



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, September 17, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

*Moment of Silence for all those who lost their lives at the Navy Yard in
Washington, DC.*

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were:

Councilor's Marshall, Cleary, Colton, Costa-Hanlon,

Pottier, McCaul, Carr and Barbour

Councilor Medeiros was absent

Record of preceding meeting was read by Title and Approved. So Voted.

Communications from the Mayor:

Motion was made to invite into the enclosure members from the Taunton area Vietnam Veterans POW/MIA Association, Dennis Proulx and Mr. Silvia. So Voted.

Mr. Proulx informed that the 31st POW/MIA Vigil is scheduled for this weekend on the Church Green beginning at noon on Saturday, September 21st and ending with a ceremony at noon on Sunday, September 22nd. During the event, a flag will be raised with dog tags representing each POW/MIA from Massachusetts; currently there are thirty-nine (39).

The Mayor stated that The Standard and Poor's Rating services have raised the unenhanced rating of Taunton, Massachusetts General Obligation Debt from AA- to A+ based on recently released local general obligation criteria. The Mayor stated that this is certainly good news on the city's financial picture; it definitely shows that the City is on the road to recovery as a community. The Mayor credited the entire Financial Team, Mr. Enos, Ms. Hebert, Ms. Ross, Ms. Auger as well as the Assessor's Office. Councilor Pottier stated that the ratings will definitely have a direct influence on savings for future bonds. Councilor Cleary stated that the City has one of the largest gaps between residential tax and commercial tax. The Mayor stated that you actually need to look beyond the rate to see the actual value. Councilor Pottier stated that the City is listed on the SNL as having a large spread; but due to the large spread, the City is able to provide relatively low rates for residents.

The Mayor stated that he has a communication from the Secretary of State, William Galvin regarding election reimbursements; Taunton received \$93,200. The reimbursement amount covers two Special Elections, April and June 2013. Councilor Barbour stated that there have been discussions regarding increasing the wages for poll workers. **Councilor Barbour motioned to have included in the Council packet for next week a recommendation to possibly consider a slight appropriation to increase wages for poll workers. Reimbursements have been inconsistent and The Mayor stated that the City cannot look at this as extra money. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the discussion regarding an increase in wages for poll workers was referred to the Supplemental Budget along with specific recommended amounts. The Mayor concurred that it was going to be addressed in the Supplemental Budget. If the motion is going to carry, Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested the information that was sent to the Supplemental Budget Committee and the specific amounts for Council packets next week. The City Clerk informed of the proposed increase amount for poll workers which were \$25 per worker or a total of \$2000. The City Clerk said that she could include this information in the packets for next week if the Council would like. Councilor Barbour stated that he does not think it is needed in the packet, but rather a decision on whether or not the Mayor will address during the Supplemental Budget, which would be after the next election. The Mayor stated that that is correct. Therefore, it would be up to Council to decide whether or not to wait until the next election or wait for the Mayor to deal with it in the Supplemental Budget. The Mayor stated that it is an appropriation; therefore it would need to go through the Mayor's Office. Councilor Cleary stated that if the City Clerk has a report prepared, then it should be put on the agenda so that Council can look at the data to see what it says. Councilor Barbour amended his motion to have the City Clerk prepare what she deems appropriate and to include in next week's packet for discussion. The Mayor noted that it will not be addressed until the Supplemental Budget. He said that he thought it was very clear, and knows there is an election coming up, but they are not going to deviate from that plan. So Voted.**

The Mayor informed of the appointment of Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C. as the external auditors for the FY13, FY14 and FY15 fiscal years with two one year options (FY16 and FY17). The Audit Committee had reviewed seven (7) proposals and recommended Hague, Sahady & Co. Hague, Sahady & Co., PC will be replacing KPMG. Councilor Pottier asked if the process went through a regular RFP. The Mayor confirmed that it did, during a 6 week process. The Mayor stated that it was recommended by DOR to begin a process to search around; KPMG was considered during the process. Councilor Cleary asked for the breakdown of the Audit amounts for previous years. The Mayor stated that he will forward the figures to the Council.

Appointments:

At this time, the Mayor, appointed in accordance with Article XXVII of the City of Taunton Management Association collective bargaining agreement, Christina M. Boyan, Acting City Auditor effective September 15, 2013. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Solicitor – Mayor’s City Charter Advisory Committee informed that they have begun meeting actively and regularly. The purpose of the Committee is to study the existing City Charter, the charters of other cities, to investigate other possible forms of a city charter and to make recommendations to the Mayor as to what changes to the existing charter, if any, should be recommended to the Municipal Council, the State Legislature and the people of the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted**

The City Clerk informed that the following two (2) communications mimic each other. Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health – Earth Removal Permit and Pesticide Use. Pesticide use is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at a Federal level and by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) at the State level. The DAR is also the permitting body for pesticide applicators.

