

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2021 AT 6:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, 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. Vice-Chair Harry Brooks was absent.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- **Public Hearing – FY22 Budget and Annual Town Meeting Article**
- **Vote Recommendations on Annual Town Meeting Article**

Article 24 – Adoption of an Architectural District Bylaw

- Establish an Architectural District in the area around Becker College and the Town Common.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 24.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 25 – Amendment of Zoning Bylaws regarding Greenville Village Neighborhood Business District and Signs.

- Makes changes to the neighborhood business district including
 - Removing the site plan review requirement for reuse of existing structures
 - Adding several uses by special permit in the district
 - Creating regulations to conform to existing parcel characteristics

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 25. Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 26 – Highway Business Industrials HB-1 & HB-2 District Amendments

- Changes site development standards for the highway business zoning districts.

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 26. Roll

Call: 4:0:0

Article 27 – Marijuana Establishment Amendments

- Amends zoning related to marijuana establishments to allow for marijuana delivery services.

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded to by Mr. Antanavica to recommend approval of Article 27. Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 28 – Amendments to Outside Storage Bylaw

- Makes changes to the outdoor storage zoning bylaw to allow rental self-storage facilities and make conforming changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 28.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 29 – Amendments to Business Residential & Residential Industrial Business Zoning Bylaws

- Renumbers and reorganizes components of the existing bylaw.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 29.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 1 – Prior Year Bills

- Two outstanding invoices from prior fiscal years in the amounts of \$4,612.20 and \$9,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 1.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 2 - FY21 Budget Amendments

- Transfers come from the employee benefits line item, as there are surplus health insurance funds.
- Transfers would go to:
 - Assessors Salary due to pay out of vacation days upon retirement of former assessor
 - Reserve Fund replenishment
 - Elections and Registration due to presidential primary and election
 - Snow and Ice deficit
 - Animal Control Salaries due to new Inspector of Animals stipend
 - Animal Control Consultant/Professional Services due to an uptick in rabies cases
 - Police Professional Services for vehicle repairs, fence repairs and the purchase of Adobe
 - Town Hall Building Electric due to underfunding in FY21
 - Highway Department Wages to fund new position from mid-May through June for schools

A motion was made by Mr. Shoick and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 2. Roll

Call: 3:1:0 (Antanavica opposed)

Article 3 – Improvements at Town Parks

- Annual \$25,000 allocation for parks per Cultivate host community agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 3.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 4 – Elected Officials Salaries

- Only change is a 2% COLA for the Town Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 4.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 5 – FY22 Operating Budget

- \$30,616,675 – an increase of \$517,167, or 1.72%, over FY21
- Both school and municipal budgets are increasing by a net of 2.38%
- Budget proposes using \$150K in free cash to start a pilot program to reopen the police station lobby 24/7

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 5. Roll

Call: 3:1:0 (Antanavica opposed)

Article 6 – Vocational Tuition

- Annual article for out of district vocational tuition - \$1,023,000

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 6.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 7 – Central Mass Regional Planning Commission Annual Assessment

- \$3,301 assessment for Leicester

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 7.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 8 – FY22 Cable PEG Access Enterprise Account Appropriation

- Appropriating \$125,000 in charter funds for LCAC operations in FY22

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to recommend approval of Article 8.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 9 – OPEB

- \$70,000 to fund a portion of the Town's \$33.9M liability for other post employee benefits

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 9.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 10 – Stormwater Management

- \$20,000 for operations, professional services, MS-4 permit reporting requirement

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 10.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 11 – Groundwater Studies at Landfill

- Annual appropriation for DEP required testing and monitoring

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 11.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 12 – Police Cruiser

- \$57,672 to purchase and equip one police cruiser

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 12.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 13 – FY 22 Capital Improvement Plan

- \$511,733 for vent and tube replacement on the Town's fuel island, replacement of Fire Engine #1, Town-wide communications upgrades, replacement of Fire Station #3's roof, replacement of the highway department's 1 ton pickup truck, and a new copy machine for the police department.

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 13.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 14 – Purchase of Software

- \$40,000 for the purchase of GIS software and vehicle asset management software and to pay for the first two years of the annual software maintenance agreements.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 14.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 15 – Authorization of the School Superintendent to Enter into an Agreement for Title IV-E Reimbursement

- Authorizes the School Superintendent to enter into an agreement related to foster care transportation reimbursement.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 15.

Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 16 – Town-Owned Dams

- \$19,000 to meet DEP reporting and inspection requirements and to apply for a grant for Greenville Pond Dam through the Dam and Seawall program.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 16.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 17 – Project Design of Hillcrest Property

- \$105,000 to pay for the costs of design and replacement of the buildings at Hillcrest

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 17.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 18 – Transfer Funds into Stabilization

- \$100,000 transfer from free cash to the Town's rainy-day fund

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 18. Roll
Call: 4:0:0

Article 19 – Establish Revolving Fund Annual Spending Limits

- Establishes annual spending limits for Town revolving accounts

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 19.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 20 – Acceptance of Property from Hillcrest Water District 13 Lehigh

- Completes a land swap deal with Hillcrest Water District for placement of a new water tower

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 20. Roll
Call: 4:0:0

Article 21 – Burncoat Park Environmental Services

- Expands eligible use of funds in this article to planning and infrastructure for Burncoat Park

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 21.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 22 – Prohibition of Engine Braking on Public Ways

- Prohibits the use of compression braking in Town except in the case of emergency or where required by Mass General Laws to reduce noise from downshifting trucks in Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to recommend approval of Article 22. Roll Call: 2:2:0. The motion failed to carry and no recommendation was issued.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to extend the meeting past 10:00pm.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

Article 23 – Adoption of MGL Chapter 48, Section 42A Governing the Position of Fire Chief

- Dissolves the antiquated Board of Fire Engineers and places the Fire Department under the governance of the Select Board and Town Administrator like all other Town departments.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to recommend approval of Article 23.
Roll Call: 4:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik at 10:01pm. Roll Call: 4:0:0