

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 2, 2018 at 6:30pm**  
**TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Chairman Harry Brooks, Vice-Chair Dianna Provencher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Sandra Wilson, Selectman Douglas Belanger, Selectman Brian Green, Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg and Student Liaisons Alyssa Pupillo and Robert Kemp were in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public provided comment

**1. SCHEDULED**

**a. 6:30pm – Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Jacob Stolberg**

Jacob Stolberg with Troop 123 discussed his community service Eagle Scout project. Mr. Stolberg has been talking to Town departments to get project ideas and has narrowed his list to three potential projects:

- 1) Picnic tables at Rochdale Park – 3-5 picnic tables in a new picnic area with 2-3 charcoal grills. Dennis Griffin, Highway Superintendent, was very supportive of the idea and would work with Mr. Stolberg as part of an overall effort to revitalize parks in Town.
- 2) Repaint Town fire hydrants – There are 350 fire hydrants in Town; the hydrants have not been painted in the last 3-5 years although they are supposed to be painted every 2 years. Mr. Stolberg proposed painting 75-100 hydrants as part of his project.
- 3) Senior Center projects – Redo picnic benches (repaint, finish and touch them up) and create 2-3 new picnic tables so the Center can host more outdoor activities, or, create an outdoor shed to store walkers and wheelchairs.

Mr. Stolberg is leaning towards undertaking the picnic area at Rochdale Park project. The project should be complete in the summer or fall of 2018. Mr. Stolberg will do his own fundraising but will be looking to a Town Meeting parks article for \$20,000 for some of the funding.

Mr. Brooks noted that Jacob and his mother have gone out of their way to help with any and all projects that have come up and thanked Mr. Stolberg for his efforts. Mr. Belanger asked if Mr. Stolberg has put together a budget. Mr. Stolberg responded that the project is estimated to cost \$750 but the numbers won't be finalized until he selects a project. A motion was made by Mr. Belanger and seconded by Ms. Provencher to support Jacob Stolberg doing a project, preferable the picnic area at Rochdale Park. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. 6:30pm – Holcomb Street Visibility Discussion**

Pauline Anderson of 8 Holcomb Street discussed visibility issues at the intersection of Holcomb and Pleasant Street. Ms. Anderson noted there is a serious visibility problem exiting Holcomb and going north on Pleasant Street. She stated there have been many close calls but no fatalities to date to her knowledge. Ms. Anderson noted the property is for sale and is being advertised as having two driveways. The previous owner did not use the front yard driveway because he knew the neighbors could not see. Ms. Anderson spoke to the new owner who was not totally aware of the new situation. The neighbor has a small car but said he would try his best to use the back driveway although it is hard to get up the steep street if someone doesn't have a four-wheel drive. Ms. Anderson asked if a driveway would have been formally allowed to put in because there is not enough safe

site distance. There have been head on accidents at this intersection. Mr. Belanger noted the driveway is existing which gives the owner certain rights although he doesn't disagree it wouldn't be allowed today. Mr. Genereux noted Highway and Police Departments have looked at the issue of off-street parking in the right of way and this occurs everywhere in Town; the rule would need to be changed for streets across town. Chief Hurley said a line of site study was done and the issue is the engineering of the steep street; a full-size vehicle obstructs the view but it is not breaking any of the Town parking regulations. Mr. Genereux stated this is an off-street parking issue and the Board has the authority to regulate on street parking and a reduction of speed by five miles per hour. Mr. Genereux noted that we went department by department and nothing is being violated that he can see. Chief Hurley noted a line of sight bylaw could be drafted but he is not sure if it can be implemented ex post facto. Ms. Provencher noted the neighbors working together may be able to solve this issue. Mr. Genereux noted if the Board wanted to look at further action and questions such as is the driveway in the right of way or is a vehicle being parked on municipal property the Town would have to do a survey and keep in mind this could replicate in other areas as well. Mr. Belanger recommended looking at lower the speed limit and adding signage to slow down drivers.

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Student Liaison Reports**

Mr. Kemp will be attending Fitchburg State in the fall which is his first and only choice and will be majoring in communications with a focus in film. Mr. Kemp noted he hopes to become a filmmaker. Ms. Pupillo noted she is only a junior but has looked at Boston University to study pre-med. No formal report was provided.

### **b. Parks & Rec Donation**

A motion was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept the donation to Parks & Rec as presented. Mr. Brooks added Saturday at 7pm there is an event at Leicester Country Club to benefit the Tarentino Memorial Park. Tickets are \$30/pp.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Resignations**