Com. from Conservation Agent – Use of pesticides on cranberry bogs. The use of pesticides in farm applications such as cranberry bogs is regulated at the Federal and State level. Under current Massachusetts Law, municipalities have little control on the regulation of pesticides. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to have copies of the letters forwarded to residents who testified during the Hearing of the requested Earth Removal Permit for property located at Pratt St. (Lot 145). Also, for contact information to be given to those residents for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR). Councilor Carr requested that all abutters receive contact information for DAR. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 5:30pm regarding a waiver of frontage requirements for property located at 40, 46 & 56 County Street. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 5:30pm regarding a Site Plan Review for property located at 19 Kilton Street. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Engineer – Responding to a request for review of a tree at 140 Somerset Avenue. The tree in question protrudes into the sidewalk approximately 18 inches, but the majority of the tree, including the main trunk is located on private land. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations – Request to declare equipment as surplus; offset printer model #111105A-002, Serial #14033 and offset printer model #Ryodi 3200CD, Serial #4972. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Planner – Master Plan information. The City did receive a grant to complete the Open Space and Recreation Plan which is now expired. This plan is required in order to file for a variety of grants from the State. The update is being coordinated by the Office of Economic and Community Development and is in the process of being completed. The Master Plan has no funding of any kind at this point. Rough estimates obtained have indicated the completion cost for a new Master Plan will be over \$100,000. Councilor Carr stated that she was informed by a Department Head that if a Master Plan was not complete, the City could not receive Grant Funds. Mr. Scanlon informed Councilor Carr that as long as the Open Space and Recreation Plan are complete, the City would be fine. Councilor Carr stated that she feels there should be a completed Master Plan even though the Open Space and Recreation Plan are being worked on. **Councilor Carr motioned for each Department Head to provide documentation, with a brief description, to Council regarding what affects the Master Plan has on their particular department and the lack of having the completed Master Plan if it is a hindrance in any way to their Department or their ability in applying for Grant money. Councilor Costa-Hanlon recently spoke to Mr. Scanlon on the Master Plan and he suggested to her that a Land-Use Plan be completed; it would be much less expensive any may also help the City in moving forward with the development of Downtown or other areas. As a part of the motion, she asked to request that Mr. Scanlon research a Land-Use Plan. The Mayor stated that the City is looking at all these plans, but wouldn't want to just do a plan for the sake of doing a plan. He said there are certainly some benefits in completing the plan. The City is also working with SRPEDD on the Transit Oriented Districts. Councilor Cleary stated that if the Mayor is working with SPREDD and has spoken to Department Heads, then it may be difficult for the Council to ask Department Heads for that information again. The Mayor stated that the City should have an overall Master Plan. He said that it would be nice to have one plan to tie it all together as long as it is not cost prohibited. The Mayor stated that the City will have a Grant Writer in the near future and that that individual will be able to advice as to the need of the City. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by David Mersten requesting a NEW Second Hand Article License for EcoATM, Inc. to have a vending style machine that collects used small electronic equipment and pays cash for the equipment to be located in the Silver City Galleria, 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton. (SECOND MACHINE #2) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Gregory F. Rico requesting a RENEWAL of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License for Rico's Grille located at 447 Broadway, Taunton to sell hot dogs, foods, cold beverages. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Dukins Venord, 120 Eldridge Street, Apt. 3, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile due to damages resulting from construction work on the entire length of Eldridge Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Office. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Attorney David Gay on behalf of his clients Steven Koss, Trustee of the Koss Realty Trust and Sally Koss requesting to rezone Assessors Map 55, Lots 756, 757, and 758 which is currently Urban Residential Zone as the petitioners would like to be able to utilize the land that abuts the railroad in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Transit Oriented Development District Zone. (Public Hearing Required) **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk's Office for scheduling a Hearing. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted.

Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Committee on Police and License has recommended a lateral hire of an officer, therefore, asked for the recommendation to be put on the Agenda next week for a full vote of the Council. Councilor Pottier stated that his only concern was that the Committee was only given one individual to interview. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that there were a number of laterals that were interviewed but the Committee only received one recommendation from the Chief. The Mayor stated that there is quite an extensive process that the Chief has in place. The Mayor stated that he has spoken to the Chief and with the expected number of officers getting ready to retire in the near year and the short reserve list; it is to the City's advantage to get the individuals ready to get on the streets when they are called. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Committee on Police and License will discuss the reserve list within the next few weeks. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Barbour motioned for an update from the Law Department on the review of an Ordinance for a stop sign on Briggs Street and to have the information included in the Council packet for next week. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated that he spoke to Mr. Scanlon this week regarding the issue of donation bins that were discussed last week. It appears that the City does not have anything in place that regulates or permits them. Councilor Barbour noted that the only bins out there that are always well taken care of are the St. Vincent de Paul bins. The bins that he has an issue with are the out of state bins. He stated that he tried to use the contact information provided on the bins this week to call the organizations, but had no success. **Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the Law Office, a request for information on how the City can enforce the removal of the bins, properly regulate/permit the bins, or whether we have the right to refuse them when they become a public health hazard with a report back in 2-3 weeks. He feels strongly that some of the bins are a public health hazard and we may be lucky that some are not rodent infested at this time. He also motioned for the Law Office to provide guidance as to what surrounding communities are doing with these types of donation bins. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr motioned, for a second time, to have the flail mower used at 763-993 South Precinct Street for brush on both sides of the street. Councilor Barbour asked to add Hart Street/Poole Street near Bristol Plymouth Regional High School heading into East Taunton. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master lease agreement of a new fire truck. Motion was made to move approval. So Voted

New Business

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Safety Officer the location of Whittenton Street, James Street, Avon Street and Oxford Street for potentially having “no parking” signs on at least one side of the street. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Chief discussed this matter during the Committee on Police and License meeting and he suggested having residents contact the Police Department if there were vehicles blocking their driveway. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she will discuss this during the next meeting. So Voted.

