

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AT 6:00PM
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Chair Rick Antanavica, Vice-Chair John Shocik, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., members Allen Phillips and Dianna Provencher, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant to the Town Administrator Janine Drake were in attendance.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. 6:00pm - Executive Session, MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to enter into executive session at 6:02pm under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), Exception #2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Campus Security), and Exception #6, To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Becker Dormitories) The Chair declared that to discuss these matters in open session would compromise the position of the Town. Roll call: 5:0:0.

Motion 021422-1a: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to close the Executive Session at 6:58pm and reconvene in open session. **Roll Call Vote: All Ayes**

b. 7:00pm – Common Victualler License – Dawu Cafe, 310 Pleasant Street

The Board was informed that the Café is opening on March 16th, 2022. The operating hours are scheduled to be: 10 am to 10 pm Wednesday through Sunday, closed Mon & Tues. The Café is not seeking a BYOB permit. They in will likely set up at the Harvest Fair, and perhaps set up samples.

Motion 021422-1b: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve a Common Victualler license for Dawu Café located at 310 Pleasant Street. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

c. 7:00pm – Games License (Pool Table) – Leicester Country Club, 1430 Main Street

Chuck Bois, of the Leicester Country Club, spoke to the Board about obtaining a games license to install a coin op pool table.

Motion 021422-1c: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve a game license for Leicester Country Club at 1430 Main Street for a coin operated pool table. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Liaison Reports

The Student Liaison reported that school vacation is next week, and students are choosing school schedules for next year.

b. Select Board Reports

The Select Board discussed various topics, including cancelling the planned auction of Engine #1 in favor of putting out an IFB.

4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment – Josh Senior – Parks and Recreation Committee alternate member

Motion 021422-4a: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Josh Senior as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. **Motion Carries 5:0:0**

b. Appointment – Library Trustees /Recycling Committee – Special Municipal Employee

Mr. Genereux explained that the trustee who had requested the agenda item wrote earlier in the day, asking that the item exclude the Recycling Committee, as they had not yet met to discuss it. When the item came up for discussion, the trustee was not present at the meeting, nor online. The Board moved this item to the next meeting for discussion.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Request to Use Becker Campus for Harvest Fair

Discussion on this item was tabled and set for the next Select Board meeting as the individual who requested the item was unable to attend.

b. Request to Use Open and Out of Code Veterinary Supplies

Stella Richard requested to the Board that open and/or out of code items from the Becker Veterinary Clinic be donated to Bay Path's Veterinary Program. Ms. Richard stated that these items could not be used on animals but would be used as training aids and crafts for students. The Board commented that they previously had spoken of holding all materials until disposition of the property could take place.

Motion 021422-4b: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to take Ms. Richard's request to donate open and/or out of code items from the Becker Veterinary Clinic to Bay Path's Veterinary Program under advisement. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

c. Establish Bark Park Committee

The Board discussed establishing the Bark Committee to begin the work at the dog park. Mr. Genereux explained that a preliminary charge had been included in the packet, and that the five-person committee would be appointed by the Select Board. The Board requested that the openings be listed on the town website as soon as possible.

Motion 021422-4c: A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Ms. Provencher to establish the Bark Park Committee with the charge as listed in the packet. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

d. Potential Uses of FY2021 Free Cash & ARPA funding

Mr. Genereux explained the changes to the ARPA that would allow the funds allocated to the Town to be used for general budget purposes. Mr. Genereux stated that these funds could not be used for bolstering savings, retirement of debt or OPEB. The Board discussed funds being put aside recommendation we put money aside pending a review of the Capitol Committee to purchase a new ambulance and fire apparatus.

The Board discussed the possibility of premium pay for front line workers. M. Genereux stated the Fire and EMS departments were looking at establishing a formula regarding payment to part time and call employees.

There also was discussion regarding removing invasive species from Town owned ponds, identified as Greenville and Waite ponds. Mr. Genereux stated that we would update the cost of weed control with

the vendor who quoted a few years ago. Mr. Genereux stated that cameras on Town-owned properties were also part of the overall funding plan.

A resident asked about the funds being used for water and sewer district needs. Mr. Genereux explained that the change in the ARPA rules allowed more flexibility with funding, allowing it to be spend on needs that would benefit every resident. The Board suggested contacting Sen. Gobi and other reps to speak to them about more funding availability.

6. MINUTES

a. February 7, 2022

Motion 021422-6a: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2022. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

Motion 021422-7: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Phillips at 8:34pm. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**