

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

May 8, 2017

Chairman Michael L. Champoux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Edward P. Loud, Sr. and Michael V. McCoy. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

A motion was duly made and seconded and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining issues with New England Police Benevolent Association Local 13 with the intention to return to open session.

Chairman Michael L. Champoux called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Edward P. Loud, Sr. and Michael V. McCoy. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Champoux asked those present to rise and he led the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman Champoux asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 44, 44A, 45 and 45A.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of four with Selectman Loud abstaining, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held March 27, 2017 and that all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

VALERIE GINGRICH, PLANNING & CONSERVATION DIRECTOR, RE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ms. Gingrich was present with Elizabeth Rust, consultant for the regional housing services office. Ms. Rust introduced herself and her qualifications. She noted that the state maintains the subsidized housing inventory (SHI). Towns above the ten percent are able to deny housing that does not meet zoning requirements. She explained that the numerator is the number of affordable units in town. If rental developments meet certain criteria, the town is able to count all of the units towards the numerator. The denominator is obtained from the Federal Census which occurs every ten years. Currently the Town of Wilmington is above the ten percent threshold. Ms. Rust stated that looking towards 2020, the Town projects to be below 10% based on housing growth over the last seven years.

Selectman Loud asked what percentage the Town will be at in 2020. Ms. Gingrich stated the Town currently has 810 units in its subsidized housing inventory. She explained that the homeowner rehab units, a total 54, were 15 year terms. That was approximately 15 years ago and each year are removed from the affordable housing inventory once the loan is paid. Those units will be expired and not on the list by 2022.

Ms. Gingrich stated that there will be a new denominator in 2020 following the Federal Census, and explained how she arrived at the project number.

Selectman Caira questioned Ms. Gingrich's use of 40 for the conservative projection and opined that it is too high. Ms. Gingrich stated that the subdivisions that have been reviewed were taken into consideration including Murray Hill and Garden of Eden Estates. Ms. Gingrich advised that with the exception of the Over 55 overlay, the Town does not have a requirement for affordable housing.

Ms. Gingrich explained that for ownership units, only those that are affordable units count towards the inventory. If 25% of a rental development are affordable, then all the units count.

Ms. Gingrich explained that when she referred to affordable, the state includes units on the SHI if they are affordable to families making 80% of the median area income. She acknowledged that not every family will be able to afford that, but it is a threshold of when the units may be counted.

Ms. Rust stated that when units are created through a 40B process, they count when the Planning Board issues the permit, a building permit must be issued within 12 months and an occupancy permit must be issued within 18 months. For units created outside of the 40B process, the units are counted when an occupancy permit is issued. She advised the Board of Selectmen to take this into consideration when thinking of projects that may be in the pipeline as it takes some number of years from concept to when they are recorded.

Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town's options are to take no action and fall below the 10% affordable housing. The Town will then be subject to 40B Comprehensive Permit Projects in 2020 until it meets 10%.

Town Manager Hull noted that as homes are added to the inventory, with the denominator increasing, the percentage of affordable units will diminish whether it happens in 2020, 2021 or 2022. Ms. Rust clarified that the denominator is only changed once every ten years and once the denominator is created, it does not change for 10 years. Town Manager Hull asked Ms. Rust what her experience is regarding the generation of affordable housing in the absence of the Town trying to facilitate it.

Selectman Caira asked how many units make up a 40B project. Ms. Rust stated either 25% at an 80% AMI or 20% at a lower AMI. Ms. Gingrich stated that it could be any size.

Selectman McCoy asked what agency could force a developer to take action prior to 2020. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town cannot force anyone. The Town does not have zoning that requires affordable units with the exception of the Over 55 Overlay District. She said there is a project before the Planning Board where three units of 27 will be affordable. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town could provide an incentive for affordable housing to happen. She stated that one way is the creation of single family homes on small, Town-owned surplus single lot parcels. She stated that the Town has a lot of small parcels that are vacant and could be developed. She stated that the Town could also create a larger rental development for senior/over 55 housing. Ms. Gingrich reviewed in greater detail how the two options would work.

Selectman McCoy asked if the Town needed to determine what age defines a senior. He noted that he is over the age of 55 and social security can be collected at age 62. Ms. Rust stated that from the housing program perspective, for Chapter 40B age restricted housing is 55; for public housing it is 62 and HUD has programs that are 65. She noted that it depends upon funding that is being received. Ms. Gingrich noted that the Town's zoning specifies the age of 55 for age restricted housing.

