

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2019 AT 6:30PM  
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice Chair Sandra Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Brian Green, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg and Student Liaisons Alyssa Pupillo and Kathryn Stapel were in attendance. Selectman Harry Brooks attended remotely via phone.

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**a. 6:30pm – Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation, Review and Adoption**

Trish Settles with CMRPC discussed the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Leicester. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Green to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Leicester. Roll call: 5:0:0

**b. 6:45pm – National Grid Utility Discussion**

Kevin Shaughnessy with National Grid discussed issues with bringing gas into Town. Mr. Shaughnessy noted the way tariffs are set up in Mass, Ngrid must have a paying customer in order to bring gas down a street that does not have gas or to expand an existing line. New customers must pay for the difference in cost between the install price and the projected revenue their use will bring to Ngrid over a 20-year period. Ngrid does not automatically replace or upgrade lines without an end user and only the capacity that this end user needs is installed. Mr. Shaughnessy stated that unfortunately gas lines can not be installed for the purpose of economic development only without the established end user.

**c. 7:00pm – Moose Hill Water Commission Discussion**

Mr. Genereux noted that the Moose Hill Water Commission met last Thursday night and asked the Select Board to place an article on Town Meeting to disband the Commission. Kurt Parliment, Chair of the Moose Hill Water Commission, stated the cost to bring a treatment plant online coupled with issues gaining DEP approval for a surface water drinking source render developing Moose Hill infeasible at this time. The Town does not currently own the land and the water so in addition to the estimated \$25M to develop the plant, the Town would have to fund land and water acquisition. Mr. Genereux clarified that DCR owns Moose Hill and the Town was given authorization to purchase it back in the late 90s but never moved forward. The Board asked the Town Administrator to confirm the Town would not lose water rights or any other future abilities to utilize Moose Hill prior to Town Meeting. A motion was made Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to put an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant requesting the dissolution of Moose Hill. Roll call: 4:1:0 (Ms. Provencher cast the opposing vote).

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Ratepayers from the Cherry Valley Rochdale Water and Cherry Valley Sewer District discussed water and sewer concerns and urged the Board to work towards a town wide solution.

Jan Parke, President of Common Ground Land Trust, requested the Town look into addressing the invasive water chestnuts that have taken over Greenville and Rochdale Ponds.

Resident Greg Buteau stated that the dam at Moose Hill is a multipurpose dam and was not built solely for flood control.

### **3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **a. Student Liaison Reports**

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools including MCAS testing, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Nature's Classroom, Wolverine Cleanup Day on Saturday and the debut screening of the Harry Potter film on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Select Board Reports**

The Select Board discussed topics including the Taste of Leicester Saturday from 7-11pm at the Leicester Country Club to benefit Hearts for Heat and the Leicester Food Pantry, the Earth Day cleanup on Sunday, Drug Takeback Day Saturday, Officer Zecco's last shift before retiring, extra patrols on Stafford Street due to trash flying off trucks going to the transfer station in Oxford, obtaining a final financial report for the Fire Station, the May 5<sup>th</sup> Burncoat Park cleanup and the April 27<sup>th</sup> Rochdale Park cleanup from 10am to noon.

#### **c. Town Administrator Report**

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report.

### **4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a. Resignation – David Orth – Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Green to accept the resignation of David Orth from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Roll call: 5:0:0.

#### **b. Resignation – Jared Sharp – Veterans Services Officer**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to accept the resignation of Veterans Services Officer Jared Sharp and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Roll call: 5:0:0.

#### **c. Appointment – Light Equipment Operator – Leicester Highway Department**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Michael McCormick to the position of Light Equipment Operator for the Highway Department. Roll call: 5:0:0.

#### **d. Appointment – Board of Fire Engineers**

A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to appoint Robert Wilson, Michael Dupuis and Matthew Tebo to the Board of Fire Engineers and to ask them to attend the next Board meeting and bring individual letters stating their goals and objectives for the Fire Department. Roll call: 4:0:1 (Ms. Wilson abstained).

#### **e. Appointment – Per Diem EMT-Basic – Eli Seiser**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Eli Seiser to the position of per-diem/on call EMT basic. Roll call: 5:0:0.

#### **f. Appointment – Per Diem EMT-Basic – Callie Mathieu**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Callie Mathieu to the position of per-diem/on call EMT Basic. Roll call: 5:0:0.

#### **g. Appointment – Per Diem Paramedic – Paul Latino**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Paul Latino to the position of paramedic. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**h. Appointment – Department Assistant, Treasurer/Collector Office – Wanda Merced (lateral transfer)**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to authorize a lateral transfer for Wanda Merced to the position of Department Assistant in the Treasurer/Collectors office. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**i. Appointment – Dawn Marttila – Conservation Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Dawn Marttila to the Conservation Commission. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**j. Board/Committee Application – Allison Nadel – Commission on Disabilities**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Alison Nadell to the Commission on Disabilities. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**k. Board/Committee Application – Rachel Lyon – Commission on Disabilities**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Rachel Lyon to the Commission on Disabilities. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Vote and Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Resident Margaret Darling presented a petition to hire a grant writer. The Board provided their recommendation on Town Meeting articles. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**b. Becker One Day Beer/Wine Permit Request – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to approve (2) one day beer/wine permits for Becker College for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**c. Common Victualler License – Crossroads Marketplace – 1060 Main Street**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to approve a Common Victualler License for Crossroads Marketplace located at 1060 Main Street. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**d. Senior Center Donation**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept the donations to the Senior Center. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**e. Ambulance Donation**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept a donation to the EMS Department. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**f. Parks and Rec Donation**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Green to accept donations to the Parks and Rec department for the Tarentino Memorial fund. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**g. Contract – MassDOT – Opticom**

A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to execute a contract with MassDOT to fund the Opticom for the new Fire & EMS Headquarters. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**6. MINUTES**

**a. April 1, 2019**

A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019. Roll call: 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Green at 9:51pm. Roll call: 5:0:0.