

PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING REQUEST OFFICE OF THE LEICESTER TOWN CLERK

ORGANIZATION: Select Board

MEETING: X

PUBLIC HEARING: X

DATE: January 27, 2020

TIME: <u>6:30pm</u>

LOCATION: Town Hall, Select Board Conference Room, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester

REQUESTED BY: <u>Kristen L. Forsberg</u>

Agenda packet and associated documents can be found at <u>www.leicesterma.org/bos</u>. This agenda lists all matters anticipated for discussion; some items may be passed over, and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Select Board meetings are recorded by LCAC. Any member of the public planning to record the meeting must first notify the Chair. <u>PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING</u>

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. 6:30pm – Change of Manager – Shannon Davis Legion – Veterans Club Liquor License

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Student Liaison Reports
- b. Select Board Reports
- c. Town Administrator Report

4. **RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Resignation Assistant Treasurer/Collector Cheyenne Cusson
- b. Resignation Veterans Services Officer Alex Arriaga
- c. Resignation Parks & Rec Committee Paul Davis
- d. Resignation Highway Department Assistant Maureen Henderson
- e. Appointment Assistant Treasurer/Collector Nicholas George
- f. Appointment Municipal Hearings Officer David Genereux
- g. Appointment Highway Department Assistant
- h. Appointment Highway Truck Driver/Laborers

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Sign Presidential Primary Warrant
- b. Discuss 15 Water Street Auction

6. MINUTES

a. January 6, 2019

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

- a. Exception #3 Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Police, Highway and Fire Unions)
- b. Exception #3 Discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Fire Station & EMS Headquarters)

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358 www.mass.gov/abcc

RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE APPLICATION MONETARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

AMENDMENT-Change of Manager

APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON-LINE, PRINTED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY.

ECRT CODE: RETA

Please make \$200.00 payment here: <u>ABCC PAYMENT WEBSITE</u>

PAYMENT MUST DENOTE THE NAME OF THE LICENSEE CORPORATION, LLC, PARTNERSHIP, OR INDIVIDUAL AND INCLUDE THE PAYMENT RECEIPT

ABCC LICENS	E NUMBER (IF AN EXISTING LICENS	SEE, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY)	00009-VC-0600
ENTITY/ LICE	NSEE NAME Shannon Davis Pos	t 205, American Legion Inc	· · ·
ADDRESS 1	71 River Street		
CITY/TOWN	Rochdale		21P CODE 01542
For the following	g transactions (Check all that a	apply):	
New License	Change of Location	Change of Class (i.e. Annual / Seasonal)	Change Corporate Structure (i.e. Corp / LLC)
Transfer of License	Alteration of Licensed Premises	Change of License Type (i.e. club / restaurant)	Pledge of Collateral (i.e. License/Stock)
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Change of Officers/	Change of Ownership Interest	Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder	r D Change of Hours
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Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, MA 02150-2358

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AMENDMENT-Change of Manager

X Change of License Manager

1. BUSINESS E	ENTITY INFC			Municipa	llity		AE	BCC License Number
Shannon Dav	vis Post 205 A	merican Legion Ir	nc Lei	icester			00009-\	/C-0600
2. APPLICATIO The applicatio Name			should be	contacted with a	ny questions r	egarding t	his applicat	ion. Phone
William Hawe	25	General	Manager		es@yahoo.com			508-892-1040
3A. MANAGE	R INFORMA	TION						
The individua	al that has b	een appointed	o manage	and control of the	e licensed bus	iness and	premises.	
Proposed Manager Name Monica C. Hawes						<u></u>		
Residential Ac	dress	4 Howe Road, Spe	encer, MA 0	1562	10.5			15
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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

the: \Box sole proprietor; \Box partner; \boxtimes corporate principal; \Box LLC/LLP manager | William Hawes Authorized Signatory

	American	Legion	Inc. Sh	annon	Davie	205
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Name of the Entity/Corporation

hereby submit this application (hereinafter the "Application"), to the local licensing authority (the "LLA") and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "ABCC" and together with the LLA collectively the "Licensing Authorities") for approval.