Selectman Caira stated that the housing is not restricted to Wilmington residents, he believes there is a misconception that there will be affordable housing solely for Wilmington residents. Ms. Rust confirmed and advised that the state will allow up to 70% local preference if properly requested and justified by the community.

Selectman Caira asked about accessory apartments and whether they are counted. Ms. Gingrich stated they are factored into the denominator. Accessory apartments do not have restrictions relative to affordability. Ms. Gingrich advised that they would have to be deed restricted and the person would have to be income certified so that they qualify to live there. Ms. Rust stated that in order for the unit to count, it has to be marketed to Affirmative Fair Marketing standards. Homeowners want to choose who will live in their accessory apartment and do not want a lottery to choose for them. Ms. Gingrich also stated that the homeowner would have to accept less than market rate for the unit.

Ms. Gingrich stated that another strategy is that the Town could repurpose foreclosed property as affordable housing units or the Town could consider inclusionary zoning which is writing into the zoning code a requirement that ten percent of the units in housing projects be affordable. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town of Burlington requires that any development over four units provide ten percent affordable housing. Ms. Rust stated that the Town of Burlington is considering increasing the requirement to 12% or 15% to make up the difference when smaller developments are not required to provide affordable housing. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town could also consider allowing an increase in density.

Town Manager Hull stated that having an inclusionary element will allow the Town to keep pace as development continues.

Selectman McCoy stated that he is interested to see construction of developments that have already been proposed to see how it impacts the character of the Town. He believes the Town needs to be cautious not to turn the Town into a cluster development. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Town of Wilmington is a single family lot style Town and agreed that is not what the Town wants to be changing.

Ms. Gingrich stated that she provided the overview as context for ongoing discussions with the Facility Master Plan. She stated that she will be looking for direction from the Board of Selectmen and believes that with these types of strategies the Town can meet different goals for providing diverse housing that fit the context of the Town.

Chairman Champoux stated that residents have made it clear that the priority be to focus on accommodating seniors in Town. He expressed his desire to prevent a developer dictating to the Town what type of development will be built without its consent. He stated the town needs to take steps to keep its 10% affordable housing to control the kind of development the Town will have. He opined that the St. Dorothy's location is more appropriate than the Town Hall location.

Selectman McCoy expressed concern with cluster development and believes the Town needs to be very careful and reiterated that he would like to see the proposed developments constructed.

Selectman Loud asked about apartments above retail locations and whether they are included as affordable housing and was advised that they are not. He stated that he would be in favor of all three strategies. Selectman Loud said he is interested in helping the seniors but he believes it is also important to keep the young people in Town. He expressed concern at the possibility of the xpedex cite on Main Street being developed. He stated that he is in favor of developing an inclusionary zoning by-law.

Selectman Caira stated that he is not in favor of developing the St. Dorothy's parcel or the Glen Road parcel.

Selectman Bendel thanked Ms. Gingrich for her presentation and stated that they all share the same concerns about the aging population and recognizes the desire of "thirty-somethings" to be able to stay in the town in which grew up. He expressed his concern about the term affordable.

Chairman Champoux asked about the process. Town Manager Hull stated that any effort to establish an inclusionary zoning by-law will require a vote at Town Meeting. He believes it would be significant to have the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen. The sale of Town-owned land would have to go through the disposition of surplus property, a process that is well established. He believes the Town should be taking action at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Champoux stated that the Board of Selectmen is in agreement that the Town should be taking steps to get in front of the ten percent 40B requirement. He asked Ms. Gingrich if she had enough information to continue the work that she needs to do to get the Board to a point where they can take more specific action. Ms. Gingrich stated that if the Town wants to be proactive and use Town-owned land, the process would need to begin soon. The Town should consider what is appropriate to bring to the next Town Meeting. Selectman Caira expressed his opposition to the use of the term surplus regarding land owned by the Town. He commented that when the Town purchased property from St. Dorothy's Church it was his understanding that it would be considered for a new Municipal and School Administration building and not for affordable housing. Town Manager Hull stated that the use of the word surplus is not intended to imply that it has an overabundance of land. The reference is that if the Town were to go that route there would have to be a designation that the property has no other purpose for the Town. If the Town is to avoid the prospect of going below ten percent, there needs to be a fairly large scale project so that the Town can receive credit for all of the units. The Town is in a position, absent a significant type of project, to go below ten percent.

