

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2018 at 6:00pm
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Chairman Harry Brooks, Vice-Chair Dianna Provencher, 2nd Vice-Chair Sandra Wilson, Selectman Douglas Belanger, Selectman Brian Green, Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg and Student Liaisons Alyssa Pupillo and Robert Kemp were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

1. SCHEDULED

a. 6:00pm – Annual Town Meeting Warrant Discussion

Mr. Genereux reviewed the draft Annual Town Meeting warrant with the Select Board and Finance Advisory Board. Mr. Genereux noted that version 2 of the warrant will be coming out on Thursday.

b. 6:30pm – Proclamation for Retired Deputy Fire Chief Donald Berube

Citations and proclamations were presented to retired Deputy Fire Chief Donald Berube in honor of his 41 years of service to the Town of Leicester.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Student Liaison Reports

Ms. Pupillo and Mr. Kemp provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment – Town Hall Renovations Committee At Large Position – Robert Wilson

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Green to appoint Robert Wilson to the Town Hall Renovations Committee at-large position. The motion carried with one abstention (Ms. Wilson).

b. Appointment – Inspector of Animals - Janet King (reappointment)

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Green to reappoint Janet King to the position of Inspector on Animals. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Appointment – Leicester Housing Authority Commissioner

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Provencher to appoint Dick Hammerstrom to the Leicester Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as the State's appointee effective June 13, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Monthly Department Reports

February Department Reports were included in the Board packet. No questions were asked.

4. DISCUSSION/OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Town Meeting Information Sessions – April 17 & 24 at 6pm

Mr. Genereux presented the idea of having two Town Meeting Information Sessions on April 17th and April 24th at 6pm. Residents would have the opportunity to ask questions on any warrant article including the FY'19 budget and recreational marijuana. The meeting will be held at Town Hall in the evening meeting rooms.

b. Select Board Meeting Dates & Times

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the Select Board meeting to Tuesdays as there are many Monday holidays which throw off the traditional schedule of the first and third Monday of every month. The School Department also now hosts workshops on the first Monday of every month. Mr. Brooks liked the idea of alternating every other Tuesday with the School Committee. Ms. Wilson noted the Planning Board meets on Tuesdays. Mr. Brooks directed the Board to send feedback to Ms. Forsberg prior to the next Select Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to hold the next Select Board meeting on April 23rd instead of April 16th due to the holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report.

6. MINUTES

a. March 12, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

7. SELECT BOARD REPORTS

The Select Board spoke on a variety of topics including the CMRPC quarterly meeting, the upcoming Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce economic development forum, the public open house for new Fire & EMS HQ to be on Sunday, May 6th (time TBD), new OSHA requirements for municipalities that may be costly and may apply to police fire ems and highway, thanks to the Highway Department and new Superintendent Dennis Griffin for doing a great job, happy Easter, the Worcester County Selectmen's Association meeting which discussed recreational marijuana, and the Senior Class Fundraiser happening Wednesday at Eller's.

8. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

a. Winter Parking Ban Discussion (scheduled for April 2, 2018)

b. 300th Town Anniversary Committee (scheduled for April 2, 2018)

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

a. Exception 7 – To comply with or act under the authority of any general or special law

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Ms. Wilson to enter in to executive session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 21A, Exception 7, to comply with or act under the authority of any general or special law. The Chair declared that to discuss these matters in open session would compromise the position of the Town. Roll Call: All Ayes

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Belanger and seconded by Ms. Wilson at 8:55pm. The motion carried unanimously.