Councilor McCaul motioned to refer to the Committee of Police and License, 10, 16 and 18 Church Street for handicap signs as well as a recommendation on the correct procedure to use when handling requests for handicap signs. Councilor Costa-Hanlon informed that anyone having a handicap plate can park anywhere there is legal parking available will not have to pay for a meter. Councilor McCaul informed that residents are asking to have handicap signs mounted in front of their property because Church Street does have a lot of “no parking” signs. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills for a discussion on an Ordinance for the placement of a new pole to be 36-48 inches away from the edge of the road so that it does not impede anyone who may be handicapped. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned to request Tony Abreau, Assistant DPW Commissioner to clean the swale on the corner of Bliss Street and Kilmer Avenue. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND COLTON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:39 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,919,240.84. SO VOTED.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,581,636.01. SO VOTED.

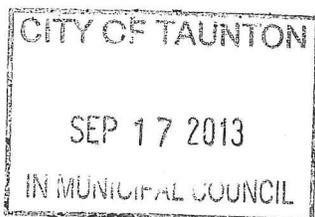
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE
 IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CITY RECEIVED AN INCREASE IN THE BOND RATING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:40 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH AND POLICE CANDIDATE JOSEPH RYAN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.

1. MEET TO INTERVIEW POLICE CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE JOSEPH RYAN WAS INVITED INTO THE ENCLOSURE.

MR. RYAN CURRENTLY IS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE HAS WORKED FOR ABOUT 6 YEARS. PRIOR TO THAT HE WORKED AS AN MBTA POLICE OFFICER FOR 5 YEARS. THE CHIEF STATED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAS PERFORMED THEIR INTERVIEWS, COMPLETED THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND FEELS THAT MR. RYAN IS AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE.

MOTION: TO INCLUDE MR. RYAN'S RESUME AS PART OF THE MINUTES. ALSO TO REDACT HIS ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAILS BEFORE THIS BECOMES A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. SO VOTED.

THIS WILL BE A LATERAL TRANSFER FROM THE ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. MR. RYAN HAS 16 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE AIR FORCE, THE MBTA AND THE ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE TRANSFERRED FROM THE MBTA TO THE ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2008. HE ENJOYS PATROL BUT WOULD EVENTUALLY LIKE TO MOVE TO A SUPERVISORY POSITION.

HE WANTS TO COME TO A LARGER DEPARTMENT AS IT PROVIDES MORE OPPORTUNITIES.

THE CHIEF FEELS THAT HE IS A GOOD CANDIDATE AND WILL BE A GOOD OFFICER FOR THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF ALSO REPORTED THAT MR. RYAN HAS NOT HAD HIS PHYSICAL YET BECAUSE HE CANNOT DO THAT UNTIL A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS MADE.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND OFFERING THE POSITION TO MR. RYAN PENDING HIS PASSING HIS PHYSICAL AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE CHIEF OR HUMAN RESOURCES MAY HAVE. THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE CHIEF STATED THAT THE RESERVE LIST WAS DISCUSSED IN THE PAST. THERE ARE SOME DEADLINES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF CIVIL SERVICES THIS WEEK. THE CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE LIST IS SET TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 1ST, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT HE IS DOING BACKGROUNDS ON RIGHT NOW. THEY WILL NOT ISSUE A NEW LIST AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH. IF YOU HIRE SOMEONE FROM A CURRENT LIST IT HAS TO BE BEFORE OCTOBER 31ST. HE FURTHER STATED THAT WE HAVE A CIVIL SERVICE LIST, HE TALKED TO THE CITY CLERK TODAY, BUT THAT LIST IS PROBABLY, TECHNICALLY EXPIRED BECAUSE THE CITY HAS NOT ACTED UPON IT WITHIN THE TIMELINES. HE WANTS TO DO A RESERVE LIST OUT OF THIS CURRENT CANDIDATE POOL. WE NEED TO REQUEST A LIST PROBABLY TONIGHT TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OF 1, 2 OR 3 TO A RESERVE LIST. THE CHIEF HAS ONE ISSUE THAT HE MADE THE COUNCIL AWARE OF TONIGHT, AND HE ALSO MAY LOSE ONE OFFICER BECAUSE OF MEDICAL REASONS SOMETIME IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SO HE POTENTIALLY WILL HAVE 2 OPENINGS SOMETIME THIS YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SHE DID NOTIFY THE FULL COUNCIL ON THE ISSUES AND STATED THAT WE MAY HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION SOMETIME SOON. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED 2 NEW POSITIONS, AND IT SOUNDS LIKE WHAT THE CHIEF IS SAYING IS THAT IF THE CITY

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

DOES NOT ACT ON THIS RESERVE LIST WE MAY LOSE BEING ABLE TO REQUEST THOSE 2 NEW POSITIONS FOR QUITE SOMETIME.

