

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

May 11, 2015

Chairman Judith L. O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Michael L. Champoux, Louis Cimaglia, IV, Michael V. McCoy and Michael J. Newhouse. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman O'Connell asked those present to rise and asked Selectman Champoux to lead the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman O'Connell asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 45, 45A, 46 and 46A.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meetings held March 23, 2015 and April 27, 2015 and that all actions taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

RECOGNITION OF POP WARNER "PEE WEE" TEAM CHEERLEADERS & COACHES

Chairman O'Connell welcomed the cheerleaders, coaches and family to the Board of Selectmen meeting. She noted that in January, Coach Deb Smith had communicated with the Town to advise of the team's accomplishments including earning the title of National Champions in their Division Level 3. Coach Smith also advised that the team was awarded the Grand National Championship of all teams of all ages who competed at the National Championship.

Members of the Board of Selectmen offered their congratulations to the cheerleaders, coaches and the parents.

Two members of the cheerleading team asked to speak, at which time they thanked their family and coaches.

Chairman O'Connell presented certificates on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

NANCY VALLEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RE: REQUEST TO CONDUCT TOWN OF WILMINGTON 11TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN/WALK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Ms. Vallee offered her congratulations to the cheerleaders.

Ms. Vallee stated that she was present on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to request permission to conduct the annual race on Sunday, September 27. The event will take place at the same location, 10 Waltham Street, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. She noted that the event attracts many out of town runners and last year there were 632 participants and 100 spectators.

Town Manager Hull advised that he is confident Ms. Vallee will work with the police department to ensure a safe event. He noted that one issue of concern is to make sure barriers are set up along First Avenue as he has received complaints in the past about the roadway being used as part of the parking lot.

Chairman O'Connell asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. Selectman Champoux advised that he is on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and advised that he will recuse himself from the vote. A motion was made by Selectman Cimaglia, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of four with Selectman Champoux abstaining, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to conduct the Town of Wilmington 11th Annual Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

MICHAEL WOODS, DPW DIRECTOR, RE: UPDATE ON AUTOMATED TRASH & RECYCLING PROGRAM

Mr. Woods was present with Joseph Lobao, Utility and Business Manager, and Kevin Douglas, Co-owner of Russell Disposal.

Mr. Woods reviewed the program, advising that during the week of June 20, residents will receive a 64 gallon trash receptacle and a 95 gallon recycling receptacle. It is anticipated that it will take five days to complete delivery. He noted that potential benefits include an increase in recycling, decreased disposal cost and a decrease in the amount of roadside litter.

Mr. Woods stated that a recurring question is whether residents may skip a week if they do not fill the containers and his response is that the resident may make the decision based upon usage. Residents are asked to work with the containers that are delivered prior to making a decision to rent an additional trash receptacle. He stated that most people determine that the one container is sufficient. He advised that it costs \$150 the first year and \$100 each subsequent year to lease the trash container. Residents may purchase an additional recycling container for \$30.

Mr. Woods advised that the Department of Public Works intends to schedule a time when residents may drop off their old barrels if they wish to dispose of them. The trash barrels will then be recycled.

Mr. Woods advised that all other components of the Town's disposal and recycling programs remain unchanged.

Mr. Woods reviewed the various events where the containers and information have been displayed including Town Election, Town Meeting, Job Fair and New Resident Day at the Library. Information sessions were held at the Buzzell Senior Center and at the schools for fourth grade students. He advised that the DPW will schedule an additional session if the Elderly Services Director believes it is warranted. Representatives will also be at opening day of the Wilmington Farmers Market. He advised that there will be a brief informational program airing on WCTV beginning in May and continuing through the summer. The recycling calendar will be mailed to residents.

Town Manager Hull stated that the intent is to increase the amount of recycling. He stated that the trash receptacles are large enough and advised that another option to accommodate periodic overflow will be to use 34 gallon bags that will be available in local stores for purchase.

Chairman O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Selectman Champoux asked if there will be information provided with the receptacles to remind residents of what material is recyclable. Mr. Woods advised that a pamphlet will be included.

Selectman Newhouse asked what retail establishments will offer the bags for purchase. Mr. Woods advised that Market Basket confirmed that they will stock the bags and the DPW is also working with Elia's Country Store, Lucci's Super Market and Stop & Shop – North Reading.

