

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 2nd, 2021 AT 6:30PM  
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairman Antanavica called the meeting to order at 6:36pm. Chair Rick Antanavica, Vice-Chair John Shocik, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., Selectman Dianna Provencher, Selectman Allen Phillips, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**a. Assignment & Amendment of Host Community Agreement ECOFARM Leicester, LLC to Gold Thumb, LLC**

**Motion 080221-1a:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the Assignment & Amendment of Host Community Agreement from ECOFARM Leicester, LLC to Gold Thumb, LLC. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**b. COVID Discussion – Francis Dagle, Health Director with Helen Ganas and Jason Main**

Francis Dagle, Health Director, noted that the Town of Leicester has had 1158 COVID cases since the beginning of the pandemic with 38 cases in July of 2021. COVID numbers are increasing again due to an outbreak in Provincetown, holidays, and summer travel. Vaccination rates for those who have had at least one dose are 61% in Leicester, 64% in Worcester and 69% statewide. The new Delta variant spreads 40-60% more rapidly. Mr. Dagle encouraged residents to get vaccinated. State guidance for schools this fall recommends requiring masks for grades K-6 and for unvaccinated children in grades 7 and up. The Select Board discussed the possibility of bringing in a vaccination bus and partnering with a surrounding town. The Town Hall is registered with the State as a vaccination site, but individual Boards of Health have not been allowed to hold vaccination clinics for the general public up to this point. Leicester is currently part of a regional collaborative with 6 towns. Mr. Dagle noted guidance on the booster shot should be coming out soon. During public comment, the requirement to wear masks on public transportation and the challenges this presents for special needs children was discussed along with parents having the right to choose whether to mask their children.

**c. Moose Hill Water Commission Discussion**

The Moose Hill Water Commission requested approval from the Select Board to apply for a MassDEP testing grant to determine if the Moose Hill Reservoir can become a Class A drinking water source. There would be no cost or obligation to the town according to the Chair of the Moose Hill Water Commission. Select Board members discussed letters received in support of a Moose Hill/Shaw Pond project, making it clear that no such project exists at this time, noting that the Cherry Valley sewer issue was a greater problem at this time. In order to move forward with developing Moose Hill Reservoir as a drinking water source, the land would have to be purchased. The IMA between Leicester Water Supply District and the Town was discussed. Per Leicester Town Counsel, the IMA lays out a series of actions the Town and LWSD agree to undertake with the assumption that Moose Hill would be coming online at some point as a water supply. It does not require the Town to fund the development of Moose Hill. This discussion will be put on the agenda for next Monday's Select Board meeting.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Doug Belanger commented on the Parliment family and how they volunteer their time and thanked them for their dedication to the town.

**3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Appointment- Part Time Senior Center Van Driver- Susan Chviruk**  
Susan Chviruk was unable to attend the meeting this evening but will attend a future meeting to meet the Board.

**Motion 080221-3a:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Susan Chviruk as a Part Time Senior Center Van Driver. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**b. Appointment- Select Board Harvest Fair Judge**

**Motion 080221-3b:** A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Provencher to appoint Mr. Phillips as the Select Board Harvest Fair Judge. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Set Close Date for Becker Special Town Meeting Warrant – August 5, 2021**

**Motion 080221-4a:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant at the close of business on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**b. Set Becker Open House Days – August 10, 2021 and September 7, 2021 from 5-7pm**

**Motion 080221-4b:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant by close of business day on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Motion carries: **5:0:0**

**c. Proposal to Rent Becker Kitchen – Eric's La Patisserie**

Eric Jasmine is a corporate breakfast and lunch caterer who is interested in renting the Becker Kitchen for his catering business. The Town Administrator indicated it would be a good idea to have businesses rent some of the spaces at Becker. The fee for this space would be \$750.00 per month on a month-to-month basis. Business insurance would be required. He is available to start ASAP. Eric is interested in potentially working with the schools down the road. The Board invited Eric to sell pastries at the Becker Open Houses.

**Motion 080221-4c:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to permit Eric's La Patisserie to rent the kitchen at Becker on a month-to-month basis for \$750/month. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**d. One Day Liquor Licenses Request (4) – Maple Hill Golf Course- September 2,3,4,5,2021**

**Motion 080221-4d:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the 4 One Day Liquor Licenses for Maple Hill Golf Course on September 2, 3, 4, 5, 2021. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**e. Approve Special Election Ballot Question for Acquisition of Becker Property**

**Motion 080221-4e:** A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the Special Election Ballot Question for Acquisition of Becker College as listed in the packet. Motion carries **5:0:0**

**5. MINUTES**

**a. July 19, 2021**

**Motion 080221-5a:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021 minutes as written. Motion carries: **5:0:0**

**b. July 26, 2021**

**Motion 080221-5b:** A motion was made by Mr. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 as written. Motion carries: **5:0:0**

**Motion 080221-6:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Provencher at 9:07pm. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.