THE CHIEF SAID NO, THAT RIGHT NOW WE DO NOT HAVE A RESERVE LIST, WE DID NOT CALL FOR A RESERVE LIST, WE CALLED FOR A PERMANENT FULL TIME OFFICER FOR 2 POSITIONS. THIS IS SEPARATE FROM LATERALS. IF YOU CALL FOR A RESERVE LIST, THOSE SAME PEOPLE WILL BE ON IT, SO THEY HAVE BACKGROUND CHECKS PARTIALLY DONE ON SOME OF THOSE CANDIDATES. IF YOU DO NOT CALL FOR A RESERVE LIST – IF YOU DO NOT APPOINT THOSE PEOPLE TOMORROW OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH AS FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS, THAT LIST IS GONE. WE WOULD HAVE A BRAND NEW LIST IN NOVEMBER – IT COULD BE SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE, BUT MAYBE NOT. THERE ARE SOME GOOD CANDIDATES OFF THE CURRENT LIST THAT HE WOULD HIRE, OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES. HOPEFULLY, DEPENDING ON WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH THE COUNCIL, HE MIGHT BE ON THE TOP OF THE LIST NEXT TIME AROUND. THE CHIEF FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR AND AT THIS POINT HE IS SUPPORTIVE OF A RESERVE LIST - A VERY SMALL LIMITED RESERVE LIST. THE CHIEF ANTICIPATES 2-3 VACANCIES WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. BY PUTTING SOMEONE ON THE RESERVE LIST IT GIVES HIM THE TIME TO PUT THEM INTO THE ACADEMY WHEN THEY HAVE AN OPENING, INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS AGAIN OF DOING THE BACKGROUND, ETC.

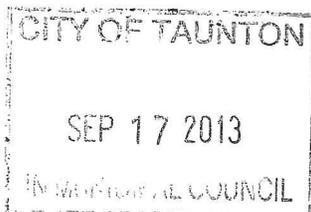
THE CHIEF SAID THAT THE NEXT ACADEMY WILL BE SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY. THE CHIEF FURTHER STATED THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE A RESERVE LIST AND HIRE, IT CAN TAKE A MONTH TO DO A BACKGROUND CHECK, IT COULD TAKE LESS, BUT USUALLY A MONTH. IF YOU CALL FOR A LIST, YOU HAVE NEVER LOOKED AT THESE CANDIDATES BEFORE AND YOU HAVE TO DO FULL BACKGROUNDS AND THIS TAKES A LOT OF MAN HOURS.

THE CHIEF FURTHER STATED THAT THEY HAVE STARTED SCREENING CANDIDATES TO GET A LIST TOGETHER THAT THEY ARE HOPING TO GET APPOINTED, BUT OBVIOUSLY THE FUNDING IS NOT THERE. THE CHIEF SAID THE COUNCIL HAS 2 OPTIONS, ONE IS TO GET A LIST NOW, TRY TO GET THOSE CANDIDATES IN HERE BEFORE OCTOBER 31ST TO HIRE THEM AS FULL TIME OFFICERS THAT WE DON'T HAVE POSITIONS TO PUT THEM IN – THEY WILL BE APPOINTED BUT THEY WILL NOT BE WORKING, OR TONIGHT OR NEXT WEEK AT THE LATEST, MAKE A REQUEST FOR A RESERVE LIST, AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31ST, IF THE CITY WANTS TO APPOINT ANY ONE OF THOSE CANDIDATES TO THE RESERVE LIST, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD FURTHER QUESTIONS, IT WAS DECIDED TO PUT THIS OFF FOR ONE WEEK.

MOTION: TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

RM Blackwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, MARSHALL, BARBOUR AND CARR. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN, DONNA DICORPO, NANCILEE LEMAIRE, ROBERT FOLCIK OF THE ADA COMMISSION, DARYL CROSSMAN OF VERIZON AND CRAIG FOLEY OF THE TMLP.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:54 P.M.

1. MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF POLES BEING PLACED ON SIDEWALKS LEAVING NO SPACE FOR WHEELCHAIRS TO MANEUVER

MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT THE ISSUE IS WHO TO CONTACT WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM. THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH GETTING DEFINITIVE ANSWERS AND EXACTLY WHO TO CONTACT.

