

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21,2020 AT 6:00PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:13pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, Second Vice-Chair John Shocik, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Selectman Herb Duggan, Jr., Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Bryan Milward were in attendance.

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**a. 6:00pm - Discussion/Vote – Future Fire Department Management Options - Potential Adoption of MGL Chapter 48, Sections 42 or 42A; or Retaining Board of Fire Engineers**

David Genereux provided a recap of the previous meeting's discussion on this issue and the history of the fire department management structure. Herb Duggan mentioned the possibility of forming a committee to study future management options. Matthew Tebo of the Leicester Fire Department stated that now would be the time to make a change given the transitional period and that a committee may be appropriate to form. Bob Wilson stated that he would be retiring November 30th and that the time has come to begin exploring a new direction and that a committee from the Town should begin studying the management options rather than hiring an outside consultant. EMS Coordinator Mike Franklin agreed with the idea of an internal Town committee to study the options but felt that it should not include any merger of EMS services with the Fire Department. Michael Dupuis agreed with doing an internal study. David Genereux stated that the board should complete the study by Spring Town Meeting and that an interim chief should be appointed after Chief Wilson's retirement until the study is complete. The Board will discuss this matter further at their next meeting.

**b. 6:15pm – School Special Town Meeting Update**

David Genereux gave an overview of the safety measures being taken to minimize COVID risk at the meeting. Don Cherry, Town Moderator, gave an explanation on the rules of the meeting and the state law prohibiting signs or shirts expressing support or opposition at Town meeting. Police Chief Ken Antanavica summarized the police department preparations for the meeting. Select Board members discussed information to include in a Reverse 911 call notifying residents of the meeting.

**2. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Kurt Parliament**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Kurt Parliament to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll Call 5:0:0

**b. Appointment – Health Agent**

This item was passed over.

**c. Appointment – Principal Assessor – Sanders Genna**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Sanders Genna to the Principal Assessor position. Roll Call 5:0:0

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Contract – Principal Assessor – Sanders Genna**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to sign Sanders Genna's contract as principal assessor. Roll Call 5:0:0

**b. Discussion/Vote – Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

David Genereux summarized the proposed Fall Town Meeting articles. A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to place all proposed articles on the Fall Town meeting warrant. Roll Call 4:0:1 (Mr. Duggan abstained).

**c. Discussion/Vote – Trick or Treating Date, Hours and Safety Protocols**

Board members discussed the need for additional guidance from the state on trick or treating. No action was taken.

**4. MINUTES**

**a. August 17, 2020**

**b. August 24, 2020**

**c. August 31, 2020**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020, August 24, 2020, and August 31, 2020. Roll Call 5:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik. Roll Call 5:0:0