None

### **b. Appointments**

None

### **c. Recreational Marijuana Host Agreement – Cultivate LLC**

Mr. Genereux presented a draft host community agreement with Cultivate Holdings LLC for the siting of an adult use marijuana establishment. This agreement has gone through Town Counsel and Cultivate's counsel. The agreement provides for 3% of gross retail sales to go to the Town with an annual minimum of \$75,000 and an annual maximum of \$250,000. This does not include any wholesale sales from company to company. The minimum payment will be due three months after opening and going forward the payment will be made on the anniversary date of the agreement. Anything residual up to the \$250,000 based on sales would be given on the 13<sup>th</sup> month annually after the date of the agreement. Mr. Genereux noted that Cultivate agreed to modify the Town's agreement should they open up another facility of the same nature if that Town gets a better deal. This would only apply to the same type of facility (e.g. dispensary and cultivation facility). Rob Lally with Cultivate spoken in favor of the terms of the agreement, noting the \$75,000 bottom is fair for all and hopefully they will max out the \$250,000 if sales support this. Mr. Lally noted that if the police chief wants something they will implement it. Ms. Wilson clarified that the 3% is the maximum the State allows so the only difference in another community would be the minimum and maximum cap and if they opened another grow or distribution center it would trigger another host agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Belanger and seconded by Ms. Provencher

to enter into the adult use marijuana host agreement with Cultivate Holdings LLC. The motion carried with one abstention (Mr. Green). A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Provencher to authorize the Chair to sign the Host Community Agreement Certification Form. The motion carried unanimously.

**d. Public Safety Day – June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at Town Hall**

Mr. Genereux said the Town is setting up a public safety day on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at Town Hall. The Town will put public safety vehicles in the parking lot including police, highway, sheriff and Becker vehicles. Mr. Genereux noted this is a great opportunity for residents to come out and see the vehicles and meet public safety personnel. The rain date will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Forsberg mentioned Eagle Scouts will be in attendance as well.

**4. DISCUSSION/OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Warren Ave Traffic Study Discussion**

Mr. Genereux presented a traffic study conducted by the Police Department for Warren Ave to look at resident complaints. Chief Hurley noted radar trailers were put on the roadway for over a week and gathered data on almost 3,000 vehicles. None were over 51mph and the majority were under 30mph. Officers wrote tickets and the situation seems to have quieted down. Chief Hurley recommended there be no right hand turn onto Harberton except for residents during morning commute and there should be no left turn onto Warren Ave except for residents during the evening community. Mr. Belanger noted this has been an ongoing issue and more than 30 years ago the Town tried making Warren Ave a one-way street which was met with pushback from the neighborhood. Mr. Belanger added there is a lot of traffic in and out of Route 56 South on to Route 9 West and many curb cuts create the potential for vehicle accidents. Vehicles are using the wrong lane on Route 9 to cut over to Warren Ave in order to avoid the traffic in the center of the Town in the morning. Ms. Wilson asked how you enforce no turning except for residents. Chief Hurley noted residents could use a sticker. The Board expressed concern about enforcement if just residents are allowed to do it. The Board agreed to have the Police Chief and Mr. Belanger organize a community meeting to get input on this issue.

**b. DEP Glass Recycling Program Discussion**

Mr. Genereux discussed a request from Ruth Kaminski at the Recycling Center to review a grant opportunity for processing glass. Leicester is a site of interest and could receive a DEP grant up to \$150k to purchase equipment. Mr. Genereux noted he is gathering additional information on the benefit to Leicester aside from getting the equipment and having the ability to process glass in light of the recent closure at a local glass crushing facility. Mr. Genereux pointed out there would need to be space on the property and that there would be some volume of noise while the crushing is occurring.

Ms. Wilson noted the end market for the glass is disappearing and the Town will have to pay to send glass somewhere else if they don't open their own facility. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Provencher to authorize the Town Administrator to begin working on the application for the DEP Glass Recycling Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

**c. Winter Parking Ban Discussion**

Ms. Wilson stated she believes the Town's winter parking ban is onerous and restrictive because there are many times it doesn't need to be applied. Ms. Wilson prefers doing a parking ban on a case by case basis like the cities do using social media, etc. Chief Hurley noted he is in favor of winter parking bans as most of the time the Highway Department comes out late at night and it keeps the roadways clear, looks better and makes it easier for the plow trucks. Chief Hurley stated he understands some residents have logistical issues but noted the City of Worcester put out a page for their midnight parking ban and some people miss it. If anything, the Chief stated he would be in favor of expanding the ban to any time 24 hours a day when there is snow in excess of two inches. Believes specific dates are what we need and would be in favor of expanding it. Mr. Belanger stated he did not

have any issues with the ban and recommended making it stricter if anything. Ms. Wilson stated her proposal is that the parking ban be declared prior to the start of a storm and remain in effect from the first flake until lifted by the Police Department which would allow Highway to pretreat the roads and allow residents to have an easier time with on street parking during the winter when it is not snowing. Chief Hurley noted the Town could explore a do not tag list where if someone is having a party they could call in and ask for permission to violate the ban. Mr. Genereux stated there are more people not on social media than are. He added that the cities get their bans put on the news but small Towns do not.

## **5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

This item was passed over.

## **6. MINUTES**

### **a. March 26, 2018**

This item was passed over.

## **7. SELECT BOARD REPORTS**

The Board discussed various items including the Roast of Bob Pingeton Saturday at 7pm to benefit the Tarentino Memorial Playground at Community Field, the Fire Station open house scheduled for Sunday, May 6pm from 9am to 3pm with ceremonies at 11am, drug take back day on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the recycling center, residents can now pull papers to run for open elected positions, exploring reducing the speed on Route 56, and the Forgotten Farms film on dairy farms April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm .

## **8. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

Explore reducing the speed limit on Route 56.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION, MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21A**

No executive session was held.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Provencher and Mr. Green at 8:35pm. The motion carried unanimously.