

Selectboard Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2019

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch
Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT.
Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Marjorie Yurkevich and Richard Strycharz.

APPOINTMENT

6:30pm Carlos Nieto-Mattei, Berkshire Design Group re: Presentation of School Street ADA Improvements Conceptual Design Options. 3 schematic conceptual designs were presented. The North Main Street project considerations were incorporated in the School Street conceptual design as well. Several options were reviewed, including burying power lines which would be costly, signage, drainage, road changes which would be problematic for highway maintenance, parking options, light pollution vs. pedestrian lighting, etc. Complaints were expressed related to The Corner Store delivery parking. Residents also noted issues with graffiti on bridge, squatters on back property and Wi-Fi usage in parking lot. Public input is important and public concerns are trying to be addressed. Wi-Fi issues at the back of the town buildings have already been addressed. Community issues need to be brought to the board's attention for review and action. They encourage further comments be forwarded to the Town Administrator/Selectboard's Office.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve Minutes of 8/12/2019, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

- Mr. Pierce reported the Ditch Committee is progressing and looking at immediate items that can be addressed. Looking to do a culvert inventory as a Map/GIS layer. Committee is drafting public service notices to property owners.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced the need for a 3rd member of the COA. There is a meeting next week.
- Mr. Bergeron noted a ZBA hearing scheduled for 8/28/19 regarding proposed changes related to the 120 N. Main Street Senior Housing project.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Fydenkevez asked to send a letter to Ron Rodak regarding the town's non-interest in purchasing the Dimo's property. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to send letter, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- FY20 FUEL BID recommendation from the George Emery, Highway Superintendent to award FY20 fuel bids to lowest bidders: Diesel to A.R. Sandri at \$2.2952 and Gasoline to D.K. Burke at \$2.549 as presented. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to award fuel bids, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Police Chief Demetropoulos discussed the status of new POLICE CRUISER quotes as voted at 2019 Annual Town Meeting. A vehicle and equipping is not obtainable under the \$50,000 appropriation. Lowest near bid is a Dodge Durango but would still require 11-15K to build out with additional equipment. Discussion regarding cruiser lighting and safety of officers, vinyl wrap/emblem stickers vs. painting costs, and makes/models available. Consider Special Town Meeting for additional funds and/or consideration if the town wanted to stay with the same vehicle brand for equipment compatibility. Cannot retrofit build-out equipment from older units to current models or different brands. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to allow Chief and Procurement Officer to work together on purchase details. Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- BYLAWS – TOWN PROPERTY OVERNIGHT PARKING review or update.
- VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE Appointments: Mr. Pierce motion to appoint Jim Houle, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. Present list for next meeting of additional individuals who may be interested in serving.

- COUNCIL ON AGING Appointment: Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint Maryann Kowaleck to COA, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- Fire Chief requests permission to declare CROWN VICTORIA as surplus for disposal. Mr. Fydenkevez motion, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- There is a vacancy for someone to serve on the FY20 FRCOG Franklin Planning Board. Post availability on website. If interested, please contact the Selectboard's Office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 9/2/19 Town Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday.
- 9/9/19 Next Selectboard meeting.
- 9/23/19 6:00PM Public Hearing with traffic engineer and Mass DOT re: N. Main Street project.

Mr. Pierce reminded the community that school is starting this week, please use caution and please do not pass stopped school buses with flashing lights!

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 8:59PM, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator