

Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Executive Session – 8:53 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order by roll call vote at 8:53 p.m. to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town and as the chair so declared relative to the Archdiocese of Boston and the Ellis property. The following members were present: Martin O'Toole, Maura Curran, Shawn Harris, John Danehey, Tony Vegnani.

Vegnani aye

Danehey aye

Harris aye

Curran aye

O'Toole aye

DNR

Also present was Patricia Vinchesi and John Straub.

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Ellis Property and AG Inquiry

The Board reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) forwarded by former Town Counsel Jim Toomey reflecting edits and comment from Assistant Attorney General Carol Iancu regarding the Town's proper ownership of the six acres the new Public Safety Complex is located upon. Board members expressed continuing concern about the draft MOU, particularly the phrasing "although the Town did not seek authorizing legislation" and the time frame to put conservation restrictions (CR) on six additional acres. The Board maintains that it did nothing wrong relative to this property and was not agreeable to the time-frames for the six additional acres shortened in AAG's Iancu's response. Members were okay with putting a CR on the rest of the non-school owned property and a CR on six additional acres but not in such a short time. They asked that the matter be put on the agenda again for its next meeting for additional review.

Ms. Vinchesi was excused from the meeting at 9:32 p.m. for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body as the chair so declared. collective bargaining-fire with Labor Counsel John Clifford and Fire Chief John Murphy.

Patricia Vinchesi
Recorder

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Present: John Danehey, Tony Vegnani, Shawn Harris, Marty O'Toole, Maura Curran, John Clifford, Chief John Murphy

The Executive Session continued at 9:33 p.m. Topic of Discussion was pertaining to the current status of negotiations between the Fire Union and the Town. Attorney Clifford updated the Board regarding the activities that took place with the Fire and Police dispatchers and how they toured several other facilities and felt good about merging. Attorney Clifford expressed his concern about the level of Union leadership push back regarding the negotiations and the level of uncivil discourse between the Union toward Chief Murphy and the Town that has escalated in the past few months.

Mr. Vegnani asked Chief Murphy how he can help to manage the attitudes and activities that have been taking place. Chief Murphy indicated that he has been addressing it but is uncomfortable with the breadth of his power to enforce. Chief Murphy said that he has met with Mr. Dan Sullivan of the Union and has asked him to stop posting false statements on social media and to stop the current behavior.

Attorney Clifford has spoken with the Union's attorney regarding their behavior and the negative impact it is having on relations and the damage it is causing throughout other town departments. Attorney Clifford suggested that the PFFM attend a joint meeting between the Union leadership, TA, the Chief and the Board of Selectmen to develop a "cease fire" with the goal of resuming respectful negotiations and finalizing the dispatcher's contract.

The Board agreed that one member would represent them in a joint meeting to be arranged by Attorney Clifford.

The Board requested to meet with Chief Murphy for a few moments and Attorney Clifford left the meeting.

The Board reviewed the current situation with Chief Murphy and listened to his concerns.


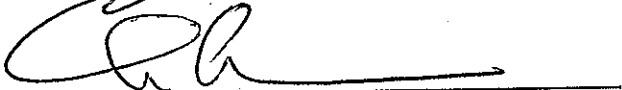

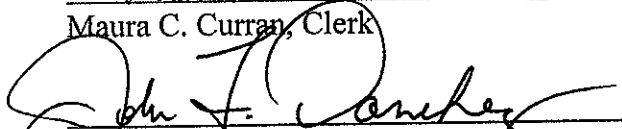
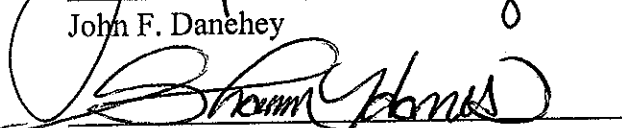
The meeting adjourned 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maura Curran, Recorder

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