

**GATRA Advisory Board Meeting  
December 28, 2021 – 12:00 p.m  
Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780**

At 12:00 p.m. Mayor Heroux called for a motion to call the meeting to order, Mayor O'Connell made the motion, Kevin Dumas seconded the motion. The meeting was called to order. Roll call attendance was taken:

Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Kingston (1.96) Paul Rossi Clapp, Lakeville (1.59) Kelly Howley, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Marshfield (3.04) Greg Guimond, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Plainville (1.29) Stacy Powell, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wareham (3.20) Alan Slavin, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond. A quorum was met with 49.45.

GATRA Staff: Nancy Foley, Mark Sousa, Attorney Frank Biedak, Patrick Sullivan, GATRA General Counsel and Attorney Paul DeRensis were also present.

Mayor Heroux announced that we have a stenographer present and asked that before anyone spoke please state your name and the community that you represent. Mayor Heroux stated that we were here today to discuss concerns that Kevin Dumas has brought to the Board and to thoroughly vet this issue.

Kevin Dumas stated that we will need to go into Executive Session to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting and would like to know from Mark Sousa if it is his intention to continue this issue in open session. Mr. Sousa's council, Mr. Frank Biedak stated that members of the public should be allowed to speak in open session. After which this matter should go into executive session as he does not want his client to lose any rights by staying in open session.

Kevin Dumas made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of approval of the December 6, 2021 Executive Session Meeting then coming back into open session to hear any comments from the public, Joanne Moore seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Kingston (1.96) Paul Rossi Clapp, Lakeville (1.59) Kelly Howley, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Marshfield (3.04) Greg Guimond, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Plainville (1.29) Stacy Powell, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wareham (3.20) Alan Slavin, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond - voted yes. The motion passed.

**The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.**

## **The GATRA Advisory Board Returned to Open Session at 1:15 p.m.**

Mayor Heroux wanted to give anyone present the opportunity to speak.

Chris Leverone for Dourado, Roseanne Dupont, Brian Damaso and Patty Waitkevich spoke on behalf of Mark Sousa. Amanda Barlow wanted it noted that she was a neutral party and did not want her absence of not standing up for Mark Sousa to say anything to the Board one way or another.

Mayor Heroux called for a motion to go back into Executive Session. Mayor O'Connell moved, Kevin Dumas seconded. Discussion: Tammy Murray, Hanover wanted to ensure that the transcription would still be considered GATRA Minutes and could not be released until the Board voted to do so. Mayor Heroux confirmed that was correct.

A roll call vote was taken: Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Kingston (1.96) Paul Rossi Clapp, Lakeville (1.59) Kelly Howley, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Marshfield (3.04) Greg Guimond, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Plainville (1.29) Stacy Powell, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wareham (3.20) Alan Slavin, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond – voted yes.

## **The GATRA Advisory Board convened into Executive Session at 1:30**

### **GATRA Advisory Board Returned to Open Session at 5:20 p.m.**

Due to the lengthy Executive Session roll call attendance was taken again. In attendance: Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond. A quorum was met.

Mayor Heroux announced that Mark Sousa had submitted his resignation. It reads as follows: "Effective January 14, 2022, I resign my position as Executive Director of GATRA so that the Advisory Board will have time to determine a severance package". This was dated December 28, 2021 and was signed by Mark Sousa. The Board voted Mark Sousa would remain on paid Administrative leave until January 14, 2022.

Kevin Dumas asked for motion to have Frank Gay appointed as Interim Administrator, and have Amanda Barlow resume her position as Deputy Administrator. Joanne Moore moved to accept Frank Gay as Interim Administrator effective December 29, 2021, Linda Hayes seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond - voted yes, the motion passed.

Mayor Heroux asked for a motion to adjourn, Mayor O'Connell moved, Kevin Dumas seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Attleboro (5.40) Mayor Heroux, Berkley (1.38) Heather Martin Sterling, Duxbury (2.25) Joanne Moore, Foxborough (1.98) Marc Craig, Franklin (2.35) Deborah Pellegrini, Hanover (3.57) Tammy Murray, Mansfield (2.80) Kevin Dumas, Pembroke (2.53) Joseph Ryan, Raynham (2.06) Erin Medeiros, Rehoboth (1.21) Bradley Marshall, Scituate (2.32) Linda Hayes, Seekonk (2.11) Brittany Faria, Taunton (5.49) Mayor O'Connell, Wrentham (1.92) Janet Angelico, ADA Adv (1.0) Michael Raymond - voted yes, the motion passed.

**The meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.**