I do hereby declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that I have personal knowledge of the information submitted in the Application, and as such affirm that all statements and representations therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further submit the following to be true and accurate:

- I understand that each representation in this Application is material to the Licensing Authorities' decision on the (1)Application and that the Licensing Authorities will rely on each and every answer in the Application and accompanying documents in reaching its decision;
- (2) I state that the location and description of the proposed licensed premises are in compliance with state and local laws and regulations;
- (3) I understand that while the Application is pending, I must notify the Licensing Authorities of any change in the information submitted therein. I understand that failure to give such notice to the Licensing Authorities may result in disapproval of the Application;
- (4) I understand that upon approval of the Application, I must notify the Licensing Authorities of any change in the ownership as approved by the Licensing Authorities. I understand that failure to give such notice to the Licensing Authorities may result in sanctions including revocation of any license for which this Application is submitted;
- (5) I understand that the licensee will be bound by the statements and representations made in the Application, including, but not limited to the identity of persons with an ownership or financial interest in the license;
- (6) I understand that all statements and representations made become conditions of the license;
- (7) I understand that any physical alterations to or changes to the size of the area used for the sale, delivery, storage, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, must be reported to the Licensing Authorities and may require the prior approval of the Licensing Authorities;
- (8) I understand that the licensee's failure to operate the licensed premises in accordance with the statements and representations made in the Application may result in sanctions, including the revocation of any license for which the Application was submitted; and
- (9) I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will constitute cause for disapproval of the Application or sanctions including revocation of any license for which this Application is submitted.
- (10)I confirm that the applicant corporation and each individual listed in the ownership section of the application is in good standing with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting of child support.

Signature:

1/21/2020 Date:

Title:

Corporate Officer

CORPORATE VOTE

The Board of Directors or LLC Managers of Shann	non Davis Post 205, American Legion Inc	
The Board of Directors of LLC Managers of	Entity Name	······································
duly voted to apply to the Licensing Authority of	Leicester	and the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beve	City/Town	01-18-2020
commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic beve	erages control commission on	Date of Meeting
For the following transactions (Check all that apply):		
Other		
"VOTED: To authorize William C. Hawes	Name of Person	
to sign the application submitted and to execute do all things required to have the application gra]
"VOTED: To appoint Monica C. Hawes		
Name	of Liquor License Manager	
as its manager of record, and hereby grant h premises described in the license and author therein as the licensee itself could in any way residing in the Commonwealth of Massachus	rity and control of the conduct y have and exercise if it were a	of all business
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Payment Confirmation

YOUR PAYMENT HAS PROCESSED AND THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT

Your account has been billed for the following transaction. You will receive a receipt via email and via text message.

Transaction Processed Successfully. INVOICE #: 5f6230db-fd8f-45d0-8e30-a72eb16eda1b

Description	Applicant, License or Registration Number	Amount
FILING FEES-RETAIL	06000009	\$200.00
<u>Commentations</u>		\$200.00

Date Paid: 1/3/2020 11:39:06 AM EDT

Total Convenience Fee: \$0.35

Total Amount Paid: \$200.35

Payment On Behalf Of

License Number or Business Name: 060000009

Fee Type: FILING FEES-RETAIL

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Billing Information

First Name: Shannon Davis Post 205

Last Name: American Legion inc

Address: 171 River Street

City: Rochdale

State: MA

Zip Code: 01542

Email Address: moehawes@yahoo.com

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From: customerservice@ncourt.com customerservice@nCourt.com

Subject: Receipt from nCourt

Date: Jan 3, 2020 at 11:39:15 AM

To: moehawes@yahoo.com

YOUR RECEIPT#>

Please include the payment receipt with your application. Thank you.

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Total Amount Paid:\$200.35

Billing Information		Credit / Debit Card Information
First Name	Shannon Davis Post 205	Card Type Checking
Last Name	American Legion inc	Card Type Checking
Email	moehawes@yahoo.com	
Street	171 River Street	
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Stale/Territory	MA	
Zip	01542	
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IMPORTANT.INFORMATION >>

Please verify the information shown above. Your payment has been submitted to the location listed above.



Town of Leicester OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Town Hall 3 Washburn Square

Town Hall, 3 Washburn Square Leicester, Massachusetts 01524-1333 Phone: (508) 892-7000 Fax: (508) 892-7070 www.leicesterma.org

January 22, 2020

To: Select Board From: David Genereux, Town Administrator **RE: Town Administrator's report**

The following is a report on the general activities of the Town Administrator through January 22, 2020.