MRS. DICORPO ASKED WHO WAS DEALING WITH THE ROUTE 44 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. MR. FOLEY NOTED THAT THIS IS A STATE JOB, BUT FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS IT IS ON HOLD RIGHT NOW. IT WAS NOTED THAT SOME POLES ARE NOT COMPLIANT, AND SUPPOSEDLY THEY WILL BE PUTTING BUMP OUTS AT THOSE POLE LOCATIONS. THE TMLP DID NOT RELOCATE OR INSTALL ANY OF THE POLES THERE. MR. FOLEY NOTED THAT THE TMLP SERVES ABOUT 20,000 POLES IN THE TAUNTON, BERKLEY, RAYNHAM AREA. IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR POLE OR PARTICULAR STREET THEY CAN CERTAINLY TRY TO ADDRESS THEM, BUT TO GLOBALLY ADDRESS 20,000 POLES IS VERY DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SIDEWALKS ARE NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO PUT THEM ANYWHERE ANYWAY. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF VARIABLES WHEN MOVING POLES, THERE IS WATER, SEWER, GAS, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS IN THE GROUND.

MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT ANOTHER ISSUE IS THAT THERE ARE MANY DOUBLE POLES. MR. FOLEY STATED THAT HE NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT POLES ARE THE ISSUE. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE TMLP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLES EAST OF ROUTE 138 AND VERIZON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLES WEST OF ROUTE 138.

IT WAS NOTED THAT ADA STANDARDS ARE BEING USED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION, IT IS ADDRESSED IN THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT.

MRS. DICORPO QUESTIONED WHAT THE TIMEFRAME THAT THE ADA COMMITTEE CAN EXPECT WHEN THEY BRING AN ITEM TO VERIZON OR TMLP.

DISCUSSED WAS THAT THE ADA COMMISSION WILL ADDRESS AN ISSUE, COPY IT TO THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR. THERE IS A NEED FOR A MORE TIMELY RESPONSE – AT LEAST AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. DISCUSSED FURTHER WAS WHEN THE TMLP PUTS UP A NEW POLE, IS THERE CONSIDERATION FOR ADA REGULATIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS, THE THOUGHT IS THAT THEY ARE ALL DESIGNED THE RIGHT WAY. HOWEVER, WHEN THE COUNCIL GETS A REQUEST FOR A POLE, IT NEEDS TO BE MADE ON THE CONDITION THAT IT IS ADA COMPLIANT.

DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD REGARDING HALF OF A POLE BEING ATTACHED TO ANOTHER POLE AND DOUBLE POLES ON ARLINGTON STREET. THERE SHOULD BE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL ENTITIES THAT THE WORK AND THE POLE REMOVAL SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME.

QUESTIONED WAS WHETHER THE TMLP HAS TALKED ABOUT PUTTING LINES UNDERGROUND. MR. FOLEY SAID THAT IT IS COST PROHIBITIVE.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT WITH 20,000 POLES, THERE ARE NO RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MOVE ALL THESE POLES. HE DOES AGREE THAT WITH NEW CONSTRUCTION GOING FORWARD, WE SHOULD TRY TO DESIGN AS MANY OBSTACLE, BARRIER FREE SIDEWALKS AS POSSIBLE. WHEN THE CITY

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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) – CONTINUED

GETS SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE CITY NEEDS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THE CITY NEEDS TO BE RE-ACTIVE IN HIGH ISSUE AREAS. THE SECOND ISSUE HE WANTED TO ADDRESS WAS DOUBLE POLES. HE STATED THAT WE ARE LUCKY WE HAVE TMLP. WITH ABOUT 90% OF THE POLES, THE TMLP DOES THEIR WORK FIRST. THE HIGHEST WIRES ARE ELECTRICITY, THEN CABLE THEN TELEPHONE. SOMETIMES AFTER THE TMLP DOES THEIR WORK, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT TIME LAPSE BEFORE THE NEXT ENTITY DOES THEIR WORK RESULTING IN THE PROBLEM WITH THE DOUBLE POLES. UNFORTUNATELY, WITHOUT AN ORDINANCE, AND HE IS NOT SURE WE EVEN HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT COULD BE ENFORCED, HOWEVER, IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO EXPLORE, THE CITY HAS NO RECOURSE OTHER THAN THE ADA COMMITTEE CALLING VERIZON, OR WHOEVER TO MOVE THE POLES. HE FEELS THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD EXPLORE CREATING SOME TYPE OF ORDINANCE, BUT ONE PROBLEM IS THAT HE BELIEVES THAT POLES ARE REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THEY MAY HAVE A TIME FRAME ON THIS MATTER. HE ALSO STATED THAT WE NEED TO EITHER BUILD INTO OUR ROAD SPECS ON THE DPW SIDE POLE LOCATIONS. QUESTIONED AGAIN WAS WHO WAS GOING TO CONTACT THE STATE TO HAVE THE POLES MOVED ON ROUTE 44.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THIS COMMITTEE CAN DRAFT UP A LETTER, OR HAVE IT GO THROUGH OUR CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, OR WHOEVER WE THINK WOULD GET THE MOST BANG FOR THE BUCK. COUNCILOR MARSHALL SUGGESTED THAT THE ADA COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL CO-AUTHOR A LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT ENGINEER AT MASS. HIGHWAY DISTRICT 5, VOICING THE CONCERNS WITH THE POLES. ALSO TO REQUEST THAT THEY RESPOND WITHIN 30 DAYS AS TO HOW THEY ARE GOING TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

4. MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUES REGARDING APS SYSTEMS, UPGRADES, TIME FACTOR FOR REPAIRS OF PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS/TRAFFIC LIGHTS

