MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Members present were Douglas Belanger, Thomas Buckley, Dianna Provencher and Matthew Dennison. Also present was Town Administrator Robert Reed. Selectman Wilson entered the meeting at 6:10pm.

Town Clerk – upcoming elections (Ms. Wilson entered the meeting during this discussion.)

Deborah Davis was present to request that the Town hold two separate elections and not combine the Special State Elections with the Town Election, which will be held June 11th. The decision is up to the BOS, but the Board of Registrars feels that it is in the best interest of the Town to hold two separate elections. The State claims that they will pay to reimburse for special election costs, but that remains to be seen. State Auditor Suzanne Bump has requested up front funding to cover these costs for the municipalities.

Discussion on issues of concern that Ms. Davis sees, distributing a list to members for review.

MOTION: Mr. Dennison moved to hold two separate elections, the Town Election on 6/11/13 from 12:00pm-8:00pm and the Special State Election on 6/25/13 from 7:00am-8:00pm. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Request for 1-day Beer & Wine Permit

Chartwells, on behalf of Becker College, is requesting 1-day Beer & Wine Permit for March 13th to host local business association from 4pm-8pm at the dance studio. Ms. LeChasseur reported that all paperwork is in order.

MOTION: Mr. Dennison moved to approve 1-day Permit as requested. Mr. Buckley seconded. UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

1. Notice from Friends of Library announcing fundraiser to be held March 2nd at Leicester Country Club. Mr. Belanger asked members to call with any commitments as noted on flyer. FILE

2. Notice from Charter Communications of switch from analog to digital programming channels. All customers should have been notified of same. Ms. Wilson reported this information is on website. FILE

3. Ratify Memorandum of Agreement with City of Worcester Division of Public Health concerning Mass Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC) RFR # 301822, with Leicester as a cluster community. Chairman Belanger signed agreement on 2/24 to file in timely manner. Mr. Buckley reported this to be a formality, with no costs or strain on employees anticipated.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to ratify MOA with City of Worcester DPH as presented. Mr. Dennison seconded. UNANIMOUS

Public Forum – regional dispatching with City of Worcester

Mr. Belanger noted that Police Chief is looking into such roles at holding cell lockup monitors. All is being considered with regard to saving time and resources.

MOTION: Ms. Wilson moved to recess to Town Hall floor for public forum discussions, Board to adjourn with loss of quorum. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

The Board reconvened in Town Hall. Mr. Belanger opened the public forum session with full Board and Town Administrator along with Chief of Police James Hurley. Concerns were discussed and questions fielded from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned with loss of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan LeChasseur, Administrative Assistant