Citizen issues: Topics discussed with various citizens.

□ Spoke with a resident regarding concerns about a wood boiler

Meetings:

- □ Attended Value Engineering meeting regarding the School project
- □ Attended School Building Committee meeting
- □ Attended a Library Building Committee Meeting
- □ Attended a Parks and Rec meeting to discuss the Kaboom grant and the planning of the new playground at Towtaid park.
- □ Attended an IAC meeting to discuss the possibility of changing plan design and/or brokers, as our claims experience has completely turned around from a few years ago
- □ Met with Spencer to discuss a regional Veteran's Service Office function. That will take time to establish, so we will be looking for our own officer in the meantime.

Activities:

- □ Completed first new formatted draft of the FY 2021 Budget. It will be presented at the next Select Board meeting or at the February 8th meeting.
- □ Continued discussions with the School Administration about expanded services that may be shared.
- □ Working on final reconciliation of the Library construction project. More work will be forthcoming in the spring to remediate the water issues in the basement area.
- □ Worked on several recruitments, including Assistant Treasurer/Collector, VSO, and Highway Department Assistant.
- □ Worked with Republic to address concerns from the Recycling Committee. No contract changes made.
- □ Commenced Highway Union negotiations

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



Town of Leicester **OFFICE OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

3 Washburn Square Leicester, Massachusetts 01524-1333 Phone: (508) 892-7002 Fax: (508) 892-7054

January 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very thankful for the opportunity that Leicester has given me starting out as the Assistant Collector and then as the Assistant Treasurer/Collector. I will certainly miss my coworkers and the residents of the Town.

I have been given the opportunity and have accepted a new position with another town. Please accept this as my resignation and my last day of employment with Leicester will be 1/21/2020.

Thank you,

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Chevenne Cusson Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Good morning,

I am sending this email as a follow up to our conversation. I would like to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Veteran Service's Agent for the Town of Leicester, effective January 17th, 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I have truly enjoyed my time with the town, and am more than grateful for to have learned from each and every one.

I can be of any assistance during this transition in order to facilitate the seamless passing of my responsibilities to my successor. I would be glad to help however I can. I have already started taking steps to this end and it is my sincere hope that my departure does not affect the clients we serve.

Sincerely,

Alex Arriaga

Veterans Services Officer

Town of Leicester

3 Washburn Square Leicester, MA 01524

Tel: 508-892-7025

arriagaa@leicesterma.org

*Please note the Town Hall is closed on Fridays

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To: Parks & Recreation Committee & the Select Board

From: Paul C. Davis

Date: January 8, 2020

Re: Resignation

Please accept my letter of resignation, while I have enjoyed my time on Parks and Recreation for the last 10 years, I just do not have the time to be a productive member of the board. I would be cheating the town if I were to remain on the board. I have been traveling a lot for work and I would like to make room for new members to join. Please feel free to call upon me to help at the Harvest Fair, etc...

I wish the organization only the best for the future and regret any inconvenience my resignation may cause.

Sincerely

Paul C. Davis

Nicholas George Rutland, Ma, 01543

Objective

To utilize my accounting skills obtained from my internship to transition to a full-time accounting role. I have over a year of accounting experience through my internship.

Experience

Navin Hafty

Accounting Intern

- Research banking alternatives for international transfers
- Prepare Accounts Payable statements for auditing
- Data entry

Papa Gino's

Shift Leader

- Managed inventory of all food items
- Mentored and trained staff on how to be effective sales people
- Managed and reconciled cash on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis

Education

Worcester State University

December 2019

Bachelors of the Arts in Business Administration (Economics Minor)

Skills

- Project Management
- QuickBooks
- Salesforce
- Problem-solving

- Microsoft Office
- Multi-task
- Strong communication
- Adaptable

September 2018 – Present

April 2015 – August 2018

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Division of Professional Licensure

Office of Public Safety and Inspections

One Ashburton Place, Room 1301 Boston, MA 02108

April 23, 2018

Jeffrey Taylor, Inspector of Building Building Department 3 Washburn Square Leicester, Ma 01524

RE: Massachusetts Non-Criminal Fire Code Violation Notice Ticket Numbers B051-021051 through 021100

Pursuant to Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, please find the referenced materials enclosed.