6. MEET TO DISCUSS PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING/INSTALLING PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

MRS. LEMAIRE STATED THAT SHE ATTENDED A CRIME WATCH MEETING AND AN ELDER APPROACHED HER REQUESTING THAT A PEDESTRIAN FLASHING LIGHT BE INSTALLED AT THE CROSSWALK AT SHORES AND TREMONT STREETS. SUGGESTED WAS MOVING THE ONE THAT IS NEAR THE FORMER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. SEVERAL YEARS AGO SOMEONE WAS KILLED THERE, AND WITHIN THE AREA YOU HAVE SEVERAL ELDERLY COMPLEXES, PRIDE WORKSHOP, MULTIPLE FAMILIES, ETC. AND A LOT OF THEM DO NOT HAVE CARS.

MR. FOLEY OF THE TMLP STATED THAT REGARDING PED LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS, THE TMLP ONLY MAINTAINS THEM. THE CITY ENGINEER IS IN CHARGE OF PERMITS AND LICENSES FOR THE CITY PED LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS. THIS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY ENGINEER IN ORDER TO HAVE A PED LIGHT THERE. HE BELIEVES THAT A PERMIT MUST BE ISSUED AND THEN VOTED ON BY THE COUNCIL. THERE ARE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE MET AND IT MAY HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE STATE ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT CERTAIN. THERE ALSO MAY HAVE TO BE A TRAFFIC COUNT OR STUDY. THE ADA COMMISSION WAS ASKED TO SEND A REQUEST TO THE CITY ENGINEER WITH A COPY TO THE COMMITTEE.

MOTION:

TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY ENGINEER ASKING HIM TO PROVIDE RATIONALIZATION ON HOW TO MOVE PED LIGHT FROM THE ST. PAUL AREA TO TREMONT AND SHORES STREETS. HE IS TO RESPOND WITHIN 2 WEEKS. ALSO, IF THIS LIGHT CAN BE MOVED, HE IS TO NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW IT CAN BE MOVED LEGALLY, OUTLINE THE PROCESS ON HOW TO DO IT AND THE TIMELINE IN WHICH IT WILL BE DONE. SO VOTED.

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QUESTIONED WAS WHAT THE TIMEFRAME IS FOR GETTING PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS REPAIRED WHEN THEY ARE OUT. MRS. DICORPO SAID THAT THIS IS A HUGE ISSUE, THE APS SYSTEMS NEED TO WORK. IT WAS NOTED AGAIN THAT THE TMLP MAINTAINS THEM, AND THE ADA COMMISSION SHOULD CONTACT MR. FOLEY AT THE TMLP. MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT BOSTON HAS A 3 HOUR TURN AROUND TIME, IN TAUNTON IT TAKES WEEKS. SHE ALSO SAID THAT AN AUDITORY COMPONENT IS NEEDED WITH ALL APS SYSTEMS.

SUGGESTED WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE ADA COMMISSION TO MEET WITH THE TMLP COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS OR PERHAPS SET UP A MEETING WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE TMLP IS SOMETIMES AT THE MERCY OF THE APS COMPANY REGARDING REPAIRING OF THE SYSTEMS.

2. **MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF HANDICAPPED FINES, AMOUNT IN ACCOUNT, HOW FUNDS ARE UTILIZED, AND WHETHER THE CITY ORDINANCE IS IN LINE WITH MA. GENERAL LAW**
3. **MEET TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN REGARDS TO HANDICAPPED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES**

THE CONCERN OF THE ADA COMMITTEE IS THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES, CONCERNING THE FINES THAT ARE RECEIVED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF HANDICAPPED PARKING CAN GO TOWARDS ADA TYPES OF INITIATIVES IN THE CITY. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IN TAUNTON THEY CAN'T DO THIS OR THEY DON'T DO THIS.

THE CHIEF PROVIDED A HANDOUT WHICH CONTAINED 2 ARTICLES FROM THE GENERAL LAW WHICH IS CHAPTER 40 SECTION 22G WHICH BASICALLY SAYS HOW TO USE THE FUNDS FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS OF HANDICAPPED PARKING. IN ORDER TO UTILIZE THE FUNDS FROM THE HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS IN CERTAIN WAYS YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT CHAPTER 40 SECTION 8J. THE CHIEF CANNOT FIND OUT ANYTHING AS TO WHETHER THE CITY HAS ACTUALLY ADOPTED THIS. HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE. THE LAW SEEMS TO PARALLEL THE ORDINANCE BUT HE IS NOT SURE THE CITY FORMALLY ACCEPTED IT. HE ALSO INCLUDED A COPY OF THE AUDITORS OFFICE RECORDS FOR THE HANDICAPPED VIOLATIONS FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS. ACCORDING TO THIS THE MONEY IS UNDER THE PERVUE OF THE CITY COMMISSION ON HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS. THERE IS ABOUT \$57,000.00.

MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT THE CITY ORDINANCE ALMOST CONTRADICTS WHAT THE COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO DO. THE COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THESE FUNDS AND CAN USE IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT USING IT FOR UPGRADING ANY ADA ISSUES WITHIN THE CITY. THEY HAD ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A GRADUATING SENIOR WITH DISABILITIES GOING ON TO COLLEGE, IF WE HAD ADA WORK BEING DONE AND THEY NEEDED TO HAVE A PAID DETAIL, MONEY COULD COME OUT OF THIS ACCOUNT, BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT THEY WERE NEVER GIVEN ANY INFORMATION, HAVE HAD NO CONTROL, AND THEY SEEM TO HAVE AN ONGOING DEBATE WITH THE CITY BECAUSE THE CITY KEEPS TELLING THE COMMISSION THAT THEY HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THESE FUNDS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO USE THIS MONEY FOR ANYTHING.

MOTION: TO REFER THIS TO THE LAW OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION AND TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY HAS ACCEPTED CHAPTER 40, 8J. SO VOTED.

DISCUSSED WAS HANDICAPPED PARKING ON PRIVATE LOTS. THE CHIEF SAID THAT HIS CONCERN WITH PRIVATE PARKING LOTS IS THAT THE CITY HAD A PRIVATE LOT AND AS PART OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS WAS REQUIRED TO HAVE A HANDICAPPED SPOT IN THERE. THE POLICE DID SOME ENFORCEMENT IN THERE AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE PARKING SPOT IS NOT THERE ANYMORE. HIS

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CONCERN IS IF SOMETHING COMES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OR THE PLANNING PROCESS IN THE CITY AND IF HANDICAPPED SPOTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE THERE AND AT SOME POINT AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED ARE TAKEN OUT, THERE REALLY IS NO MECHANISM IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH THAT. THIS MAY BE ENFORCEABLE THROUGH ZONING ENFORCEMENT AS THE PROJECT MAY HAVE BEEN APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. THE QUESTION IS WHO IS THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT UNDER HIS PURVIEW BUT IF THERE IS A HANDICAPPED SPOT THERE THEY WILL TICKET IT.

THE ADA COMMISSION HAD DISCUSSED COMING UP WITH SOME TYPE OF ORDINANCE OR SOMETHING WHERE THE COMMISSION COULD GO ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY, EDUCATE THEM, LET THEM KNOW THERE WILL BE A 3 STEP PROCESS - LET THEM KNOW WHAT IS WRONG, A WARNING IS ISSUED, AND THEN YOU GET FINED.

THE CHIEF RECOMMENDS RULES AND REGULATIONS. THERE NEEDS TO BE FORMALIZED WRITTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE CHIEF ALSO RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION INVITING THE SAFETY OFFICER TO THEIR MEETINGS.

5. MEET TO DISCUSS SIDEWALK/CURB CUT REPAIRS – CITY VS. STATE PROJECTS, AND THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC REPAIRS

MR. O'BRIEN STATED THAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON IS IN FEDERAL COURT MEDIATION AND HE IS VERY LIMITED ON WHAT HE CAN SAY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IF ANY ONE HAS A CONCERN ABOUT A CURB CUT, THEY SHOULD CALL THE DPW, A WORK ORDER IS PUT IN AND THE CITY HAS A LIMITED BUDGET FOR REPAIRS, THEY HAVE A CONTRACTOR THAT WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND THAT PERSON GOES OUT AND REPAIRS THE ISSUE CALLED IN.

THE CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED HAVING THE DPW TEAM ATTEND THE NEXT ADA COMMISSION MEETING TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES.

MRS. DICORPIO STATED THAT THEY HAVE PUT IN REQUESTS FOR CURB CUTS BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF MID BLOCK CUTS.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED, SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CHAIRMAN IS HEARING ABOUT THESE ISSUES THAT THE COMMISSION BRING THESE ISSUES TO THIS COMMITTEE OR ANY COUNCILOR, THEN THEY CAN REFER THEM TO THE DPW WITH A TIME CERTAIN TO GET BACK TO THE COMMISSION.

MRS. DICORPIO ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK BEING DONE IN THE CITY AND THE APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE IS NOT IN PLACE. THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN AUDITORY SIGNAL AND THERE IS NO ACCESSIBLE ROUTE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS WHEN WORK IS BEING DONE. THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED – IT SHOULD BE AUTOMATIC.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN THE DPW TO OVERSEE ADA COMPLIANCE. SOMETIMES IT IS COVERED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS. THE DPW DOESN'T DEAL WITH ADA MATTERS, IT IS DONE BY A 3RD PARTY.

MOTION: TO HAVE THE DPW COMMISSIONER, ASSISTANT DPW COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY SOLICITOR PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO WHEN ROADWORK IS BEING DONE IN THE CITY ON A CITY JOB WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE ALL ADA COMPLIANCES ARE MET. SO VOTED.

MR. O'BRIEN SAID THE CLERK OF THE WORKS OR THE ENGINEER OF THE PROJECT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUES REGARDING ADA – IT SHOULD BE IN THE BID DOCUMENTS.

