

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 7, 2007**

Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Members present were Douglas Belanger, Thomas Brennan, Dianna Provencher and Richard Antanavica. Also present was Town Administrator Robert Reed. Selectman Zagorski arrived at 6:10pm.

Vote to dissolve Police Station Building Committee

Chairman Belanger recommended the group be dissolved, as the work on the station has been completed all but some work for the last two purchase orders, and the new police station has been occupied for more than a year now. He thanked all the members who have served over the years, noting the countless meetings held during that time and the great building we ended up with.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to dissolve the Police Station Building Committee effective immediately. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Website

Mr. Belanger noted a message from webmaster Bill Griffin offering to have minutes from all boards and committees made available on the website. TA Reed agreed that this type of service can help the public to see local government at work, making the governance more transparent, as stated in a news article in local publication on April 28th. He recommended that originals continue to be submitted to the Town Clerk's office, our official keeper of the records. Ms. Provencher noted that only approved minutes should be posted.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to send memo to department heads and committee chairs directing them to forward electronically any approved minutes for inclusion on the Town of Leicester website, noting that originals must still be maintained in Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Brennan seconded. UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

1. Letter of resignation from Donna Lachance, Hillcrest CC sub-committee.

MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to accept with regret and letter of thanks be sent for time contributed. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

2. Request for unpaid leave from Alyce Johns, recommended for approval by Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Reed also recommended approval.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to approve request for unpaid leave as submitted. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Signatures

Mr. Reed asked for signatures to change health insurance coverage to MIIA, therefore dropping two current health insurance programs being offered. He noted that meetings have been held with employees and union representatives, all have been notified in writing of proposed changes and rates, with no opposition being received that he is aware of.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to approve recommendation of TA to change health insurance plan to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, provided through MIIA. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Mr. Reed recommended signature on Quitclaim Deed granting transfer of Whittemore Street parcel to Leicester Rod & Gun Club Inc. All parties and counsels have reviewed and approved as amended.

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved for Board of Selectmen to sign Quitclaim Deed as presented. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to approve 3/5/07 Regular and 4/17/07 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Town Meeting wrap-up

Comp Plan MOTION: Ms. Provencher moved to approve Personnel Board's recommended Comp Plan effective 7/01/06. Mr. Antanavica seconded. UNANIMOUS

Article 17 MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to pass over this article, as there are no prior years bills to pay. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Article 24 MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to recommend approval to consolidate various funding appropriations to pay for Memorial Windows/Doors completion project. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Article 31 MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to recommend approval of amendment for Central Business District as amended. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Article 32 MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to recommend pass over of so-called AROD zoning amendment. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Reserve Fund Transfer

MOTION: Mr. Antanavica moved to approve \$12,000 Reserve Fund Transfer for repairs to Fire Department's aerial scope. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Board Reports/Other Business

Mr. Zagorski asked for letters of support on behalf of the Recycling Committee, one in support of Senate Bill #544 and one in support of House Bill #864.

MOTION: Mr. Zagorski moved to send letters of support relative to recycling issues within the Commonwealth as requested by Ruth Kaminski, Recycling Chairman. Ms. Provencher seconded. UNANIMOUS

Reappointments

Three members of the Advisory Board are up for reappointment, term to expire 6/30/07. One member, Ann Lambert, is not seeking another term, while both Bryce Giggey and Gregory Shambo want to serve another three year term.

MOTION: Christopher Goodney moved to recommend reappointment of Gregory Shambo, term to expire 6/30/10. Mr. Verick seconded. The Boards/Moderator were each polled:

<u>Advisory Board</u>		<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		<u>Moderator</u>	
Mr. Goodney:	AYE	Mr. Brennan:	AYE	Mr. Griffin:	AYE
Mr. Verick:	AYE	Ms. Provencher:	AYE		
Mr. Gonyea:	AYE	Mr. Zagorski:	AYE		
Mr. Giggey:	AYE	Mr. Antanavica:	AYE		
Mr. Culross:	AYE	Mr. Belanger:	AYE		
Mr. Cote:	AYE				
Mr. Connolly:	AYE				

MOTION: Mr. Goodney moved to recommend reappointment of Bryce Giggey, term to expire 6/30/10. Mr. Gonyea seconded. The Boards/Moderator were each polled:

Advisory Board		Board of Selectmen		Moderator	
Mr. Goodney:	AYE	Mr. Brennan:	AYE	Mr. Griffin:	AYE
Mr. Verick:	AYE	Ms. Provencher:	AYE		
Mr. Gonyea:	AYE	Mr. Zagorski:	AYE		
Mr. Shambo:	AYE	Mr. Antanavica:	AYE		
Mr. Cote:	AYE	Mr. Belanger:	AYE		
Mr. Culross:	AYE				
Mr. Connolly:	AYE				

Recess to Annual Town Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Brennan moved to recess to Annual Town Meeting, meeting to adjourn with loss of quorum. Mr. Zagorski seconded. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was recessed at 6:20 pm, to be reconvened under town meeting scheduled for 7:00pm in the Town Hall auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan LeChasseur,
Administrative Assistant