One complimentary ticket booklet will be distributed to the Municipal Building Department only; changes were made to the Fire Officer Tickets in 2015 and are no longer provided by this office. Official memos and instructions will also be enclosed with each ticket booklet. Please contact Lane Printing Company to order the Fire Service tickets and Additional ticket booklets may be purchased from:

Lane Printing & Advertising 210 South Franklin Street Holbrook, MA 02343 Phone Number (781) 767-4450 <u>mail@laneprint.com</u>

If you require further assistance, please call me @ (617) 826-5223.

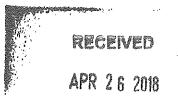
Very truly yours;

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Elizangela Barros

cc:

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Town of Leicester Development & Inspectional Services Pursuant to Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004

MASSACHUSSETTS NON-CRIMINAL FIRE AND BUILDING CODE VIOLATION NOTICE TICKET BOOKLETS PROGRAM (C304 Tickets) Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

- 1. **PURPOSE:** In accordance with MGL c. 148A §2, local code enforcement officers are empowered to enforce violations of the State Building Code and State Fire Code by issuing a written notice of code violation or "ticket." When a municipality voluntarily joins this program receiving both a building and fire ticket booklet from DPS, specifically, Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004 allows municipal building and fire service personnel to issue non-criminal citations to building owners for violations of the state building code and state fire prevention regulations. Such implementation provides an alternative to criminal prosecution where appropriate. Underlying the ticket program was the intent that this alternative procedure benefits both the municipality and the building owners because it would simplify enforcement efforts by the municipalities while, also, avoiding the often time-consuming process associated with the filing of a criminal complaint against the building owner.
- 2. <u>HEARINGS OFFICER TRAINING:</u> Municipalities wishing to join this program should contact <u>MaryElizabeth.Lynch@state.ma.us</u> (DFS Paralegal) regarding who can be legally appointed as hearings officer, and when training is available.
- 3. <u>APPLICATION</u>: Only after a hearings officer has completed training, please download and complete the "C304 Ticket Booklets Application" attaching a statement on official municipal letterhead (typically, Fire Department or Board of Selectmen) the name of the appointed hearings officer, and the date/location of training. These should be forwarded to <u>Bonnie.Davis@state.ma.us</u> (DPS Program Coordinator) for ticket booklet distribution. Technical questions may be directed to the Chief of Inspections Building Division of DPS, and Board of Building Regulations and Standards Administrator <u>Robert.Anderson@state.ma.us</u>
- 4. <u>TICKET BOOKLET DISTRIBUTION</u>: Typically, one "COMPLIMENTARY" ticket booklet is distributed to both the fire and building departments of a qualified municipality. A background letter "F" and numbers beginning with F051 are printed on each <u>Fire Department</u> ticket (MGL c.148A & 527 CMR; <u>Building Department</u> ticket (MGL c.148A & 780 CMR), background "B" and numbers beginning with B051.

However, although uncommon, a qualified municipality may request one ticket booklet be distributed to either the fire or building department when one department does not want to join the program.

5. <u>ISSUED TICKET COPY</u> - DPS: A legible <u>Xeroxed copy</u> of each issued ticket should be submitted from both the fire and building departments to Program Coordinator Bonnie Davis for "central" filing. <u>DO NOT send the white, yellow and pink tickets from the ticket booklet! They are meant for official use: white original, offender; yellow copy, municipal hearings officer; pink copy, municipal fire or building department.</u>

MA Non-Crim Code Tickets - PAGE TWO - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

