

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2020 at 6:31pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Chair Sandra Wilson, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, 2nd 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 – Discussion and/or Vote – Reopening Parks

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Wilson to open town parks in accordance with the Governor's guidelines. Roll call: 4:0:0.

b. 6:35pm – Outdoor Business License Application – London's Ice Cream & Sandwich Shoppe, 724 Main St.

This item was passed over

c. 6:45pm – Worcester Regional Public Health Alliance Intermunicipal Agreement Discussion and/or Vote

The Select Board and Board of Health discussed the agreement with the Worcester Regional Public Health alliance which has been in effect since 2014. The Town was looking at potential layoffs post-recession and decided to regionalize public health services to save funds. The current agreement expires June 30, 2020. The City of Worcester does not wish to renew the contract due to personnel changes on their end and concerns over whether their services are a good fit for the Town. The City agreed to give Leicester a three-month extension due to the pandemic at a pro-rated cost for services the town uses most. It was noted that the Leicester school nurses have been doing contact tracing for several months now using State funds. A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Brooks to sign the three-month extension and direct the Town Administrator to continue the discussions regarding a potential three-year agreement with the City. Roll call: 5:0:0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Student Proclamation

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Ms. Provencher to sign a proclamation for Student Liaison Katheryn Stapel for her service to the Select Board for two years. Roll call: 5:0:0.

b. Student Liaison Reports

The Student Liaisons provided updates from the Leicester Public Schools.

c. Select Board Reports

The Select Board discussed a variety of topics including ringing the bell at the Rochdale fire station on the first Saturday of each month to honor first responders, nurses, etc., overflowing collection boxes, potentially fraudulent unemployment communications and claims, thank you to the Memorial Day Committee, Town Meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm in the High School Gym, Annual Town Election on June 9th from 12-7pm in

the Town Hall Gym, the opportunity to vote by mail, stimulus checks may come in the form of a visa debit card in a nondescript envelope and the Recycling Center is open again normal hours taking most items.

d. Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator presented highlights from his written report.

4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

None

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Annual Town Meeting Discussion and Assign Motions

The Chair assigned the reading of the motions for Annual Town Meeting. The Board agreed to hold off on the sale of Memorial School until action is taken on the proposed new school in the fall.

b. FY21 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the list of FY21 reappointments as presented. Roll call: 5:0:0.

c. Authorization of Chair to Sign Letters of Support for CDBG and MVP grants

A motion was made by and seconded by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to authorize the Chair to sign letters of support for the CDBG and MVP grants. Roll call: 4:0:1 (Ms. Provencher abstained).

d. Update on Water/Sewer Consultant RFP Process

Mr. Genereux stated that five proposals were received and will be reviewed by a group including the water superintendents. The study will be funded by a \$100,000 Federal Economic Development Assistance grant and a \$100,000 State earmark. Mr. Genereux is working with DEP and the State legislators to obtain an extension for the State earmark which expires June 30, 2020.

e. Authorize Town Administrator to Award and Sign Town Hall Paving Contract (Bid Closing June 2, 2020)

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to authorize the Town Administrator to award and sign the Town Hall paving contract. Roll call: 5:0:0.

f. Contract Amendment #4 – VHB –Fire & EMS Headquarters Stormwater Basin Engineering Review

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to authorize the Chair to sign amendment #4 to the VHB contract for stormwater basin engineering at the Fire & EMS Headquarters. Roll call: 5:0:0.

g. Albert Southwick 100th Birthday

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to issue a certificate of honor for Al Southwick's 100th birthday. Roll call: 5:0:0.

h. Town Administrator Evaluation

Ms. Wilson presented the aggregate results from Mr. Genereux's Annual Town Administrator Evaluation. Mr. Genereux met or exceeded expectations in every category. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to hold off on making a decision about Mr. Genereux's raise until the fall due to COVID-19 budget concerns. Roll call: 5:0:0.

6. MINUTES

a. May 18, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve the minutes of May 18, 2020.
Roll call: 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica at 8:23pm. Roll call: 5:0:0.