Information is available on the DPW's website
http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_PublicWorks/index or by calling the DPW at 978-658-4481.

Chairman O'Connell asked if the receptacles will still need to be out by 6:00 a.m. and Mr. Woods confirmed that time. In addition, Mr. Douglas noted that the bar side must face out, the cover must be closed and there must be three feet between receptacles to allow the mechanism to raise the container.

Selectman McCoy asked what steps will be taken if the cover is not closed. Mr. Douglas advised that it is up to the Town but his experience with other towns is that Russell will collect the trash/recycling but will leave a sticker. One problem with the cover not being completely closed is that animals/rodents will have access to the trash.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman O'Connell stated that she has enjoyed being chair over the past year, she said it has been enlightening and educational. She thanked Town Manager Hull, members of the management team, the Town Manager's administrative staff including Wendy Martiniello, Paula Barry and Beverly Dalton. Chairman O'Connell expressed her appreciation to members of the Board for their support.

Members of the Board of Selectmen thanked Chairman O'Connell for her service as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the past year. The manner in which she handled difficult aspects of serving as chair were exemplary and it is a difficult task to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be heard in a public forum.

Selectman Newhouse acknowledged that each individual on the Board of Selectmen is capable of serving as the chairman and he noted that over the past couple of years Selectman Champoux had expressed an interest in serving as Chairman. Selectman Newhouse asked if Selectman Champoux continued to be interested. Selectman Champoux confirmed that he was. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman McCoy and be the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That Michael L. Champoux serve as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from William Hayes, Senior Arborist, Eversource Energy, who wrote to advise of their intention to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through the Town of Wilmington. The treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program that also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to Gary DePalma, Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, providing notification, in compliance with M. G. L. Chapter 51, Section 15, that the term of Alice Hooper, a member of the Board of Registrars representing the Democratic party, will expire April 30, 2015.

Town Manager Hull reviewed letters from Paul Bruce, Jr. and Ronald DiGiorgio who wrote expressing their desire to be reappointed as Constables.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF WILMINGTON SONS OF ITALY AND WILMINGTON BAND PARENTS TO USE THE SWAIN SCHOOL PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY, MAY 17 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. IN THE EVENT OF RAIN ON SATURDAY, MAY 16

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Cimaglia, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Wilmington Band Parents and Wilmington Sons of Italy to use the Swain School parking lot on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the event of rain on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF MICHAEL R. BEGONIS, POLICE CHIEF, TO USE ROTARY PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. Chief Begonis spoke briefly advising that this event is made possible by a grant from the Cummings Foundation and reviewed some of the activities that are planned. A motion was made by Selectman Newhouse, seconded by Selectman Cimaglia and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Michael R. Begonis, Police Chief, to use Rotary Park for the purpose of conducting a National Night Out Celebration on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF KHALID HAZIMEH TO OBTAIN A HAWK & PEDLE LICENSE TO SELL ICE CREAM

Town Manager Hull advised that favorable recommendations were received from the Police Department and Board of Health.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Cimaglia, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant a Hawk & Pedle License to sell ice cream to Khalid Hazimeh.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS, BOARD OF REGISTRARS, COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, FENCE VIEWER, TOWN COUNSEL AND CONSTABLES

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. Selectman McCoy asked if the candidate for reappointment to the Board of Appeals submitted a letter requesting he be reappointed. Town Manager Hull advised that he had not. Selectman McCoy expressed his concern as the appointment is for five years to a powerful position and expressed his desire that a letter be submitted and that the reappointment not be an automatic appointment. A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen table reappointment of Edward Loud to the Board of Appeals until their meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Town Manager Hull advised that the General Laws indicate that absence a response after 45 days the selectmen will make an appointment. He stated that often times the Town does not receive a response but because the 45 days has not expired, he believed it would be prudent for the Board to table until its next meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman O'Connell, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen table reappointment of Alice Hooper to the Board of Registrars until their meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

A motion was made by Selectman O'Connell, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen reappoint Sara E. Brook, Marguerite Elia, Diane L. Giamberardino and Linda D. Molloy to the Council for the Arts for a term to expire April 30, 2018.