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7. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

DISCUSSED WAS THAT THE TRANSITIONAL REPORT IS SUPPOSED TO BE UPDATED YEARLY. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE LAST TIME IT WAS UPDATED WAS IN 2005. IT IS AN ONGOING DOCUMENT. CITY PLANNER KEVIN SCANLON STATED THAT THE CITY DOES WORK EVERY YEAR, BUT HE HAS NOT PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF WORK COMPLETED FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS SINCE 2005. AS FAR AS WORK TO BE DONE, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF NEW BUILDINGS COME ON LINE, A LOT OF THEM ARE RELATIVELY NEW. BUILDINGS HAVE GONE OFF LINE SUCH AS CITY HALL AND BARNUM SCHOOL. HE FURTHER SAID WE SHOULD KEEP GOING THROUGH THE SCHOOLS AND EVALUATING THEM. THEY JUST DID THIS AT LEDDY. TAUNTON HIGH HAS SOME ISSUES LEFT OVER FROM THE RENOVATIONS. MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT YEARS AGO, KEVIN WENT THROUGH ALL THE BUILDINGS AND IDENTIFIED WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO BRING THE BUILDING UP TO ADA STANDARDS. THE TRANSITION REPORT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIVING DOCUMENT, SO YEAR TO YEAR YOU ARE TO GO THROUGH THE DOCUMENT, IDENTIFY WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, TAKE IT OFF THE LIST AND ADD TO THE LIST ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. THIS WAY EVERY YEAR YOU KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.

MR. SCANLON WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL.

HE SAID THAT THERE IS A SELF EVALUATION PLAN THAT IS FINE. THE TRANSITION PLAN WAS DONE IN 2005, THEN THE BUDGET CRISIS HIT AND THE REPORT LANGUISHED. WITH NO MONEY, THE PLAN WAS NEVER ADOPTED HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK WAS DONE. MR. SCANLON SAID HE WOULD NEED TO START FROM SCRATCH, BUT IT SHOULD BE A MUCH SMALLER LIST. HE DID SAY THAT THIS IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING AND COULD TAKE A YEAR OR MORE.

COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT IF WE WERE TO DO THE SCHOOL SIDE, WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF GOING THROUGH THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS. MR. SCANLON STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THAT. MR. WALKDEN IS IN CHARGE OF ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND KEVIN IS THERE TO ADVISE AND ASSIST HIM. BUT, YOU NEED SOMEBODY WHO IS TRAINED SPECIFICALLY IN THOSE AREAS. IT IS GOOD WHEN THE COMMISSIONERS THEMSELVES GO THROUGH THE BUILDINGS TOO BECAUSE THEY PICK UP ON THINGS THAT BOTH MR. SCANLON AND MR. WALKDEN AND EVEN THE ENGINEERS WHO DESIGN THE BUILDINGS MAY HAVE MISSED.

MOTION: THAT MR. SCANLON BE GIVEN 30 DAYS TO WORK A PLAN WITH MR. WALKDEN OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND COME BACK TO THE COMMITTEE WITH A FULLY EXECUTED PLAN THAT WOULD NAVIGATE TIME LINE, PARTIES INVOLVED, AND HOW THEY WOULD BE TACKLING THIS.

MR. SCANLON SAID A FULL TRANSITION PLAN WOULD INCLUDE THE DPW. WE CANNOT DO THAT BECAUSE OF THE LAWSUIT AND THE MEDIATION THAT IS GOING ON. THIS HAS TO BE DONE SEPARATELY. WHATEVER COMES OUT OF THAT MEDIATION THEY WILL DEAL WITH. ESSENTIALLY THAT WILL BE A TRANSITION PLAN FOR DPW, THAT WHOLE ASPECT WILL HAVE TO BE PUT ASIDE.

MR. SCANLON WAS URGED TO WORK WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT AS TO WHO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS MATTER.

DISCUSSED WAS HAVING SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF EACH BUILDING FOR THIS TRANSITION REPORT. MR. SCANLON SAID IF THE COUNCIL IS OK WITH THIS – FINE, BUT THERE COULD BE ERRORS.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED THAT AS **PART OF THE MOTION MR. SCANLON IS TO EXPLORE HAVING A CONSULTANT DO THE TRANSITION PLAN AND CAN THIS BE FUNDED THROUGH THE MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE HANDICAPPED FINES. SO VOTED.**

MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT REGARDING THE RENOVATIONS AT TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL, THE HANDICAPPED BATHROOMS ARE INCORRECT. SHE SAID THERE WAS AN ARCHITECT, A BUILDER, THE

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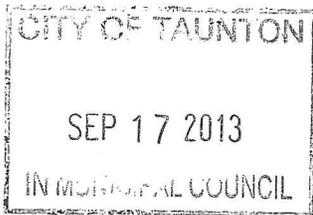
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BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND THIS WAS STILL DONE WRONG. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ADA ISSUES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION: ASK MR. WALKDEN TO REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS AS TO HOW THIS HAPPENED, WHEN IT WILL BE RECTIFIED AND WHEN COMPLETED TO ADA COMMISSION'S SATISFACTION. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:56 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rm Blackwell".
CITY CLERK