

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Becker College, Borger 112, 964 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524

Moved to: Select Board's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, MA 01524

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

The Borger Building at Becker was locked, so the meeting was moved to the Select Board's meeting room at Town Hall, with a sign posted at the Borger Building's door. Chairwoman Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. Chair Sandra Wilson, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, 2nd Vice-Chair Rick Antanavica, Selectwoman Dianna Provencher, Selectman John Shocik, Town Administrator David Genereux and School Superintendent Marilyn Tencza were in attendance.

Superintendent spoke with the Board regarding an incident that had occurred at the March 9th meeting regarding commentary during public comment period regarding a quote for electronic equipment to be set up in the High School for the special town meeting. The Board then discussed the actions of various members when the comments made during the public comment period got heated. Mr. Genereux reminded the Board that the public comment period was three minutes per speaker as listed in the Public Comment Policy, and that there should be no interaction with members of the public during that time, as those discussions are not on the Board agenda.

Ms. Tencza then updated the Board regarding the closing of the schools for 1 week, to be reviewed at a later time. There was discussion about surplus food being donated, and the Board spending time later in the weekend making meals to be distributed to the community. Ms. Tencza then left the meeting. After discussion of Town Hall operations, Mr. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Provencher to close all Town buildings, effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board also determined that they wished the Town Administrator's report to be more accessible, either on the Web or emailed with the department reports. There was also a short discussion regarding the Community Preservation Act, and the Board asked to make sure that the plumbing Inspector was aware of the sewer district's regulations to ensure no issues like the one that Eastern Pearl is dealing with does not happen in the future.

Discuss 3 -5 Year Goals

The Board reviewed the Vision Statement, dated July 13, 2015. After much review and discussion, the Board made the following changes:

Add "Highway Barn" and "School Facilities" beneath "Public Facilities"

Remove "Wet/Dry" from "Wet/Dry Utilities"

Add "Stormwater" and "Natural Gas" beneath utilities

No work was done on the Policy Manual.

Mr. Shocik made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Provencher, the vote carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.