

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 9th, 2021 AT 6:30PM  
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairman Antanavica called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. Chair Rick Antanavica, Vice-Chair John Shocik, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., Selectman Dianna Provencher, Selectman Allen Phillips, School Committee members, Advisory Board members, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**a. Retirement of Detective Timothy Fontaine**

Chief Antanavica gave a great send-off tribute speech to Timothy Fontaine. The Select Board and the Town of Leicester awarded Detective Fontaine with a recognition plaque for his service of over 38 years.

**b. Becker College Town Meeting Discussion & Vote on STM Warrant Articles**

The Board discussed two possible warrant options, one which put the citizens petitions first and one which put these petitions last after the Becker articles. The Advisory Committee asked for a breakdown of the \$2,070,000 in debt exclusion funds requested above the sale price of \$17,830,000. Mr. Genereux noted these funds are for studies and unforeseen one-time expenses. They can't be used for ongoing operational expenses such as mowing or utilities. Mr. Genereux noted he met with Mass Development regarding potential reuse options for some of the buildings. LCAC has filmed a virtual tour of the campus and put it up on their website. The Select Board requested weekly Becker updates be sent out to the Select Board and Advisory Committee.

**Motion 080921-1b:** A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to set the Special Town Meeting Alternate Warrant v1a Articles as listed in the 8-9-21 Meeting Packet. Motion carried **5:0:0**.

**c. Discussion/Vote Moose Hill Water Commission Grant**

Joe McGinn from Weston and Sampson explained that submitting a project evaluation form to MassDEP for Moose Hill would give the Town some feedback on the project and other potential funding sources without any cost or obligation to the Town. Steve Pawlowskis of the Moose Hill Water Commission reported that Chair Michael Shivick has resigned from the Commission and also requested the Town apply for this grant. Kleinfelder has offered their assistance in writing the grant at no cost. Before Moose Hill could be formally developed, a Town Meeting vote would be required.

**Motion 080921-1c:** A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to proceed with applying for the grant as long as there is no cost to the Town, and it comes back to the board before any funds are expended. Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**Amended Motion 080921-1c-Am:** An amended motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to proceed with applying for the grant for the Moose Hill Water Class A water source testing as long as there is no cost to the Town, the project comes back to the board before any funds are expended and it is voted on at Town Meeting. Motion carried **5:0:0**.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Bob Mercer noted there is an acreage discrepancy in the Becker warrant. Mr. Genereux will have Town Counsel review the acreage prior to drafting the next version of the warrant.

**3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. Student Liaison Reports**

The student liaisons presented updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

**b. Town Administrator Report**

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report.

**c. Select Board Reports**

The Select Board discussed various topics including kudos to highway on fixing roads and curbs washed out from the July 17<sup>th</sup> rainstorm event, the Senior Center breakfast on August 19<sup>th</sup> where David Genereux will be discussing the Becker Town Meeting, the August 20<sup>th</sup> Country Jamboree at the Senior Center, the ice cream social sponsored by Moses Dixon on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the passing of former Selectman Michael O'Donnell, the refinancing of CVSD's USDA loans, the Becker website, increased collections at the donation bin at Rochdale Park, the parks and rec awards ceremony at Tarentino Park, investing in cameras to help with vandalism at town parks and buildings, applying for funding to eradicate water chestnuts in Town waterbodies, being careful during the upcoming heat wave, the upcoming Becker Open House tomorrow from 5-7pm, dumping out standing water to prevent mosquito breeding, a shuttle from the Senior Center to the Becker Open House and showing the Becker virtual tour at the Senior Center.

**4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Resignation – Kelley Southwick – Health Insurance Advisory Committee (Teachers Union Rep)**

**Motion 080921-4a:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Duggan to accept the resignation of Kelley Southwick from the Health Insurance Advisory Committee (Teachers Union Rep). Motion carries: **5:0:0**.

**b. Appointment- Kimberly Ferdella – Health Insurance Advisory Committee (Teachers Union Rep)**

**Motion 080921-4b:** A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Kimberly Ferdella to the Health Insurance Advisory Committee (Teachers Union Rep). Motion carries **5:0:0**.

**c. Appointment – Interim EMS Director – Brian Kelley**

Mr. Genereux noted that a three-member panel interviewed prospective Interim EMS Director candidates and unanimously recommended Brian Kelley. The panel was very impressed with Mr. Kelley's experience and plan of entry. The Interim EMS Director appointment will run through until February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Motion 080921-4c:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Brian Kelley to the position of Interim EMS Director. Motion carries: **4:0:1 (Mr. Phillips abstained)**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Execute Contract- Interim EMS Director – Brian Kelley**

**Motion 080921-4a:** A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the contract for Interim EMS Director Brian Kelley. Motion carries: **4:0:1 (Mr. Phillips abstained)**

**b. Accept Senior Center Donation**

**Motion 080921-4b:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept a \$1,000 donation to the Senior Center from the Camosse Family. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**

**c. Award IT Managed Services Contract and Authorize Town Administrator to Sign Contract (ClearCom IT)**

The Town put out a request for proposals for IT managed services and three proposals were received. The IT review committee consisting of Ms. Forsberg, Chief Antanavica and Chief Dupuis unanimously ranked ClearCom's RFP the highest. ClearCom's proposal came in at \$3,700 per month. ClearCom came in at \$3,700 per month.

**Motion 080921-4c:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to award the IT Managed Services Contract to ClearCom IT and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**

**d. Award Highway Materials Bids and Sign Contracts (Indus & Atlantic Line Painting)**

**Motion 080921-4d:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the Highway Materials Bids as presented and sign contracts with Indus for crack sealing & Atlantic Line Painting for line painting. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**

**e. Set Date, Time and Location for Fall Special Town Meeting – October 26, 2021 at 7pm, Town Hall Gym**

**Motion 080921-4d:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Duggan to set the Fall Special Town Meeting on October 26, 2021 at 7pm at the Town Hall Gym. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**

**f. Close the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant on September 8, 2021 at 5pm**

**Motion 080921-4d:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to close the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant on September 8, 2021 at 5pm. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**

**g. Discuss/Vote on FY22 Town Administrator Goals**

This item was passed over.

**Motion 080921-6:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Provencher at 8:56pm. Motion carries: **5:0:0.**