

Selectboard Minutes
Monday, September 30, 2019

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

The Board expressed condolences on the recent loss of our Highway employee, Chris Sibley.

Mr. Bergeron thanked residents for coming the North Main Street reconstruction project public hearing. The public comment period is open 10/7/19.

MINUTES - Mr. Pierce motion to approve Minutes of 9/9/19, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

- Mr. Bergeron said a Capital Planning Meeting will be held next Tuesday.
- Mr. Fydenkevez addressed the questions received regarding the markers on S. Main Street. The “sharrows” indicate to motorists and bicyclists to share the road. Traffic Light cycle changes are being explored on Rt 116 and Rt 47 by MassDOT.
- Mr. Pierce said the first Personnel Committee meeting addressed goals for the year.
- Mr. Bergeron note the Board will sign a bond for \$122,500 for 120 N. Main Street at 1.95% for one year which requires an annual authorization.

CORRESPONDENCE

- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTED the RETIRED CRUISER from the Police Department be declared surplus to the Highway Department. Mr. Pierce motion for discussion, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- TOWN CLERK RESIGNATION from PARKING CLERK. Mr. Pierce motion to accept resignation, Mr. Fydenkevez did not support resignation request, Vote 2-1.
- Mr. Pierce motion to APPOINT TREASURER/COLLECTOR AS PARKING CLERK through 6/30/2020, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION. Mr. Pierce motion to accept, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0 with regret.
- Discussion related to TOWN ADMINISTRATOR HIRING PROCESS. Interim and Town Administrator positions have been advertised. Mr. Fydenkevez would like to focus on hiring a Town Administrator rather than an Interim, Mr. Pierce agrees. Mr. Bergeron recommends a screening committee to review applicants, suggest the Personnel Committee to screen applicants and make candidate recommendations to the Board by the middle to end of November. Mr. Pierce motion to request Personnel Committee to screen applicants, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. Mr. Bergeron will meet with the Personnel Committee.
- 1-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR MIKE’S MAZE BEER MAZE 10/4/19 from 6PM-9PM. Mr. Pierce motion to approve, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- APPOINT IAN LIPPINCOTT to the COMMUNITY PATHWAYS COMMITTEE, Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.
- APPOINT DAVID GOODWIN to the ENERGY COMMITTEE, Mr. Pierce motion to appoint, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.
- Accept RESIGNATION OF PAYROLL CLERK CYNTHIA CAPOROSA, Mr. Fydenkevez accept resignation, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Peter Gagarin thanked Sherry for her service to the town.

- Mr. Gagarin noted some discussions related to the School and the impact of Sugarbush Meadows. Discussions also included the Wastewater conversation with representatives for Sugarbush, impact of the complex on the school planning. Unknown occupancy next summer, the potential budget impact, number of potential students, grade structure and financial impact, transportation demands, etc. There needs to an open discussion with parents and community regarding these matters. Jo Comerford had a listening session regarding the Education Bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Under MGL c.30A, §21(a) ¶3 to discuss strategy with regard to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Chair declared motion to enter into Executive Session by roll call vote at 7:55PM: Mr. Bergeron: aye, Mr. Pierce: aye, Mr. Fydenkevez: aye. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn.

Meeting reconvened to open session to adjourn at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator