

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., in the Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, Town Hall, Danvers.

Present: Chair, Diane M. Langlais; Daniel C. Bennett; William H. Clark; David A. Mills; Gardner S. Trask, III

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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On a motion by Selectman Bennett and seconded by Selectman Trask, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2016.

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There was no new public business.

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The Board was in receipt of an application by Kevin Dillon of the Downtown Committee on the 19th annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 3, 2:00PM-5:00PM. On a motion by Selectman Bennett and seconded by Selectman Clark, the Board approved the event 4-0-1, with Trask abstaining.

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The Board was in receipt of an application by Dana Michael Hagan, 21 Roman Avenue, Danvers for appointment as a Civil Constable in the Town of Danvers. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Bennett, the Board voted 4-1 to approve the appointment with Selectman Mills against the appointment.

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A public hearing was held on an application from 75 Lindall Street OPCO, LLC d/b/a Recovery Centers of America, 75 Lindall Street for a license to store 20,000 gallons underground and 1,000 gallons above ground, of diesel fuel at that location. Fire Chief Robert Pyburn as well as representatives from Recovery Centers of America were present and answered various questions from the Board and attending neighbors. On a motion by Selectman Mills and seconded by Selectman Bennett, the Board voted 5-0 to close the public hearing. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Clark, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the application.

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The Board conducted the annual Tax Classification Hearing. Chief Assessor Steve Poulos and David Harris, Assistant Assessor presented the Board with the classification report. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Bennett, the Board voted 5-0 **NOT** to adopt an open space discount. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Bennett, the Board voted 5-0 **NOT** to adopt a residential exemption. On a motion by Selectman Trask and seconded by Selectman Clark, the Board voted 4-1 **NOT** to adopt a small commercial exemption with Selectman Bennett voting against the motion. On a motion by Chair Langlais and seconded by Selectman Clark, the Board voted 3-2 **TO** select a residential factor of 1.3600%, with Bennett and Mills voting against the motion.

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The Board discussed the PILOT program with the Town Manager. The Board recommended an approval to move forward.

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The Board discussed the Town Manager evaluation form for FY 2017. On a motion by Selectman Trask and Seconded by Selectman Bennett, the Board approved the following breakdown of priorities:

- Guide the Smith School Project into the Feasibility Phase 30%
- Advance efforts to enhance Downtown 20%

- Study Regional Dispatch with other North Shore Towns 20%
- Establish a voluntary Danvers PILOT Program 10%
- Completion of Customer Service Survey 10%

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The Board reviewed a draft of the Town's Budget Policy for FY 2018. On a motion by Selectman Bennett and seconded by Selectman Clark, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the draft.

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The Town Manager provided an update to the Board on various items of interest, as follows:

- Election/ Early Voting
- New Website - vendor "Proud City"
- Customer Survey - vendor "Great blue"
- Special legislation for additional liquor licenses. Senior Center and Library want to continue with 1-Day as needed.
- Question 4 - legalization of marijuana – Town Counsel beginning process
- Lebel Grove site walk December 3
- Down Town Business Community Christmas party December 13

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Correspondence, Selectmen "New Business," previous "New Public business" updates and Selectmen closing updates were provided, as follows:

- Affordable Housing
- Danvers Port blast 10 -year commemorative anniversary November 22
- Santa by the Sea
- Happy Thanksgiving

Consent Calendar

No Consent Calendar items

The Selectmen closing comments were offered, as follows:

Remember Veterans, as well as all active servicemen and women.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Attest: Joseph L. Collins (Clerk)