- 6. <u>TICKET BOOKLET FEE:</u> DPS will provide the *first ticket booklet <u>free of charge</u>* to each municipal fire and building department upon receipt of a completed "C304 Ticket Booklets Application." Additional ticket booklets may be purchased from: *Lane Printing & Advertising* 210 South Franklin Street - Holbrook, MA 02343 Phone Number (781) 767-4450 <u>mail@laneprint.com</u>
- 7. <u>HEARINGS OFFICER MANDATORY</u>: Municipal authorities are not required to issue tickets under the act; it is discretionary. Ticket issuance is simply a method to help induce compliance with building and\or fire code requirements. However, if municipalities intend to use issue tickets, it is essential that a hearings officer be assigned to adjudicate disputes.
- 8. <u>HEARINGS OFFICER TRAINING</u>: Pursuant to MGL c.148A. Training is limited solely to those individuals designated by their appointing authority to serve in the capacity as municipal hearings officer for hearing either building or fire appeals. Current members of a building/fire department may not serve as hearings officers for violations issued by their own department. Courses will be conducted by former Assistant Attorney General Robert Ritchie and Attorney James Lampke, President of the City/Town Solicitors Association.
- 9. <u>TRAINING COORDINATOR</u>: Please e-mail <u>MaryElizabeth.Lynch@state.ma.us</u> (DFS) for current hearings officer training schedule.
- <u>RED FIRE CODE POCKET GUIDES</u>: These pocket guides were initially sent to all fire Department from Steven Rourke, General Counsel, Department of Fire Services, State Road, PO Box 1025, Stow, MA 01775. Additional guides may be requested from <u>MaryElizabeth.Lynch@state.ma.us(DFS)</u> or at (978)-567-3181.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN OF LEICESTER

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Precinct One, Two Three & Four 3 Washburn Square

on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2020,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN	. SECOND WORCESTER SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	SECOND WORCESTER SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TOWN COMMITTEE-each party	TOWN OF LEICESTER

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Select Board of: LEICESTER

Pursuant to above warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Leicester by posting a certified copy in: Precinct 1, Leicester Post Office; Precinct 2, Redemption Center/Jan's Beer Mart; Precinct 3, Post Office in Rochdale and Precinct 4, Leicester Country Bank for Savings, on the Town Clerk's bulletin board, in the front entry of the Town Hall, the Moderator, Town Clerk and the Wardens of each precinct, not less than 7 days before the 25th of February, 2020.

Constable

, 2020.

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2020 at 6:30pm TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Chair Sandra Wilson, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, Selectwoman Dianna Provencher, Selectman John Shocik, Student Liaisons Katheryn Stapel and Jacob Stolberg, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance. Second Vice Chair Rick Antanavica arrived at 7:14pm.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. 6:30pm – Motor Vehicle Repair License Noncompliance Hearing – Joe's Auto Repair – 81 Huntoon Hwy This item was passed over

b. 6:30pm – School Snow Plowing Discussion with School Committee

Mr. Genereux discussed the possibility of the Highway Department taking over school winter maintenance for the balance of FY20 going forward, and the possibility of adding in summer maintenance in FY21. Two employees would be hired for winter maintenance immediately upon approval and a third employee would be hired in the spring for summer maintenance. The cost for winter balance for the balance of FY20 would be approximately \$60,000. The total annual cost for all season maintenance would be approximately \$150,000. Highway would need to confirm that the available school equipment can meet the needs of all-season maintenance. Maintenance would not include lining and fertilization; these tasks would still be done by a contractor. The School Committee and School Administration expressed their support for this plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to hire three employees for the Highway Department to perform all season maintenance at the schools. The motion carried 4:0:0 (Mr. Antanavica was absent).

A motion was made by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Lauder to hire three employees for the Highway Department to perform all season maintenance at the schools. The motion carried 5:0:0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Liaison Reports

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public School.

b. Select Board Reports

Select Board members discussed a variety of topics including the importance of putting your house number on your mailboxes, thanking the highway department for keeping the roads safe this winter, the upcoming MMA, CMRPC and Worcester County Selectmen's Association meetings, happy new year, contact the senior center if you need house numbers put up for free by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and be careful on the ice.

c. Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report.

4. **RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

a. Appointment – Environmental Certifying Officer – Michelle Buck

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Michelle Buck as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town of Leicester. The motion carried 5:0:0.

b. Appointment – Police Officer – Paul Pepin

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Paul Pepin as a Police Officer for the Town of Leicester. Under discussion, Chief Antanavica confirmed there is sufficient funding in the police budget for the academy and training and this hire would bring the total number of officers to 20. The motion carried 4:0:0.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Swan Tavern (1 Paxton Street) \$1000 Donation – Leicester Historical Society

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to accept \$1,000 in donations from the Leicester Historical Society for the Swan Tavern. The motion carried 5:0:0.