FENCE VIEWER

A motion was made by Selectman O'Connell, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen reappoint Paul Alunni and John T. Spaulding as Fence Viewers for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

TOWN COUNSEL

A motion was made by Selectman O'Connell, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen reappoint Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis & Holland, PC as Town Counsel for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

CONSTABLES

A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman O'Connell and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen reappoint Paul D. Bruce, Jr., Alan C. Hunter and Charles E. Rooney, Jr. as Constables for a term to expire April 30, 2016; John B. Bridges, Jr., Ronald M. DiGiorgio, William F. A. Pepicelli, John J. Ruehrwein, and Anthony J. Saia as Constables for a term to expire April 30, 2016 with the restriction not to solicit clients but may serve civil process for clients who need service into Wilmington and Ellen G. Davis Sawyer to serve as a Constable in conjunction with her duties as an animal control officer for a term to expire April 30, 2016.

BOARD TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen ratify the Town Manager's reappointment of Kathleen Black Reynolds and Diane T. Harvey to the Historical Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2018.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Selectmen O'Connell, seconded by Selectman Newhouse and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectman ratify the Town Manager's reappointment of Diane M. Allen and Paul J. Melaragni to the Permanent Building Committee for a term to expire April 30, 2018.

Town Manager Hull advised that there are vacancies on the Commission on Disabilities and the Historical Commission and the Town is seeking interested candidates to fill those positions.

TOWN MANAGER TO ANNOUNCE HIS APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Town Manager Hull announced his appointments to various boards, committees, commissions and town offices. A copy of those appointments is made part of the minutes by attachment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the Board of Selectmen congratulated Michael Champoux on being voted to serve the Board as Chairman.

Selectman O'Connell thanked the residents who participated in the Town Meeting process and acknowledged the work of the Yentile Farm Development Committee. She stated that there was an article at Town Meeting to name the facility and she took the position to uphold the public process. She noted that residents voted to name it the Yentile Farm Recreation Facility and the development committee will embrace the name and work to construct a facility that the Town and the Yentile Family can be proud of. She stated that the development committee was granted the ability to name the individual components of the facility.

Selectman O'Connell asked Chairman Champoux to have a discussion regarding the appointment of Finance Committee members. She stated that she would like to improve communication related to the deliberations that take place when making appointments.

Selectman Newhouse stated that for an extended period of time the Town Manager and members of the Board have commented relative to the use of the high school artificial turf field and the access youth groups will have to the field. He stated that he continues to explain that the site is still a construction area and wanted to make sure the Board is proactive educating the general public and the youth groups regarding the expectations, rules and protocol upon completion.

Selectman Cimaglia advised that in addition to the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies on May 25, Saturday morning veterans' graves are decorated beginning at Wildwood Cemetery continuing to individual squares and a dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 24 at the Town Common. He also noted that May is Military Appreciation Month. Selectman Cimaglia thanked Market Basket for allowing the parade to step off from their parking lot each year.

Chairman Champoux thanked members of the Board for naming him to serve as Chairman, he is grateful to serve the people of Wilmington.

Chairman Champoux stated that he attended the Good Guy Award dinner on Friday and the Good Guy is Ann St. Onge.

Town Manager Hull advised that the Open Space Committee is working to finalize the Open Space Plan and stated that the committee is soliciting input on types of uses. He advised that a survey has been placed on the Town's website under News and Notices and hard copies are available at the Town Hall, Senior Center and Memorial Library.

Town Manager Hull advised that there has been information on Facebook concerning Wildwood Cemetery and flowers and items of personal value left at gravesides have been taken. He stated that there has been a flurry of communication and a sense that the Town does not care. He emphasized that the Town does care, that many employees have family members that are buried there and noted that it is difficult to monitor the cemetery. Town Manager Hull expressed his position that it is not an appropriate use of resources to have police patrolling the cemetery and believes that placing cameras will be disconcerting to individuals visiting their loved ones or simply taking a stroll, as though "Big Brother" is watching. He noted that private cemeteries have the ability to fence off and close during certain hours. Town Manager Hull wanted to assure residents that Town officials are aware of the incidents and are concerned.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

May 12 – Yentile Farm Development Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.

May 17 – PanMass Challenge Kids Ride – Carter Lane – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade – 10:00 a.m.
Ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery – 11:00 a.m.
Town Offices Closed

May 26 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

May 28 – High School Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:30 p.m.

June 4 – Shawsheen Tech Graduation

June 6 – Fishing Derby – Town Beach – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

June 7 – Wilmington High School Graduation

June 13 – Town-Wide Yard Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Selectman Cimaglia, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary