

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 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, and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

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2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. **6:00pm - Anderson Strategic Advisers Presentation**

- **Community Compact Permitting Grant for Business Development**

This item was passed over.

b. **6:10pm - Request to Apply for Rural and Small Town Development Funds**

- **Moose Hill Water Commission for Engineering for Moose Hill**
- **Leicester Water Supply District for Interconnection with Worcester**
- **Installation of Natural Gas Lines on Route 56**

Town Administrator David Genereux provided an explanation of the Community One Stop program and the expression of interest submitted by the Town to install gas lines on Route 56 to increase opportunities for business development. Kristen Berger, engineer for the Leicester Water Supply District, discussed the application to create an interconnection with the City of Worcester and summarized the positive feedback received from MassDevelopment on the project. Jay Powell from the Moose Hill Water Commission requested funding for engineering plans to convert Moose Hill Water from Class B Water Supply to a Class A Water supply to allow for drinking water use. Select Board members discussed the water needs in Town, the goals of the Moose Hill grant application, the capacity of Moose Hill as a water source, and the proposed Leicester Water interconnection with Worcester. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Duggan for the Town to support all three grant applications. Roll Call: 5:0:0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided public comment.

4. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Health Agent Francis Dagle updated the Select Board on Governor Baker's recent changes to the state's reopening plan, changes to the state mask mandate, and the library reopening plan.

b. **Student Liaison Reports**

Student Liaison Erin Arsenault provided an update on school activities including the move of primary students to the high school and Becker due to an oil leak, senior graduation, and MCAS testing.

c. **Town Administrator Report**

Town Administrator David Genereux read highlights from his Town Administrator's report.

d. Select Board Reports

Select Board members discussed the Memorial Day Parade, the incident at the police department on May 9th, the Annual Town meeting, road conditions, the possibility of regionalizing the Town's personnel board, and the upcoming Cable contract negotiations.

e. Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony – Erin Arsenault

Select Board members congratulated Erin Arsenault on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award and thanked her for the job she has done as student liaison.

5. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment – Parking Hearings Officer – Gwendolyn Wilcox

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Gwendolyn Wilcox as the Parking Hearings Officer. Roll Call: 4:0:1 (Antanavica abstained)

b. FY22 Reappointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to reappoint board and committee members for FY22 as listed in the Select Board packet. Roll Call: 5:0:0

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Independence Day Holiday Hours

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to close Town Hall on July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Roll Call: 5:0:0

b. FY22 Proposed Select Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the proposed FY22 Select Board meeting dates as listed and to add a meeting on June 14th for the purposes of reorganizing the Select Board. Roll Call: 5:0:0

c. Proposed Termination of Honeywell Energy Services Agreement

Town Administrator David Genereux explained the history of the Honeywell Engineering Services monitoring agreement and the limited benefit of the services provided. Select Board members discussed the process for ending the contract, the terms of the agreement, and if there were any additional costs the Town would face if the agreement was terminated early. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to move forward with ending the agreement on the condition that no additional costs are found related to early termination of the agreement. Roll Call: 5:0:0

7. MINUTES

a. May 3, 2021

b. May 5, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to accept the May 3rd and May 5th Select Board minutes as written. Roll Call: 5:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Duggan at 8:13pm. Roll Call: 5:0:0