b. Senior Center \$1000 Donation – Camosse Foundation

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Camosse family for the Senior Center. The motion carried 5:0:0.

c. Discussion and/or Vote on Tax Lien Sales

Mr. Genereux noted that all delinquent properties have been put into tax title through FY19 and liens have been issued. The Town has \$1.2M in outstanding taxes, including interest and fees. Mr. Genereux stated that the process of selling these liens is much faster than going to land court for tax title takings. The third-party investor who purchases the liens does not own the property and would need to go to land court if they choose to foreclose with the same notification requirements. The homeowner has the option to pay off the lien to the third party and the third party has the right to charge up to 16% interest on the lien. Mr. Genereux noted that approximately 97% of all taxes are collected; the remaining 3% goes into tax title and measures must be taken to collect these funds. By law, newspaper advertisement and notifications via mail are required for tax lien sales. The Town will make payment plans and take payments up until the auction. Mr. Genereux noted the opening bid at an auction would be the balance owed. Outstanding taxes affect the Town's ability to provide services to its residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to move forward with the tax lien sales. The motion carried 3:2:0 (Mr. Brooks and Ms. Provencher opposed).

d. FY21 Budget Discussion

Mr. Genereux discussed the opening budget figures as detailed below:

Increased Revenue

- FY21 tax levy: \$15,292,785: (Increase of \$676,820)
- Increase allowed by Proposition 2 1/2: \$382,320 (Increase of \$16,921)
- New growth: \$125,000 (Decrease of \$186,421)
- Debt exclusions: \$1,149,035 (Decrease of \$39,974)
- State revenue: \$12,225,747 (Level Funded)
- Local receipts: \$2,570,508 (Decrease of \$107,149)
- Free cash: \$203,000 (Increase of \$53,000)
- Ambulance receipts: \$371,192 (Level funded)

• Other transfers: \$9,991 (Decrease of \$13,835) Total anticipated revenue: \$32,329,578 – Increase of \$399,362, or 1.25%

Forecasted intergovernmental expenses

- Debt principal: \$1,155,327 (increase of \$15,530 or 1.36%)
- Debt interest: \$369,949 (decrease of \$36,195 or 8.91%)
- Temporary loan interest \$14,655 (decrease of \$18,600 or 55.93%)
- Worcester Regional Retirement: \$1,525,168 (increase of \$210,368, or 16.00%)
- Worker compensation: \$206,248 (increase of \$18,750, or 10%)
- Unemployment compensation: \$141,650 (level funded)
- Employee benefits (health insurance): \$3,161,180 (decrease of \$127,105 or 3.87%)
- Bonding & insurance (Property/Casualty insurance): \$176,750 (Increase of \$16,068 or 10.00%)

Total new intergovernmental expenses: \$6,750,927; (An increase of \$78,816 or 1.19% over FY20)

Under the current 75/25 split, the School Department FY21 budget increases by \$330,096, or 1.91%. The Municipal departments' overall FY21 budgets increase by \$113,373 or 1.94%. The total FY21 general fund budget (excluding vocational school tuition and CMRPC assessment) is currently forecast at \$30,101,143, an increase of \$522,285 or 1.77%.

e. Fire & EMS Headquarters Radios Discussion and/or Vote

Ms. Wilson noted that emergency operation system radios are needed for public safety reasons at the Fire & EMS Headquarters, especially in light of two recent incidents where communications went down. The cost is anticipated to be between \$20,000-\$25,000. Mr. Genereux spoke with the Chief who stated he is not ready to move forward at this time. The Town is working to determine the cost to address drainage issues on the site.

f. Memorandum of Understanding – CMRPC – FY20 CDBG Grant Application Preparation

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Mass Regional Planning Commission for the FY20 CDBG grant application preparation. The motion carried 4:0:1 (Ms. Provencher abstained).

6. MINUTES

a. December 16, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik at 8:50pm. The motion carried 5:0:0.

Executive Session Motion

Board Member 1

I move to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a),

Exception #3 – Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Police, Highway and Fire Unions); and

Exception #3 – Discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Fire & EMS Headquarters)

The Board will reconvene in open session only for the purpose of adjournment.

Board Member 2 Second

Chairperson

To discuss these matters in open session would compromise the position of the Town, the Chair so declares.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL