

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

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 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. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Doug Belanger, 13 Harberton Drive, discussed concerns from residents about what is going on between the School Committee, Select Board and the Town. Mr. Belanger stated it is time to get these boards together in light of the Becker project but also in general due to issues between the Select Board and the School Committee. Mr. Belanger offered to mediate/moderate the meeting.

Mr. Antanavica apologized for his outburst at the last meeting and to any department heads or workers who were offended. Mr. Antanavica stated he is interested in facts and figures.

Bill Robert, 175 White Birch Street, requested an agenda item regarding the Becker working group progress. Mr. Robert stated he feels the working groups have lost direction.

Peter Cusolito, 90 Willow Hill Road, agreed with Mr. Robert and state the groups are overlapping in their responsibilities and should all come together and meet. Mr. Cusolito stated he has been working to inventory IT items on the campus.

**2. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Discuss/Vote on Purchase of Mini Excavator for Highway Department (Chapter 90 Funds)**

Mr. Griffin presented a request to purchase a mini excavator and trailer using \$115,184.33 in Chapter 90 funds. The Capital Committee has voted to approve this purchase.

**Motion 031422-2a:** A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the purchase of the mini excavator and trailer by the Highway Department using \$115,184.33 in Chapter 90 funds. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

**b. Discuss/Vote on Sale of Fire Rescue Truck**

Mr. Duggan stated the Oakham Fire Department has voted to purchase the Town's 2006 Fire Rescue Truck for \$40,000 using their ARPA funding. Mr. Genereux noted that procurement laws do not apply when transferring vehicles from municipality to municipality. The sale would include the truck mounted generator that is built into the truck and the jaws of life. The Fire Chief has agreed to surplus the truck, generator and jaws of life. Radios and other small items have been removed.

**Motion 031422-2b:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the sale of the 2006 Fire Rescue Truck to the Town of Oakham for \$40,000 including the generator and jaws of life as surplussed by the Fire Chief. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

**c. Discuss/Vote on Request to Use Becker Turf Field – Leicester Soccer Club**

Mr. Genereux received a request from Stu Loosemore of the Leicester Soccer Club to use the Becker Turf Field on 3/19. Mr. Loosemore requested a one-time use of the field for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade kids for a two-hour pre-

season soccer clinic. The Board discussed charging a \$100 fee, the fact that request from other groups have been turned down, insurance requirements and waiting until the vote on the field rules and regulations that are on the agenda this evening.

**Motion 031422-2c:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Duggan to table this item until after the Leicester Athletic Field Regulations have been voted on. **Motion carries 5:0:0**

**d. Discuss/Vote on Leicester Athletic Field Regulations**

Mr. Phillips discussed the proposed athletic field regulations and the applicants for the Recreational Field Organizer position. The regulations include rules for the turf field and the dog park. Mr. Phillips stated the fees should be forthcoming from the Becker Athletic Working Group within 1-2 weeks. The committee considered recommendations from turf field manufactures and other towns while drafting these regulations. The Board discussed making the following amendments:

- Additional Playgrounds, Courts and Facility Rules #8 - Change April-October to April 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Fields and Facilities Rules and Regulations #14 - State "For any immediate life safety issue, call 911. For any other immediate safety concerns please notify Leicester Police at 508-892-7010."

**Motion 031422-2d1:** A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the Leicester Athletic Field Regulations as amended above. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

**Motion 031422-2d2:** A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve the request from Leicester Soccer Club to use the turf field on 3/19 from 8:30am-10:30am for a fee \$50. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

**e. Discuss/Vote on Use of ARPA Funding for Moose Hill Grant Match**

Members of the Moose Hill Water Commission discussed the importance of determining whether Moose Hill can be permitted as a Class A water source. Commissioner Jay Powell noted that Moose Hill has never been tested and has never been designated as a Class B water source. There are grant funds available to pay for this testing and the Town is not obligated to move forward with developing this water source or building a treatment plant regardless outcome of the testing. The Board discussed only applying for the one stop grant with a reduced scope and not using ARPA funds as a match. The scope would be reduced to just determining if Moose Hill is eligible to become a class A water source.

**Motion 031422-2e:** A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by to apply for a one stop grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the Moose Hill study. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

**Motion 031422-3:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Provencher seconded by Mr. Shocik at 8:05pm. **Motion carries 5:0:0**