

Present: Selectmen Brian Moriarty, Edmund Jaworski, Diana Szynal, Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator, Bob Flaherty, Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Stephen Gaughan, and Alan Belden

Selectman Szynal called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. There were no announcements, nor anyone present for public forum.

Selectman Moriarty moved to approve the minutes of 7-14. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved.

Wilma Davis has withdrawn her interest in the Conservation Commission vacancy.

Selectman Szynal asked if this can be posted. Selectman Moriarty said it is important that people know about open positions.

Renovation Change Order

The Board voted to approve a change order for fencing work for \$694.51 and a \$2150.00 credit for painting on a motion by Selectman Jaworski, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. DPW Director Genovese is to be asked if there is an existing leak upstairs.

Ambulance Abatelements

Chief Flaherty said this is for the Board's reference. As a strong chief, he is able to do abatements. Uncollectable amounts going back to 2005 and totaling \$64299.33 have been abated. Deputy Chief Gaughan has talked with Roselli, Clarke and Associates, financial auditors about cleaning up our books. Ms. Michonski said this is a corrective action in the audit report. Deputy Chief Gaughan explained the billing, insurance and collections steps to Selectman Jaworski, who asked about the process

Selectman Moriarty moved the Board go to executive session, according to MGL c. 30A, §21a, #4, to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, noting the Board would not return to open session. A roll call vote was begun but Selectman Moriarty withdrew his motion so that a COVID update could be heard.

It was recommended to take the reopening of town hall to the public slowly. Perhaps extend the part time days to full days. Selectman Moriarty talked about Monday calls that include the Fire and Police Chiefs and Kerry Flaherty. Selectman Jaworski asked if everything was getting done under the present situation. People are doing things through the mail, via phone, email and the drop box. There is an uptick in COVID cases elsewhere, but the Commonwealth has done well because we are going slow and being methodical.

Selectman Moriarty reviewed expectations for employees. Everyone is to wear a mask or be 6' apart. No exceptions, and there will be repercussions. Wearing a mask is to protect others. He said he is frustrated that the state has been doing this for 4 months and yet recently it was reported that one person got 35 people sick inadvertently at Baystate Hospital. Mask up. He reminded residents to come in only if it's absolutely necessary. The days of stopping in and chatting are

over. Selectman Jaworski said schools will be a major challenge. Selectman Szynal said to keep contacts to a minimum as it will be disheartening if we have to take a step backwards. Chiefs Dekoschak and Flaherty and Kerry Flaherty were thanked for staying on top of it.

Selectman Moriarty moved to go in to executive session according to MGL Chpt 30A, §21a, # 4 To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto and the Board will not return to public session. Selectman Jaworski seconded. A roll call vote was taken and with Moriarty voting aye, Jaworski voting aye and Szynal voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting ended at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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