

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2019 at 6:30pm  
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

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

**1. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

- a. **6:30pm - Dog Hearing – Noncompliance with Board Order - Bella (Sheard), 39 Craig Street**

This item was passed over as Ms. Sheard has paid her fine, received her license and is in full compliance.

- b. **6:45pm – Executive Session, MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exception 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Hillcrest Country Club)**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to enter into executive session at 6:31pm under Mass General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exception 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Hillcrest Country Club) and to resume in open session at the conclusion of executive session. The Chair declared that to discuss these matters in open session would compromise the position of the Town. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public provided comment

**3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **Student Liaison Reports**

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

- b. **Select Board Reports**

The Select Board discussed various topics including October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Fire Safety Prevention Month, clean your wood stoves and check batteries in your smoke detectors, Hearts for Heat applications are available online or at the Town Clerk's office (apply as soon as you can), Deja Nu is making donations to the two food pantries in Town and Hearts for Heat along with other organizations in Town, the Moose Hill Water Commission meeting which discussed the water/sewer working group, the CVWRD meeting, corrections to the LCAC show on the town meeting warrant articles (if the town loses in court we are responsible for the entire bill, insurance will not pay), Burncoat Park Sports Planning Committee meeting discussing fields from 9am to 1pm on October 26<sup>th</sup>, potential grant opportunities, Drug Takeback Day on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Leicester Recycling Center, building and parking lot at Rochdale Park belong to Mr. Raymond Shea who passed away and the Town needs to look into options for land at Rochdale Park, the successful second annual town-wide yard sale, the Tarentino Basketball Court is complete and can be played on, potholes on Route 9, the Town Meeting Information Sessions on 10/15 at Town Hall and 10/17 at the Senior Center and discussing Trick or Treating day/time in light of EEE at the next meeting.

- c. **Town Administrator Report**

The Town Administrator provided highlights from his written report.

#### **4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

##### **a. Appointments - Tree Lighting Committee**

A motion was made by and seconded by to appoint Gabrielle Danforth, Harry Brooks, Kim Bachant, Megan Bouchard and Sarah Connly to the Tree Lighting Committee. The motion carried 5:0:0.

##### **b. Appointments - 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Kim Myles-Hedgepeth, Allen Phillips and Mychelle Phillips to the ad-hoc 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as at-large members. The motion carried 5:0:0.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to appoint Sandy Wilson to the ad-hoc 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as the Select Board representative. The motion carried 5:0:0.

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **a. Senior Center Donations**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept \$350 in donations to the Senior Center for the Veterans Breakfast. The motion carried 5:0:0.

##### **b. EEE Discussion**

Mr. Genereux noted he received an email from the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees requesting that Town Meeting be pushed back until after the first hard frost due to EEE concerns. The Board discussed moving the meeting to the High School Auditorium, but live filming is not available at this location and the date was not changed. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Wilson to fund mosquito control in the FY21 budget. The motion carried 5:0:0.

##### **c. VHB Proposal Acceptance and Authorization to Sign Contract - Water Issues at 3 Paxton Street**

Luke Boucher with VHB discussed the proposal for a third-party engineering study at 3 Paxton Street at a cost of \$22,500. Mr. Boucher has specialized experience in stormwater infrastructure and extensive experience in peer review. VHB will review soil conditions, the retention pond design and construction including a recalculating the hydrogeologic model that was used. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept the proposal from VHB for a third-party engineering study at 3 Paxton Street and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract. Under discussion, Mr. Genereux noted the funding would come from the legal budget initially then be transferred to the proposed Town Meeting warrant article for the fire station, if approved. VHB has noted they could complete the initial scope within 60 days of receiving the notice to proceed. The motion carried 5:0:0.

##### **d. Vote and Update Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles, Sign Warrant and Assign Motions**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded Mr. Antanavica to sign the Fall Special Town Meeting warrant. The motion carried 5:0:0. Ms. Wilson assigned motions to the board members.

Acting Lieutenant Doray discussed his citizen's petition requesting permission to work as a police officer for up to an additional five years. Lieutenant Doray stated he turns 65 next August which is the mandatory retirement age for local police departments even though State Police do not have a retirement age. Lieutenant Doray noted that Special Police Officers can work until 70 years old. This type request has occurred in other communities. Lieutenant Doray stated he will modify his petition down to an additional two years after discussing the matter with his family. Mr. Genereux stated he will be discussing this request with the Moderator tomorrow evening to see if Lieutenant Doray can reduce the number of years he is requesting in the motion. Lieutenant Doray noted that any salary increases he receives after the age of 65 will not count towards his retirement. By extending his

service for two years instead of five years, the current Assessment Center lists for Chief and Lieutenant will still be valid when he retires and the Town will not have to spend another \$10,000+ to conduct these examinations again. A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to support Lieutenant Paul Doray's citizen petition to enable him to work for an additional two years after the age of 65. The motion carried 5:0:0.

## **6. MINUTES**

### **a. September 23, 2019**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

### **b. October 1, 2019**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

### **c. Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to approve the executive session minutes of September 23, 2019. The motion carried 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher at 9:03pm. The motion carried 5:0:0.