

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 25, 2018 at 6:30pm**  
**TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Chairman Harry Brooks, Vice-Chair Dianna Provencher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Sandra Wilson, Selectman Brian Green, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg and Student Liaisons Alyssa Pupillo and Katheryn Stapel were in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public provided comment.

Ms. Provencher stated that all cell phones are to be silenced and not used during the meeting.

**1. SCHEDULED**

**a. 6:30pm – Select Board Reorganization**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Dianna Provencher as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to appoint Sandy Wilson as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to appoint Brian Green as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Student Liaison Reports**

The student liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools and discussed summer reading and other summer programs offered by the schools. This will be the final formal report for the summer.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Host Community Agreement – Chilly Farms, Cultivation Facility**

Phillip Silverman, attorney for Chilly Farms, discussed a potential host community agreement for the cultivation and production of recreational marijuana at 424 Main Street in Cherry Valley. Mr. Silverman noted this would be a limited access facility with interior and exterior cameras, a strict process for guests, staff restrictions to certain parts of the building, seed to sale tracking system, specialized transportation including randomized routes and times and coordination with local police to develop further security protocols. Chilly Farms is looking to get a host community agreement in place prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate a host community agreement with Chilly Farms. Under discussion, Ms. Wilson asked if retail was off the table at this point due to location and zoning limit of one dispensary and Chilly Farms stated they are happy to start small. The Board discussed setting parameters for negotiation including percentage, fixed or set amount per square foot. Mr. Genereux recommended a percentage or fixed amount versus an amount per square foot. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. Discussion - Town Administrator/Select Board Authority & Goals**

Mr. Genereux stated he has been here for 7 months and presumed an evaluation would be forthcoming but currently does not have goals to be evaluated on. Mr. Genereux put together basic, measurable draft goals for the Board to discuss. The goals included: conducting a wage/salary study for nonunion staff to bring wages to market value, licensing enforcement, developing a more business friendly permitting process, creating a short term funding strategy for highway equipment replacement and enhancing the Town's community outreach. Ms. Provencher asked each Select Board member to put together two measurable goals of their own to discuss at the next meeting. Ms. Wilson said there should be a few three to five year goals included. Mr. Genereux recommended the goals start in July and run through next June with evaluations done every November.

**c. Discussion – Potential Moratorium on Solar Farm Development**

Mr. Genereux noted the Planning Board was looking for direction on whether there should be any limitation on solar farms in Town. Mr. Genereux noted that solar farm moratoriums are not permanent but do require Town Meeting approval. Ms. Wilson noted the Planning Board was concerned about solar farms going on prime real estate sites and sites getting clear cut. Mr. Brooks noted solar farms are often good neighbors are aren't a drain on Town services (e.g. police, fire). Ms. Wilson noted the Planning Board wanted the Select Board's direction to pursue and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Antanavica recommended the Planning Board look into what other Towns are doing and come back with a recommendation.

**d. Recycling Center Fees**

Mr. Genereux presented a proposal to add \$5 to recycling center fees. This would result in annual stickers for seniors increasing from \$20 to \$25, regular stickers increasing from \$25 to \$30 and out of town stickers increasing from \$30 to \$35. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to increase recycling center fees by \$5 retroactive to June 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

**e. Department Head Contract – Jeff Taylor, Building Inspector**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Green to approve a one year employment agreement with Building Inspector Jeff Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**f. Department Head Contract – Amy Perkins, Treasurer/Collector**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the three year employment agreement with Treasurer/Collector Amy Perkins. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

This item was passed over.

**6. MINUTES**

This item was passed over.

**7. SELECT BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Antanavica asked that the Town Administrator meet with the Board of Fire Engineers to discuss the future of the Board and appointments.

Ms. Wilson noted concerts on the common begin July 4<sup>th</sup> and run through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Wilson also congratulated the LHS softball team on making it to the State finals.

Mr. Brooks discussed zoning bylaw to change to lot sizes and frontages. Mr. Genereux spoke with the Town Planner and indicated that it should be looked at as expeditiously as possible from an economic development standpoint. Mr. Brooks thanked everyone who voted in the Annual Town Election.

Ms. Provencher went to the Worcester County Selectmen's Association meeting on elder care and there was a robust discussion about elder issues.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION, MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21A,**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brooks to enter in to executive session at 8:48pm. Roll Call: All Ayes

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to go out of executive session and back into open session for the purpose of adjournment at 9:37pm. Roll Call: All Ayes

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks at 9:38pm. The motion carried unanimously.