

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2023, AT 6:00PM
LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER, 40 WINSLOW AVENUE, LEICESTER, MA 01524

Chair Allen Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. Chair Allen Phillips, First Vice Chair Rick Antanavica, Second Vice Chair Dianna Provencher, Selectman Herb Duggan Jr, Selectman John Bujak, Assistant Town Administrator Chris Vitale, and Executive Assistant Maria Cataloni were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 041823-1a.1: A motion was made by Mr. Bujak to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Duggan. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:06pm.**

- a. **To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) – DIS Director/Town Planner**

Motion 041823-1a.2: A motion was made by Mr. Duggan to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Provencher. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:14pm.**

2. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Phillips resumed the open session at 6:19PM.

- a. **Resignation – A.D. Christian Vitale – Assistant Town Administrator**

Motion 041823-2a: A motion was made by Mr. Duggan to accept the resignation with regret, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:20pm.**

- b. **Appointment – Sherry Norton – May House Committee**

Resident Donna McCance introduced Sherry Norton to the Select Board. Ms. Norton became involved in Becker when her son attended the college. She enjoys the historical aspects of the campus and wants to preserve it.

Motion 041823-2b: A motion was made by Mr. Duggan to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Ms. Provencher Abstained) at 6:22pm.**

- c. **Appointment – Alex Norton – May House Committee**

Mr. Norton stated he is the President of the Becker Alumni Association. Mr. Norton stated he wants to introduce students to the history of the former college campus. Mr. Phillips asked about his video game background listed on Mr. Norton's volunteer application form and encouraged him to connect with the Superintendent about their e-sports program.

Motion 041823-2c: A motion was made by Mr. Bujak to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Duggan. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Ms. Provencher Abstained) at 6:24pm.**

d. **Reappointment – Kevin Ouellette – Alternate Plumbing Inspector**

Assistant Town Administrator stated Mr. Ouellette is up for his annual reappointment as Alternate Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Ouellette aids the town when the Inspector of Plumbing is out.

Motion 041823-2d: A motion was made by Ms. Provencher to approve the reappointment, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:26pm.**

e. **Appointment – John Charbonneau – DIS Director/Town Planner**

Mr. Charbonneau introduced himself to the Select Board. Mr. Charbonneau stated he was born and raised in Rhode Island and received his education in Tennessee. Mr. Charbonneau's first planner job was in Brockton. Most recently, he worked in Stoughton, Massachusetts. Mr. Charbonneau stated he feels he would have a better connection with residents in Leicester because it is a smaller community. Mr. Charbonneau's goal is to preserve the community's quality of life and handle the pressures of growth. Mr. Bujak jokingly asked if Mr. Charbonneau is planning on bringing the outlets to Leicester. Mr. Phillips asked if it is okay that Leicester does not have online permitting. Mr. Charbonneau stated he has worked with paper and online systems, and he is happy to help the town transition to e-permitting. Mr. Phillips asked for Mr. Charbonneau's thoughts on one-stop shop for permits. Mr. Charbonneau stated the town needs a unified effort by all boards to make projects expedient. Mr. Charbonneau also stated town departments needs to be involved because online permitting alone does not solve the issue.

Motion 041823-2e: A motion was made by Ms. Provencher to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:33pm.**

3. OTHER ITEMS

a. **Senior Center One-Day Liquor License & Fee Waiver**

Mr. Phillips asked the purpose of the application before the Select Board. Mr. Vitale stated the caterer who was contracted for the event submitted the one-day liquor license and fee waiver request. Mr. Vitale stated the application material was provided in the Select Board packet.

Motion 041823-3a: A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica to approve the one-day liquor license and fee waiver, seconded by Ms. Provencher. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:35pm.**

Motion 041823-4: A motion was made by Ms. Provencher to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 5-0-0 at 6:35pm.**

ADJOURN