

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, May 7, 2018  
Town Office Building  
Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez,  
Others: C. Bennett, P. Gagarin  
Absent: S. Patch

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM.

Ms. Bennett called for Organization of the Board:

Nominations for Chair: Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Fydenkevez, Second Mr. Bergeron

All in Favor: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Pierce

Nominations for Vice Chair: Mr. Bergeron nominated Mr. Pierce, Second Mr. Fydenkevez,

All in Favor: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez

Nomination for Clerk: Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Bergeron, Second Mr. Fydenkevez

All in Favor: Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Pierce

Motion Mr. Fydenkevez that Mr. Pierce conduct the remainder of the meeting, Second Mr. Bergeron.

Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the Minutes of April 30, 2018, Second Mr. Bergeron, Vote 3-0.

#### UPDATES

- Mr. Fydenkevez expressed gratitude to the town's committees, boards and commissions. He recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting and recognized the town is fortunate to have individuals with vast expertise for the Commission and reflected that same sentiment for all the experience individuals on the various boards, commissions and committees. These members volunteer many countless hours to the town, several of which maintain this same level of experience in their professions. The town is very fortunate to have these individuals who dedicate themselves to the towns various matters for many years. Thank you to all the volunteers that step-up every day for all of these organizations in town.
- Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bergeron reiterated the large percentage of work performed in and for the town on a volunteer basis. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated residents who exercise their duties with professionalism on behalf of the town.
- Mr. Bergeron reported the Army Corp of Engineers requested permission to enter the 120 N. Main Street property to review the land, etc. on behalf of RDI. Motion Mr. Bergeron to sign letter allowing the Army Corp of Engineers access to 120 N. Main Street for their survey work, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 3-0.
- Mr. Pierce spoke of the Annual Town Meeting. 126 residents participated in town meeting and was curious the percentage of registered voters who participated. Ms. Bennett to request information from the Town Clerk. He also thanked voters for supporting the Ballot questions as presented. The support of the town gives the Board the opportunity to stay on a mindful and frugal budgetary path and the funds voted in no way means we will be spending money on new things. The funds are to keep the town on a steady operational track. Mr. Bergeron wanted to also take the opportunity to remind residents and ensure the board's stewardship that the operational budgetary funds was not lost on them and appreciate the support of many.
- Mr. Fydenkevez thanks residents who participated in town meeting and noted that at times on stage it may appear there is a lot of conversation amongst the stage members or they may seem to not be engaged in the questions from the audience. The Board wanted to ensure residents they are all paying attention however, it is very difficult to hear on the stage and

many times audience interaction may not be heard by town members on stage. It is a priority for the board to address some of the long standing sound issues in the elementary school gym.

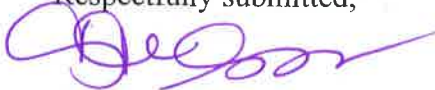
- The Board sincerely wished Mr. Duby a happy retirement from his town positions and hope he enjoys this new chapter.
- Mr. Fydenkevez also commented on the town election activity and results. Sometimes the town may win or lose and some residents may not be happy with the outcome of a vote. He would like to encourage residents to take an active role in the many volunteer opportunities available, not just be involved at the ballot box. Participating in the committee positions available is a learning opportunity for our town government and encourages folks to put an effort in to the process. Please see the new Town Moderator if one is interested in being on the Finance Committee. Folks also expressed concerned that Ballot question #2 did not include a dollar amount. It was explained the question is required to be written by legal counsel and follow MGL regulations. The final cost of the Ballot subject will be determined when the borrowing details are finalized.
- Mr. Pierce offered the Town Meeting Open House which was held the week before town meeting and thought it was successful and offered helpful information that would inform residents about the upcoming town meeting. We will be looking at ways to improve the event and encourage everyone's continued support and participation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

P. Gargarin echoed the Boards sentiment where the override allows stability to continue with the town finances. He complimented the Board of their leadership in the way they do business for the town.

Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to adjourn, Second Mr. Bergeron for discussion. Mr. Bergeron offered an inspirational quote for thought. Motion Mr. Fydenkevez, Second Mr. Pierce to adjourn at 7:04PM, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Bennett  
Administrative Assistant