

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2019 at 6:30PM
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice Chair Sandra Wilson, Selectman Harry Brooks, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg and Student Liaisons Alyssa Pupillo and Katheryn Stapel were in attendance. 2nd Vice Chair Brian Green arrived at 7:19pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comments

2. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Liaison Reports

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools including community reading day at Primary on March 5th, community reading day at Memorial on March 6th, spring picture day on March 8th, congratulations to Taylor and Andrew at Memorial who were selected to sing in the All State Treble Chorus, Footloose play at the High School on March 5,6,8 and 9 for which admission is \$5, athletic night for those interested in spring sports on March 14th from 6-8pm and no school on March 15th due to a professional development day.

b. Select Board Reports

The Select Board discussed various topics including the recent meeting with water and sewer districts, staying on trails when snowmobiling, staying off the land at Hillcrest Country Club and obtaining permission from your neighbors prior to snowmobiling on their properties, and the great job Highway did during this recent storm.

c. Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report

3. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Summer Concert Series Request to Place Portable Bathrooms at Town Hall

Ms. Ivel presented a request to place portable bathrooms at Town Hall for the Summer Concert Series as a convenience to those who are disabled. Ms. Ivel noted that the portable bathrooms have been successfully used for the past two summers as there are concertgoers who can't walk well and have a hard time getting all the way to Town Hall. Mr. Brooks felt the Town Hall bathrooms should always be available when Town event is being held on the Common. Mr. Genereux discussed issues with building access based on a ruling by the Architectural Access Board and building security issues. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to allow portable bathrooms to be placed on the Town Common through the Harvest Fair in September. The motion carried 4:0:0.

b. Board/Committee Application – Burncoat Park Sports Planning Committee (Burncoat Pond Watershed District Rep) – Rose Dolan

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Rose Dolan to the Burncoat Park Sports Planning Committee as the Burncoat Pond Watershed District Representative. The motion carried 4:0:0.

c. Board/Committee Application – Burncoat Park Sports Planning Committee (Snowmobile Club Rep) – John True

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint John True to the Burncoat Park Sports Planning Committee as the Snowmobile Club Representative. The motion carried 4:0:0.

d. Appoint Public Safety Committee Members

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint David Genereux, Marilyn Tencza, Chief Ken Antanavica, Chief Bob Wilson and Dennis Griffin to the Public Safety Committee. The motion carried 4:0:0.

e. Flying Flags at Half Staff for Town Officials and Employees

The Board discussed the draft policy for flying flags at half-staff for Town officials and employees. Mr. Genereux stated the Town could follow the flag code and also honor some of our own upon their passing. The Board discussed who would be considered eligible for this honor and if the Legion would be opposed. The Board requested Mr. Genereux change the worded to state that the flag would fly half staff during the week of internment instead of from death to interment, that the request would need to come from the family or a board member, and requested information on notifications Police and Fire receive in addition to State notifications. Mr. Genereux stated he would update the policy, send it out to the Board tomorrow and bring it back before the Board on March 18th.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21A

a. Executive Session Minutes

b. Exceptions 3 & 7 – Discuss strategy with respect to litigation (BSI Litigation); meeting with Town Counsel pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) and (7) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) to discuss pending litigation in the case of BSI v. Town of Leicester, Civil Action No. 1885CV00985

Mr. Green arrived at 7:19pm. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to enter into executive session under Mass General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exceptions 3 and 7, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (BSI Litigation); meeting with Town Counsel pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) and (7) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) to discuss pending litigation in the case of BSI v. Town of Leicester, Civil Action No. 1885CV00985 and to review executive session minutes. The Chair declared that to discuss these matters in open session would compromise the position of the Town. Roll call: 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica at 7:44pm. Roll call: 5:0:0.