Selectman Bendel stated that the Board has not seen the final report from the Facilities Master Plan and he would be hesitant moving forward without having the report.

Chairman Champoux asked about the forecast for the Facilities Master Plan Committee. Town Manager Hull stated that the plan is to have a joint meeting with members of the Finance Committee, School Committee and Board of Selectmen. Chairman Champoux suggested that after that meeting, the Board of Selectmen meet with Ms. Gingrich again to discuss an action plan to form a proposal to go before Town Meeting.

Selectman McCoy suggested the Town wait until 2020 until the developments are built. He believes it is premature to go before Town Meeting. Selectman Caira expressed his agreement. Chairman Champoux stated that if the Board takes that position, in 2020 the Town will fall below 10% and will be subject to a 40B project. Town Manager Hull stated that the Town cannot expect that leaving future housing to market forces is going to get the Town out of falling below 10%.

Ms. Gingrich noted that the development on Andover Street is the only area of land in town that has an affordable component. She stated that all the other developments that have been proposed do not have an affordable housing requirement.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to James DiLorenzo, Project Manager, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) relative to Olin Corporation. The letter was in response to previous correspondence between Mr. DiLorenzo and Olin Corporation and indicates that the Town does not agree with Olin's objection to being required to address the DAPL and one

of the long term goals of site remediation effort must be restoration of Maple Meadow Brook aquifer. Town Manager Hull noted that the letter was copied to the legislative delegation and residents of Cook Avenue.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Michael Woods, DPW Director; Jamie Magaldi, PE, Operations Manager, and Paul Alunni, PE, Town Engineer, regarding the Butters Row Bridge. The bridge currently has a weight limit of five tons (10,000 pounds) and was reconstructed in 1987. In December 2011, the timber decking was replaced, the asphalt wearing course was replaced over wood deck in June 2012 and the asphalt wearing course was repaired in September 2013. Town Manager Hull reviewed the Department of Transportation's rating of the bridge and noted that the next inspection is due in June 2017. He noted that there is work identified to occur during the construction season.

Selectman Caira thanked Town Manager Hull for obtaining the information and stated that it was brought up due to the concern of the Facilities Master Plan of getting emergency vehicles across the bridge and asked what the likelihood is of approaching MassDOT to construct a new bridge at that location. He asked what actions the Board of Selectmen need to take. Town Manager Hull stated that there are a number of bridges in various stages of deterioration and the coding system is what MassDOT uses to set priority. He stated that if there is resistance by officials of the Town, or the impacted neighborhood, they will move on to the next project. He senses there may be concern as there was in the late 1990s, early 2000s, when it was originally proposed to be reconstructed. The Town hired an engineer to develop a design and the Town was close to 25% design when there was a public hearing and a sizeable crowd attended to voice their opposition. The concern was that it would generate more traffic by making it easier to get off Main Street and use it as a cut through.

Selectman Bendel requested that the memorandum and report be posted on the Town's website so that residents may have access.

Selectman McCoy stated that the Town Manager recently held a meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss Chestnut Street and Butters Row. He stated that 20 plus years ago residents wanted a new bridge but they wanted a single lane bridge and opined that is still the wish of the residents. Town Manager Hull stated his understanding is that there are certain design requirements relative to meeting certain dimensions and the inclusion of sidewalks.

Selectman Caira opined that replacing the bridge will not generate additional traffic but he is concerned about the safety of the bridge and getting the fire apparatus over the bridge.

Selectman Bendel asked about conducting a survey or inviting residents to a meeting to determine whether they are still opposed to a new bridge.

Town Manager Hull suggested placing this on a future Board of Selectmen agenda whether the Town should pursue a new bridge for that location. He stated that the Town has been advised that the inspection process of bridges determines the priority for repair and or replacement.

Selectman Loud noted that during the development of Yentile Farm, he became aware that MassDOT was looking at reconstructing Route 38 from Route 62 to the Woburn line and asked whether the bridge, or at least the intersection, would be part of the project. Town Manager advised that the intersection would be included in that project. He advised that it is anticipated that, at its July meeting, the engineer hired by the Town will make a presentation to the Selectman as to the current design. Town Manager Hull advised that the bridge would not be included in the Route 38 project.

