

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 6:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, Second Vice-Chair John Shocik, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Selectman Herb Duggan, Jr., Town Administrator David Genereux, Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Bryan Milward were in attendance.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a. **6:00pm – Leicester Community Electricity Aggregation – Good Energy**
Authorize Town Administrator to Sign All Related Documents

John O'Rourke of Good Energy discussed the steps the Town has taken to set up an electricity aggregation program and the projected timeline for rolling out the program over the next several months. Select Board members discussed putting the electricity supply out to bid, auto-enrollment and opt out provisions as well as the importance of getting information out to seniors to ensure they understand the program. Town resident Donald Klein expressed concerns regarding automatic enrollment and stated he would like to see Town Meeting take a new vote on this matter. A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to authorize the Town Administrator to sign all Good Energy procurement documents up to but not including the final agreement for municipal energy aggregation. Roll Call: 5:0:0

- b. **6:30pm – Leicester/Becker Collaboration - Town Flag Design Contest**

Donald Desroches discussed his proposal for a Town Flag design contest that would be run as a partnership between the Town and Becker College. Residents would be allowed to submit flag design entries and vote on a new flag. Select Board members discussed the existing flag, whether a new flag was needed, and requested that Mr. Desroches discuss the proposal with Joe Lennerton of the Historical Commission.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided public comment.

3. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Student Liaison Reports**

Student Liaisons Jacob Stolberg and Erin Arsenault provided an update on upcoming school activities including the children's storybook drive and February break.

- b. **Town Administrator Report**

Town Administrator David Genereux read highlights from his report including recent discussions with Becker College on their lease at Rochdale Park, a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee, the award of the Shared Winter Streets grant for Towtaid Park, and the completion of the FY22 Budget proposal.

- c. **Health Agent COVID-19 Update**

Health Agent Francis Dagle announced that the Town had received approval from the state to set up a COVID-19 vaccination site once enough supply becomes available.

d. **Select Board Reports**

Select Board members discussed the lease with Becker at Rochdale Park, the Town's response to recent snowstorms, the plane crash on February 3rd, and Select Board liaison responsibilities.

4. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. **Appointment – Megan Canavan – On Call Inspector of Animals**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Megan Canavan as the On-Call Inspector of Animals. Roll Call: 5:0:0

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Authorize Town Administrator to Sign Department of Public Health Documents relative to potential vaccine clinic**

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Duggan to authorize the Town Administrator to sign department of public health documents relative to a potential vaccine clinic. Roll Call: 5:0:0

b. **FY22 Budget Discussion**

Town Administrator David Genereux summarized the proposed FY22 Town Administrator's budget and explained the major changes from FY21 including new state aid projections, the reductions in legal expenses, the lower than anticipated health insurance increase, the increase in state assessments, and the impact of union negotiations.

c. **2021 Annual Town Meeting Discussion**

Town Administrator David Genereux discussed the proposed warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting. Select Board members discussed a potential warrant article related to host community agreement funds.

d. **Senior Center Donation – ERA Realty**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to accept the donation to the senior center from ERA Realty. Roll Call: 5:0:0

e. **Authorize Town Administrator to Sign FY20 Community Development Block Grant Contract and All Related Documents**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to authorize the Town Administrator to sign documents related to the CDBG FY20 grant. Roll Call: 5:0:0

f. **Common Victualler License Renewal – Hot Dog Annie's – 244 Paxton Street**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to renew Hot Dog Annie's common victualler license. Roll Call: 5:0:0

g. **Vote to Sign Letter of Support for Final Special Legislation for Songy Family**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to sign a letter of support for Final Special Legislation for the Songy family. Roll Call: 5:0:0

h. **Vote to Sign Letter of Support for Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce's Application to the Regional Pilot Project Grant Program**

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to sign the letter of support for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce's grant application. Roll Call: 5:0:0

6. MINUTES

a. January 25, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes as written. Roll Call: 5:0:0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik at 8:14pm. Roll Call: 5:0:0