



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Michael S. Rosa, *Member*

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conway Hearing Room. Present were Selectman Edward Giroux, Vice Chairman, Selectman Kimberly Conway, Secretary, Selectman George Simolaris, Jr., Member, Selectman Michael Rosa, Member, and Assistant Town Manager Cathleen O'Dea. Absent were Selectman Andrew Deslaurier, Chairman and Town Manager John Curran.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Giroux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Giroux called for a moment of silence for Richard Curran, father of Town Manager John Curran.

OPEN MICROPHONE

Bob Stanton – 7 Whitegate Road came to the podium regarding Copart and neighborhood truck traffic issues.

Ms. O'Dea stated that there had been a meeting last week with town and Copart officials. She will put Mr. Stanton in touch with meeting attendees.

Steve Strykowski, 36 Mt. Pleasant Street came to the podium regarding a meeting on April 11th in Room 110 at the Town Hall from 10:00 am. to 12:00 p.m. regarding LRTA fee hikes.

Howard Murphy – 23 Bridle Road came to the podium regarding additional election on the Marijuana ballot question.

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Chris Tribou – 13 Bridle Road came to the podium regarding additional election on the Marijuana ballot question.

Dan Burns – 12 Nolte Road came to the podium regarding Big Lots signage in town and Waste Zero Textile Recycling.

Lori Kingston, - 3 Fairweather Street regarding Special Election to revote Recreational Marijuana.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Vice Chairman Giroux stated that the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen would not take place this evening because all Board members were not present. It will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Selectman Simolaris stated he strongly disagreed with postponing the reorganization until the next meeting. He felt it should take place at this meeting.

Selectman Rosa stated that he believed that the Charter stipulated that the reorganization take place at the meeting right after an election.

Vice Chairman Giroux stated that he had conferred with Town Counsel, Mark Reich and this was his recommendation so the entire Board could be present.

Selectman Rosa asked if this was in violation of the Charter.

Vice Chairman Giroux stated this was the recommendation of Attorney Reich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Conway stated there were 3 openings on the Scholarship Foundation committee and 4 openings on the Cable Advisory Committee. All other announcements may be viewed on the Town of Billerica Website, Selectmen's page.

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Selectman Conway stated that the date and time for the Billerica Health and Wellness Fair is Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. at the Billerica Elks on Webb Brook Road.

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March 5, 2018

Selectman Conway, seconded by Selectman Rosa made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 2018.

It was voted:

4 – In Favor

0 – Opposed

1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDS

The Board and contributing companies presented the checks to the Community Fund recipients.

All recipients present thanked the Board and the contributing companies.

Town Manager Report

There was no Town Manager report for this meeting.

Steve Lisaukas, Waste Zero, Textile Recycling Follow Up

Selectman Rosa stated that the last time this was on the Agenda, Mr. Curran provided the Board with a contract. The purpose tonight is to provide clarification and any amendments the Board would like incorporated in the contract. Selectman Rosa reviewed the evolution of Billerica's history of recycling. He provided photos of clothing bins up and down Route 3A. He also provided a list of the communities that have already adopted the Textile Recycling Program. He outlined the advantage for Billerica to adopt this program.

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Steve Lisaukas from Waste Zero came to the podium and make a follow up presentation on Textile Recycling and to answer any questions that the Board may have on the contract.

Vice Chairman Giroux stated it was not within the Board's purview to negotiate the contract.

Vice Chairman opened the discussion up for questions from the Board.

Selectman Simolaris expressed previous concerns that he had on the program. He would like to make sure that churches and other charities in town are not hurt by this program. He would be inclined to vote for this contract for a one year period.

Selectman Conway asked about the duration of the contract.

Mr. Lisaukas stated it would be for three years.

Selectman Conway asked how long Simple Recycling and Waste Zero had been partnering. She also inquired if any community had terminated their contract.

Mr. Lisaukas replied that Simple Recycling had been in business for 54 years and Waste Zero has partnered with them for the last 3 years. He also stated no community had terminated their contract.

Selectman Conway asked about the collection procedure especially about discretion on pick up items and spilled bags.

Ms. Lisaukas reviewed the process. He stated the contract could be amended to reflect the spilled item procedure.

Selectman Conway stated that in respect to the photos that Selectman Rosa provided, adopting this policy would not change that.

Selectman Rosa responded that it would help alleviate some of the debris surrounding those bins.

Selectman Simolaris asked about opting out of the contract.

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Mr. Lisaukas explained the provisions involved with opting out; i.e., they are for failure to live up to contract terms and “at convenience” with a 90 day notice, but the for the remainder of the contract, no other contractor can be hired.

Vice Chairman Giroux stated he could not support this program at this time. He has spoken with people who do not see a need for it.

Ms. Lisaukas provided a quote from the Town of Natick in a story done by Fox 25 news on their experience with the program.

Selectman Rosa stated he would like to make a motion to have the Town Manager negotiate a contract with Waste Zero to participate in this program and have Board members with concerns about the sample contract forward them to be incorporated in the discussion so that they are not negotiating the contract and the concerns can be address between Waste Zero and the Town Manager.

Selectman Conway seconded Selectman Rosa’s motion.

It was voted:

- 2 – In Favor
- 2 – Opposed (Selectmen Conway and Giroux)
- 1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

Billerica Public Library, Permission to Place four (4) Lawn Signs on the Town of Billerica Common from April 30th-May 21, 2018 to advertise the 2nd Annual Reader 5K

Lisa Botte came to the podium for this request.

Selectman Simolaris, seconded by Selectman Rosa made a motion to grant permission to the Billerica Public Library to place four (4) lawn signs on the Common from April 30, 2018 thru May 21, 2018 for the 2nd Annual Read 5K.

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It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 - Opposed
1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

Clean Up/Green Up, Request Permission to place 3-4 lawn signs on the Billerica Common From April 17-April 30, 2018 for the Event on April 28, 2018

Selectman Conway, seconded by Selectman Rosa made a motion to grant permission for Clean Up/Green Up Committee to place four (4) lawn signs on the Common from April 17 thru April 30, 2018 to advertise the event on April 28, 2018.

It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

Marshall Middle School PTO , Permission to place two (2) Lawn Signs on the Town Common from April 15 thru May 6, 2018 to advertise their Fundraising Event on May 6, 2018, "Bag 2 School" to Increase Awareness of Textile Recycling.

Selectman Conway, seconded by Selectman Rosa made a motion to grant permission to the Marshall Middle School PTO to place two (2) Lawn Signs on the Town common from April 15, thru May 6, 2018 to advertise their Fundraising Event on May 6, 2018,"Bag 2 School" to Increase Awareness of Textile Recycling.

It was voted: 4 – In Favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 23, 2018

May 7 and 21, 2018

May 1, May 3, May 8, May 10, May 15, May 17, May 22 and May 24 prior to Town Meeting If necessary.

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Selectman Rosa suggested scheduling those meetings prior to Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Conway, seconded by Selectman Rosa made a motion to adjourn.

It was voted:

4 – In Favor

0 – Opposed

1 – Absent (Selectman Deslaurier)

Vice Chairman Giroux adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Sue Aker, Recording Secretary