

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. 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 to the Town Administrator Janine Drake were in attendance.

1. Appointments – On Call Firefighter Recruits – Michael Albro Jr. and Riley Whalen

Motion 083021-1: A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the appointments of On Call Firefighter Recruits Michael Albro, Jr. and Riley Whalen. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

2. Becker September 7th Open House Planning and Discussion

- Becker Open House from 4-7:30 PM.
- Mr. Genereux is working on getting more buildings open.
- Requesting some volunteers to help assist with tours of each open building.
- We will have multiple volunteers who will be staggered at each building.
- Mr. Genereux will be available in one location to speak about finance, logistics and more.
- Leicester Girls Soccer will be playing on the field at 5pm.
- Cookies will be provided by Eric Jasmin.
- Transportation information will be made available by Doug Boulanger. We will provide bus rides continuously from the Town Hall throughout the Becker campus and buildings and we have 2 options. We will provide transportation for the Special Town Meeting, as well. Wait times are approximately 15 mins or so.

Select Board Motion

Motion 083021-2-SB: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to support purchasing the Becker properties for the Town of Leicester. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

School Committee Motion

Motion 083021-2-SC(1): A motion was made by Ms. Richard and seconded by Ms. McCance to support purchasing Becker College for Leicester Public Schools. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

Discussion: Select Board had a question on the motion and wanted to clarify that the vote is to use Becker for the schools and the town.

School Committee Amended Motion

Motion 083021-2-SC(2): A motion was made by Ms. Richard and seconded by Ms. McCance to support purchasing Becker College for the Town and the Leicester Public Schools. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

Advisory Committee Motion

Motion 083021-2-Adv: A motion was made by Ms. Layden and seconded by Mr. McGrail to support purchasing Becker College for the Town and the Schools. **Motion carries: 4:0:0**

Discussion: The Town will be in charge of the maintenance and cleaning of the Becker buildings. Maintenance will include the grounds, as well.

3. Becker Special Town Meeting Discussion

- A PowerPoint presentation will be available at the Special Town Meeting.
- The STM venue has been changed to the Becker Gym, 963 Main Street on September 14th at 7PM.

4. Becker Campus Future Planning Discussion

A recommendation was made to have a 21E testing performed on the former garage property located by Raul's. A 21E is Chapter 21E: Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act, testing. Becker was not able to find a prior 21E on file. The cost of the 21E will be split at closing. The initial results recommend the Town sign a \$3,300.00 contract to do testing on former garage. If anything comes back with a 21E problem, it would be Becker's responsibility financially. The Select Board commented if the testing comes back with some problems with the property, perhaps the Town could purchase everything except that building.

State Representative, David LeBoeuf made it clear on record, that he supports this project and the Town. State Representative LeBoeuf feels that this project is very important for our town. State Representative LeBoeuf will be moving his office hours to be at the Open House on 9-7-21 at 4:00pm. There will be ARPA and Federal Funding coming soon. Mass Development will be providing some excellent resources and creative uses for the Becker buildings.

Motion 083021-4-21E: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to amend and approve the amount of \$4,440.00 for the 21E testing. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

School Committee Chair Tom Lauder spoke and presented a PowerPoint slide show regarding a possible vision for some of the buildings for school use.

There is a fundraiser at Rascal's, 70 James Street in Worcester, on September 9th at 7pm. Doors open at 5:30 for raffles and more. All funds go to veteran's services.

Motion 083021-4-WRTA: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to accept the WRTA concept for the transportation and tour on 9/7/21 for the Town Meeting. **Motion carries: 5:0:0**

Motion 083021-Adj: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips at 6:37pm. **Motion carries: 5:0:0.**