)

- Motion by Mr. Whitmore and seconded by Mr. Rauscher to approve minutes with minor typographical edits to be made.

→*Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained. Mr. Craft abstained because he was not present on April 17.*

#### **9. Consent Agenda – W. Craft**

- One Day Wine and Malt Liquor Applications
  - TTOR, Appleton Farms for a Mother’s Day Brunch at 219 County Road, Sunday, May 13, 2018, License #AF-02-18. Wine & Malt – Newburyport Montessori School Family Social at Appleton Farms, 219 Country Road on Sunday, May 20, 2018.
  - Monarch & Rose Foods for a Wine Class at Cellar Door, 1 N. Main Street, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, License #MRF-5-18.
- Motion by Mr. Rauscher and seconded by Ms. Alexson to approve Consent Agenda  
→*Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0*

#### **10. Town Manager Report – T. Marino**

- Met with owner of Central Street site. Temporary generator has been set up to get power to tenants. Cannot use commercial space yet but can use residential space.
- Held first interviews with 8 candidates for Jen Breaker’s position (Executive Administrative Assistant/HR Manager).
- Has had two meetings with department heads to discuss Select Board meeting agenda and what’s going on in each department.
- Attending Rotary meeting on Thursday.
- Auditors talking to Town Accountant and Director of Finance about expected records and materials available for audit.

#### **11. New Business – W. Craft**

- Ms. Alexson gave update on Veterans Services Board of Directors.
- Mr. Whitmore discussed Town Meeting prep with Town Moderator Tuesday night at 7:00 pm.
- Discussion about parking for Town Meeting.

#### **12. Old Business – W. Craft**

- Mr. Rauscher discussed grants for embankment along river and for Argilla Road.

#### **13. Miscellaneous and Correspondence – W. Craft**

**Adjournment** – Motion by Ms. Alexson and seconded by Mr. Rauscher to adjourn at 8:54 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Alyson von der Esch  
5.2.2018