

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 6:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:14pm. 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 - General Entertainment License – Blue Collar Vintage – 468 Auburn Street

Anthony Brooks, the owner of Blue Collar Vintage, discussed his application for a General Entertainment license to allow for free outdoor music at his business on the weekends. He anticipated music events would be held Sunday afternoons. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to approve the license. Roll Call 5:0:0

b. 6:10pm – Discuss Options for Fire Station Retention Pond Mitigation Plan/Vote on Context Settlement

Select Board members, town officials, and members of the public discussed the existing Fire Station site drainage conditions, proposed mitigation options, and cost estimates for each option. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to table the item until the next meeting. Roll Call 5:0:0

c. 6:45pm – Discussion of Town Buildings Reopening for Daily Business and Night Meetings

David Genereux discussed potential issues raised by Department Heads regarding opening Town buildings at this time. The Board agreed to revisit this item after the election in November.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Doug Belanger, 7 Harberton Drive, expressed his appreciation for the extensive precautions taken to ensure the School Special Town Meeting would be safe and also thanked the organizers of the Town Wide yard sale.

3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment – Recycling Committee – Sandy Wilson

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Sandy Wilson to the Recycling Committee. Roll Call 5:0:0

b. Appointment – Health Agent – Francis Dagle

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Francis Dagle as Health Agent for the Town. Roll Call 5:0:0

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Contract – Health Agent – Francis Dagle

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to approve the contract with Health Agent Francis Dagle. Roll Call 5:0:0

b. Senior Center Donations

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to accept the senior center donations as listed in the packet. Roll Call 5:0:0

c. Vote to Sign Green Communities Grant and Subcontract with Guardian Energy

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to sign contracts with Guardian Energy for energy upgrades at the Senior Center and High School through the Green Communities grant program. Roll Call 5:0:0

d. Vote to Place Additional Articles on the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant (11/17/20)

David Genereux discussed the additional proposed Fall Town Meeting warrant articles as listed in the packet. No action was taken.

e. Intermunicipal Agreement Extension – Regional Public Health Alliance – Health Services

Town Administrator David Genereux discussed the proposed contract extension with the Worcester Regional Public Health Alliance. The extension would continue nursing services until December 31st, 2020, Title V inspections until December 15th, 2020 and all other inspections until October 31st, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Duggan to retroactively accept an extension beginning on October 1st, 2020. Roll Call 5:0:0

f. Request to Dissolve the Library Building Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to dissolve the Library Building Committee. Roll Call 5:0:0

g. Extension of Outdoor Liquor Restaurant Sales

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to extend outdoor liquor restaurant sales for previously approved businesses for an additional sixty days beyond the expiration of Governor Baker's COVID-19 state of emergency. Roll Call 5:0:0

h. Trick or Treating Update

Members of the Select Board and town staff discussed the recent CDC guidance on trick or treating activities, the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases locally, and public safety concerns around trick or treating with neighboring cities and towns canceling. A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to cancel trick or treating on October 31st. Roll Call: 4:1:0 (Provencher opposed).

5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Liaison Reports

The student liaison provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

b. Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator referred to the Select Board to his written report in the packet.

c. Select Board Reports

Select Board members discussed fire prevention month, the recent Town meeting, heat assistance programs, and resident concerns about tax increases at the state level.

6. MINUTES

a. September 14, 2020

b. September 21, 2020

c. September 24, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020, September 21, 2020, and September 24, 2020. Roll Call 5:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan at 9:03pm. Roll Call 5:0:0