

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 5, 2021 AT 6:00PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 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.

Town Administrator David Genereux read Ted Antanavica's obituary and presented a request to the Select Board to place Town flags at half staff on the date of his burial. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the request. Roll Call: 4:0:1 (Antanavica abstained)

Mr. Genereux announced that the item 1e (2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Discussion/Vote) would be postponed to the following week's meeting due to a posting error.

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**a. 6:00pm – Rochdale Park Lease Discussion/Vote**

Mr. Shocik stated his concerns with the status of Rochdale Park and the challenge of keeping the park maintained with the news of Becker College's imminent closing. Town Counsel Chris Petrini explained the legal requirements for procurement of maintenance services and the need to advertise the service required and the solicitation of three quotes. No action was taken.

**b. 6:10pm – Energy Aggregation Discussion/Vote – Good Energy**

John O'Rourke from Good Energy provided an explanation of the timeline for implementing an energy aggregation program for the Town and the need for the Select Board to designate a signatory for the bids prior to their receipt. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to designate David Genereux as the signatory for the energy aggregation documents pending Town Counsel review of the documents. Roll Call: 5:0:0

After some additional discussion a motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to rescind the previous vote. Roll Call: 5:0:0

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to designate David Genereux as the signatory for energy aggregation documents pending Town Counsel review of the documents and on the condition that the kilowatt per hour rate received from the bid is lower than the existing National Grid kilowatt per hour rate. Roll Call: 4:1:0 (Brooks opposed)

**c. 6:20pm – Dris/Your Green Package – Marijuana Dispensary Discussion**

Town Administrator David Genereux summarized the current zoning bylaw's requirements for marijuana businesses and his discussions with Dris/Your Green Package. Chris Fevry of Dris/Your Green Package presented his business proposal for a marijuana delivery and dispensary at 488 Stafford Street. Select Board members discussed security concerns, the proximity of the site to an apartment complex on Stafford Street, the cap on dispensaries in the zoning bylaw, and the potential traffic impact of a dispensary. A member of the public commented that she felt the Select Board should take a vote on whether to change to the dispensary cap to provide direction to the Planning Board which would have to hold another hearing on the issue. A motion was made by Mr. Duggan

and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend that the Planning Board approve a change in the zoning bylaw allowing an additional retail marijuana license pending Town counsel approval. Roll Call: 4:1:0 (Brooks opposed)

d. **6:30pm – Host Community Agreement Discussion/Vote – Town Meadow Farm – 124 Green St**  
Town Administrator David Genereux summarized previous and existing host community agreements issued by the Town to marijuana businesses and approved by the Cannabis Control Commission. Lee Dykas and Hector Piñero presented their proposal for a host community agreement for their outdoor marijuana cultivation business. Select Board members discussed the tax rates under the agreement and the approval process conducted by the Cannabis Control Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the agreement presented with a typographical error fixed on the conditions of Year 3 of the agreement. Roll Call: 5:0:0

e. **6:45pm - 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Discussion/Vote**  
No action was taken.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Don Lennerton stated that the Select Board would need to consider the proposed architectural bylaw at the next meeting.

## **3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. Health Agent COVID-19 Update**

Health agent Francis Dagle provided an update on an increase in cases related to the Auburn/Leicester football game and the recent vaccine clinic.

### **b. Student Liaison Reports**

Student Liaison Jacob Stolberg provided an update on school activities including the return to in-person learning, AP testing, and the recent football game.

### **c. Town Administrator Report**

Town Administrator David Genereux read highlights from the Town Administrator's report including communications with Becker College, the Town Meeting location change, the Shared Winter Streets bid, and upcoming changes in the Town's health insurance.

### **d. Select Board Reports**

Select Board members discussed recent board and commission meetings, services provided by Deja New, the opening of Ben's Tackle Shack, and board members expressed their condolences to the Antanavica family.

## **4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. Appointment – Per Diem/On Call EMT Basic – Benjamin Carlson**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Benjamin Carlson as a Per Diem/On Call EMT Basic. Roll Call: 5:0:0

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Police Department Donation – Hot Dog Annie's**

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept the donation from Hot Dog Annie's. Roll Call: 5:0:0

b. **Set Date, Time, and Location for Annual Town Election – June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-8pm, Town Hall Gym**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to set the date of the Annual Town Election for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Roll Call: 5:0:0

**6. MINUTES**

a. **March 8, 2021**

b. **March 29, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to accept the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Roll Call: 5:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Antanavica at 9:17pm. Roll Call: 5:0:0