Chairman Champoux asked that discussion relative to the Butters Row Bridge be scheduled for the Board's meeting of June 12.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the vacancy on the Board of Appeals. Notice of the vacancy was posted on the Town's website and will remain posted through the deadline for submission of applications which is the close of business on Wednesday, May 17th. Meetings will be scheduled with interested residents May 24th. It is expected that the Board will make a decision that evening since the Board will not meet again until June 12th and the Board of Appeals meeting is June 14th.

Town Manager Hull reviewed letters from Paul Bruce, Jr., Ronald DiGiorgio and John J. Ruehrwein who wrote expressing their wish to be reappointed as a Constable.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to John P. Goggin, Republican Town Committee, regarding the reappointment of Edward L. Sousa to the Board of Registrars.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM KAREN CAMPBELL, RECREATION DIRECTOR, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON AND GAZEBO FOR THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ON WEDNESDAYS, JULY 5, JULY 12, JULY 19 AND JULY 26 (RAINDATE THURSDAY, JULY 6, JULY 13, JULY 20 AND JULY 27)

Town Manager Hull advised that the concerts would take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Karen Campbell, Recreation Director to use the Town Common and Gazebo for the Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays, July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 (RAINDATE THURSDAY JULY 6, JULY 13, JULY 20 AND JULY 27)

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MARIE CAHALANE, GUIDANCE CURRICULUM TEAM LEADER, TO USE THE SWAIN GREEN AND MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SENIOR BARBEQUE

Town Manager Hull stated that there are no conflicts with this request.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Marie Cahalane, Guidance Curriculum Team Leader, to use the Swain Green and Municipal Parking Lot on Friday, June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON AND THE NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1, PATROLMAN'S UNION, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

Town Manager Hull reviewed the terms of the agreement. Chairman Champoux confirmed that the agreement, as described, was agreed to by the Board of Selectmen in Executive Session at a previous meeting.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen execute the collective bargaining agreement between NEPBA Local 1 and the Town of Wilmington.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING ACCEPTANCE BY CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF DEED, RE: GRANT OF LAND AND EASEMENTS CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OFF GREEN MEADOW DRIVE

Town Manager Hull stated that in exchange for the developer having an opportunity to increase density of the development, they would convey to the Town property that would be retained as open space through the Conservation Commission. He advised that this property would be 30.4 acres and one advantage is that there are opportunities for this property to connect with trails and other developments.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve acceptance of deed by the Conservation Commission of land and easements for a certain parcel of land off Green Meadow Drive.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, THE BOARD OF APPEALS, BOARD OF REGISTRARS, COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, FENCE VIEWER, SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, TOWN COUNSEL AND CONSTABLES

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen appoint Christopher H. Sullivan as Animal Control Officer for a term to expire April 30, 2018; Thomas W. Siracusa as a member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 30, 2022; Edward L. Sousa as a member of the Board of Registrars for a term to expire 2020; Sara E. Brook, Jean A. Chang, Marguerite Elia, Diane L. Giamberardino and Linda D. Molloy as members of the Council for the Arts for a term to expire April 30, 2020; Paul Alunni and John T. Spaulding as Fence Viewers for a term to expire June 30, 2018; Paul Ruggiero, Interim Superintendent, Susanne L. Clarkin, Carol A. King, Robert J. Peterson and Michele Caira Nortonen as members of the Scholarship Fund Committee for a term to expire April 30, 2020; Michael Morris as Town Accountant for a term to expire April 30, 2020; Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis & Holland, PC as Town Counsel for a term to expire June 30, 2018; Barbara J. Calla, Jason F. Costa, Alan C. Hunter and Frank J. Ingram, Esq. as Constables for a term to expire April 30, 2018; John B. Bridges, Jr., Paul D. Bruce, Jr., Ronald M. DiGiorgio, Dennis C. Otis, William F. A. Pepicelli, John J. Ruehrwein and Anthony J. Saia as Constables, with the restriction not to solicit clients but have the authority to serve civil process for clients who need service into Wilmington, for a term to expire April 30, 2018 and Christopher H. Sullivan as Constable in conjunction with his duties as an Animal Control Office for a term to expire April 30, 2018.

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

Town Manager Hull noted that there is a vacant seat on the Commission on Disabilities that will need to be filled by an appointed or elected official. An additional position with a term to expire in 2019 must be an individual with a disability. He stated that qualifications for the state are established by the Massachusetts Commission on Disabilities (SIC). He advised that there are two additional vacancies that expire in 2018, one must be by an individual with a disability and the second must be a family member of someone with a disability. Town Manager Hull asked interested individuals to send a letter to his attention. Chairman Champoux asked Town Manager Hull to highlight responsibilities of Commission members. Town Manager Hull stated that if issues are brought to their attention, such as problems with access to a business, the Commission could contact the business and apprise them of the issue. The group has not been active due to membership and Ms. Genetti advised that the Massachusetts Commission on Disabilities is looking to reenergize, reactivate commissions across the state.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen ratify the Town Manager's reappointment of Phyllis P. "Dee" Genetti to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire April 30, 2020; Gerald R. Duggan and Robert Mallett to the Historical Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2020 and George W. Hooper, II and John C. Holloway to the Permanent Building Committee for a term to expire April 30, 2020 and further to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Jesse Fennelly to the Historical Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2020.

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

Kevin MacDonald, Andover Street, stated that at the Town Meeting there was a banking article and asked Chairman Champoux whether he would commit to holding a public hearing. Chairman Champoux advised that he would not. Mr. MacDonald stated that he spoke with a bank and was advised that they have a department that handles municipal accounts with no fees, he stated that he was troubled that Chairman Champoux would not hold a public hearing to receive input from residents. Chairman Champoux stated that residents have an opportunity to have their voices heard by virtue of elections. Selectmen interact with town management on a daily basis and has full confidence that banking relationships are made in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington. Mr. MacDonald asked to hear the opinions of the Selectmen. Selectman Bendel advised that a public hearing was held on April 29th – the Annual Town Meeting – where banking services were discussed.

Mr. MacDonald asked what the money for the public rink enterprise fund will cover. Chairman Champoux stated that the money is a placeholder in the event the Town becomes owners of a hockey rink then the fund would be put in place and would be funded by the operation of a hockey rink. He emphasized that the fund would not be through taxation.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he has not received an answer to his first question and was advised that a Town Meeting was held and is the opportunity for scrutiny and the townspeople voted. Mr. MacDonald was told to move onto his next question.

Mr. MacDonald asked how many vacant lots the Town owns that do not have to be subdivided that could be used for affordable housing. Town Manager Hull advised that he does not have that information. Mr. Loud advised that Ms. Gingrich identified six lots as part of her presentation this evening.

Chairman Champoux stated that the presentation was approximately two hours this evening which proves that the Town is taking its affordable housing responsibility very seriously and is not going to put the Town Manager or anyone else in Town Hall on a treasure hunt.

Louis Cimaglia, Veterans' Services Director, thanked members of the Board of Selectmen for their service and was able to attend their meeting for most of Ms. Gingrich's presentation. He believes the presentation was very informative and helpful.

Mr. MacDonald questioned how the Board of Selectmen is able to enter into a contract for three years when the budget has to be voted annually. Town Manager Hull advised that the agreement is subject to availability of funds. There are multiple agreements that the Town and the School enter into that are multi-year including the School bus contracts. Ultimately, the contracts are subject to funding by approval at Town Meeting.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any additional public comments other than from Mr. MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald requested to ask a question regarding Veterans' Services as the Director was present this evening. Mr. Cimaglia advised that he was prepared to answer Mr. MacDonald's question. Mr. MacDonald stated that there are vacant units at Deming Way and wanted to know why the Veterans' Services Director has not filled them with homeless veterans. He also suggested that, rather than hire an additional staff member for the Department of Veterans' Services, when Mr. Cimaglia is on his phone or away from his office, the phones be transferred to Town Hall for the receptionist to take his messages. Mr. Cimaglia advised that there is a provision in the Home Act that states that "in all housing for elderly persons of low income and handicapped persons of low income there shall be preference in admission for qualified applicants who are veterans." He stated that although this was recently passed, the Wilmington Housing Authority has followed this practice for many years. He advised that the Department of Veterans' Services works closely with the Housing Authority but it is not the jurisdiction of Veterans' Services to make housing placements.

Selectman Bendel stated that this was raised at a recent meeting and he reached out to the Executive Director to find out how many units are vacant. He stated that there are two vacant units and are currently in the process of being renovated. When units are turned over, the Housing Authority takes the opportunity to repaint the interior and make necessary repairs. Mr. MacDonald asked whether veterans will be placed in those units. Selectman Bendel opined that the next two individuals on the waiting list will be placed in the units. Mr. Cimaglia advised that priority is given to disabled veterans, veterans and widows/widowers of veterans. Selectman Bendel stated that while a member of the Housing Authority he worked closely with Mr. Cimaglia and it was always his top priority that disabled veterans, veterans and widows were at the top of the list.

BOARD TO CONSIDER SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE: PROPOSED DATES – JULY 17, AUGUST 14

Chairman Champoux asked members of the Board of Selectmen to look at their calendars and advise if there are any objections to these dates. No objections were noted. Chairman Champoux advised that the Board of Selectmen would meet July 17 and August 14.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Bendel noted the grand opening of the Yentile Farm Recreation Facility will take place on May 13 and encouraged residents to attend.

Selectman Bendel congratulated Deb Smith for being awarded the Pop Warner Lifetime Achievement Award.

Selectman Caira stated that Mr. Cimaglia is one of the best and hardest workers in the Town of Wilmington and commended him for what he does on behalf of the veterans.

Selectman McCoy stated that he attended the Special Olympics held for the first time at Wilmington High School. He stated that it was a moving event and he had a really good time.

Selectman Loud stated that he is looking forward to the grand opening of the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. He advised that for those who purchased engraved bricks, they will be installed beginning tomorrow.

Selectman Loud stated that Mr. Cimaglia does a phenomenal job and it is his hope that the negativity will end.

Chairman Champoux expressed his appreciation to those residents who are mindful that the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility is a carry in/carry out facility.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- May 12 – Good Guy Award Dinner
- May 13 – Yentile Farm Recreational Facility – Open House – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting – 10:00 a.m.
- May 20 – Household Hazardous Waste Day
West Intermediate School Parking Lot – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- May 21 – PanMass Challenge Kids Bike Ride – Carter Lane – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- May 22 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parade – 10:00 a.m.
Ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery – 11:00 a.m.
Town Offices Closed
- June 2- – Council for the Arts 37th Annual Art Exhibition
- June 3 – Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. & Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 3 – Fishing Derby – Town Beach – 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- June 4 – Wilmington High School Graduation
- June 8 – Shawsheen Tech Graduation
- June 10 – Town-Wide Yard Sale – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- June 10 – Town Beach Opens

June 11 – Farmers Market – Town Common Parking Lot – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 11 – Harnden Tavern Open House – 430 Salem Street – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary



Wilmington, Massachusetts

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - 2017

Animal Inspector

One Year Term - To Expire 2018

Christopher H. Sullivan

Building Inspector

One Year Term - To Expire 2018

John T. Spaulding

Vacancy (local inspector)

Carter Lecture Fund Committee

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

Andrea B. Houser

Cemetery Commission

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

Pasquale D'Antonio

Conservation Commission

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

Julie A. Flynn

Sharon M. Kelley Parrella

Elderly Services Commission

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

Robin Theodos

John Wallace

Electrical Inspector

One Year Term - To Expire 2018

Frederick Sutter

Arthur T. Kelley (alternate)

Gas Inspector

One Year Term - To Expire 2018

Paul J. Raffi

John J. Mytych, Jr. (alternate)

Board of Health

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

Elizabeth E. Sabounjian

Library Trustees

Three Year Term - To Expire 2020

James M. Lemay

Eileen L. MacDougall

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Three Year Term - To Expire 2020**

Valerie J. Gingrich

**Middlesex Canal Commission
Two Year Term - To Expire 2019**

Betty M. Bigwood
Michael J. McInnis
Neil P. Devins, Alternate

**Planning Board
Five Year Term - To Expire 2022**

Michael A. Sorrentino

**Plumbing Inspector
One Year Term - To Expire 2018**

Paul J. Raffi
John J. Mytych, Jr. (alternate)

**Public Weigher
One Year Term - To Expire 2018**

Paul Anderson
Robert Iantosca
Stephen J. Stella
David A. Sugrue

**Reading Municipal Light Department Citizens Advisory Board
Three Year Term - To Expire 2020**

Dennis Kelley

**Recreation Commission
Three Year Term - To Expire 2020**

C. Michael Burns

**Veterans' Agent
One Year Term - To Expire 2018**

Louis Cimaglia, IV

**Veterans' Grave Officer
One Year Term - To Expire 2018**

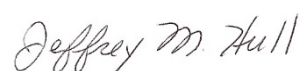
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**Water and Sewer Commission
Three Year Term - To Expire 2020**

George R. Allan

**Wiring Inspector
One Year Term - To Expire 2018**

Frederick Sutter
Arthur T. Kelley (alternate)



Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager