

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 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, 2nd Vice Chair Brian Green, Selectman Harry Brooks, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Student Liaison Katheryn Stapel, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. 6:30pm - General Entertainment License – Hank’s Marine

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve a General Entertainment License for Hank’s Marine. The motion carried 5:0:0.

b. 6:35pm - Board of Fire Engineers Discussion

The Select Board and the Board of Fire Engineers discussed the future composition of the Board of Fire Engineers. The Chief discussed issues with Engine 4 which is 20 years old and Engine 1 which is 33 years old. The Chief is recommending replacing a truck in the upcoming capital plan for planning purposes so all engines will not need to be replaced at the same time. All three engineers recommended continuing with a call fire department as there are 63 firefighters on the roster currently and funding a full-time department would be very challenging.

c. 6:45pm - Petition to Repair Salminen Drive

Mr. Genereux presented a petition from the residents of Salminen Drive to repair their road under the new private way bylaw. Elizabeth Williamson from Salminen Drive stated the residents were interested in getting a cost estimate to make permanent repairs like drainage and paving and getting some temporary repairs now if possible. Mr. Genereux noted that if betterments are determined to be the path forward, the Town would have to borrow and assess the betterments which would require Town Meeting approval. The first step would be for the Board to accept the petition and for the Highway Superintendent to make recommendations and determine the cost. Superintendent Griffin stated that drainage is key to permanently resolve issues with the road and that the resident may want to address the road issues in phases due to anticipated costs. The first step is to come up with a plan and go before the Conservation Commission followed by the Zoning Board of Appeals then back to the Select Board. Mr. Genereux noted that if the Town becomes involved in the funding of the project, prevailing wage would apply. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept the petition from the residents of Salminen Drive requesting assistance in repairing their road, authorize the Highway Superintendent to make a recommendation and provide regular updates to the Board. The motion carried 5:0:0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Liaison Reports

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

b. Select Board Reports

The Select Board discussed topics including the Special Olympics on May 17th beginning at 9:15am, the move back to the renovated Library which will result in both locations being closed from May 11th to June 4th, May

17th, the Library Grand Opening to be held in June (date TBD), fundraising involving Deja Nu for a support dog for Maddie which raised \$17,000 in 10 days and discussions with gas companies in Worcester.

c. Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report including an upcoming meeting with residents behind the Fire Station regarding water issues in the area this Thursday, May 6th at 7pm in the Select Board Conference Room and the Church Street Bridge project getting underway this week.

d. Eagle Scout Ceremony

The Board has been invited to attend an Eagle Scout Ceremony on May 26th at 2pm at the Knight's of Columbus for Logan LaFlemme. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to sign a certificate of achievement for Logan LaFlemme. The motion carried 5:0:0.

4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment – Health Insurance Advisory Committee – Derrick Ruth

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to appoint Derrick Ruth to the Health Insurance Advisory Committee as the Police Union Representative. The motion carried 5:0:0.

b. Board/Committee Application – Susan Sears – Bylaw Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to appoint Susan Sears to the Bylaw Committee. The motion carried 5:0:0.

c. Board/Committee Application – Thomas Brennan – Memorial Day Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Green to appoint Thomas Brennan to the Memorial Day Committee. The motion carried 5:0:0.

d. FY2020 Reappointments

The Board discussed the process for FY20 reappointments.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Request to Dispose of Library Furniture and Misc. Items

The Board requested a more specific list of items be presented to be voted on at the next Board meeting. Mr. Genereux will provide a disposal plan.

b. Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA) Grant MOU

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to sign the MOU with CMRPC for assistance with the Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant. The motion carried 4:0:1 with Ms. Provencher abstaining.

c. Hillcrest Lease RFP Update and Discussion

Mr. Genereux stated that two responses to the Hillcrest Lease RFP were received. Mr. Genereux noted that one proposal would be disqualified based on the bid specifications and that both proposals had technical issues and weak responses to the evaluation criteria. Mr. Genereux recommended revising the RFP in a way that would encourage competition, requiring all parts of the building to be viewed at a site visit during which the RFP would be further explained and putting the RFP back out to bid. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Green to revise the RFP and put it back out to bid. The motion carried 5:0:0.

6. MINUTES

a. April 22, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Green to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

b. April 29, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Green to approve the minutes of April 29, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

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

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

b. Executive Session Minutes

This item was passed over; the Board did not go into executive session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica at 7:44pm. The motion carried unanimously.