

Approved June 30, 2021

Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2021, 5:30 pm  
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA  
Virtual GoToMeeting

Present: Board of Selectmen Chair Diana Szynal, Edmund Jaworski and Brian Moriarty. Also present were Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator; Police Chief Mike Dekoschak, Sergeant Clinton Phillips, Sharon Strezgowski, Treasurer/Collector, Phil Genovese, DPW Director, Richard Ross, William Wooldridge, Justin Killeen, Michelle Kersbergen, Sue Berry, and Attorney John McLaughlin

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Szynal called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Selectman Jaworski thanked the Cub Scouts, Fire Department, Legion members and all who participated in the Flag Day ceremony. Chair Szynal received an email from resident thanking the DPW for their work.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular session of the meetings of May 17, 2021 and June 2, 2021. Selectman Jaworski seconded; all in favor, aye.

**POSTED BUSINESS**

Promote Police Sergeant Clinton Phillips to the Rank of Lieutenant: Chief Dekoschak informed the Board that Sergeant Phillips has been with the department for 10 years, has worked hard and deserves this promotion. Selectman Moriarty make motion that Police Sergeant Clinton Phillips be promoted to rank of Lieutenant; Selectman Jaworski seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved.

TOW SW Kazimierza GP 1965 Z.N.P. (Polish Club) License Amendment – Change of Manager: Town Administrator Marlene Michonski recommended approval of the change of manager to the Select Board. Selectman Jaworski made motion to appoint Richard Ross the new manager of TOW SW Kazimierza GP 1965 Z.N.P. (Polish Club), Selectman Moriarty seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Liquor License Request for Old Mill Enterprises, LLC: Chair Szynal opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m. Co-Owners Bill Wooldridge and Justin Killeen presented before the Board and informed the Select Board that they are looking to be able to serve alcohol to their guests. Mr. Wooldridge said there are no plans to have a night club. Chair Szynal closed the hearing at 6:06 p.m. Selectman Moriarty made motion to grant a liquor License to Old Mill Enterprises, LLC DBA Old Mill Inn; Selectman Jaworski seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Request for Entertainment License from Black Birch Vineyard: Michelle Kersbergen presented before the Select Board to obtain an Entertainment license and discussion occurred regarding the entertainment

license. Selectman Jaworski and Selectman Moriarty expressed concerns regarding restrictions for an entertainment license from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm time frame that may conflict with the Planning Board's special permit. The Select Board wants to be sure there are no conflicts with the Planning Board's special permit. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Entertainment License for Black Birch Vineyard; Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Application for Auctioneer's License: An Application for Auctioneer's License was presented to the Select Board by Don Raucher for an auction to occur on August 6, 2021 at 99 Prospect Street. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to grant the Application for Auctioneer's License to Don Raucher; Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Chair Szynal opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m. and Mimi Kaplan of PVPC presented the Select Board with the mitigation plan for the Town.

Approve Employment Contracts: Town Administrator Marlene Michonski presented the Select Board with three-year employment contracts and recommended the Board approve them. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Employment Contracts for Michael Dekoschak, Police Chief; Robert Flaherty, Fire Chief; Kyle Scott, Building Commissioner and Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator as presented, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

COVID-19 Update – MA State of Emergency Declaration will expire on June 15<sup>th</sup>: The original state of emergency was put into effect on March 16, 2020 and the Governor rescinded the state of emergency on June 14, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. Chair Szynal made a motion to rescind the Town's emergency declaration dated March 16, 2020, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Water Abatement: Phil Genovese, DPW Director informed the Select Board for 76 Straits Road, he recommends the abatement. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the abatement for amount owed to date, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor aye, motion approved.

Wastewater Treatment Plan Generator Update: Phil Genovese, DPW Director thanked the Select Board and Finance Committee for approving the funding and signing contract quickly as this was an emergency. Mr. Genovese informed the Select Board that the generator is up and running.

Resignations/Appointments: After reviewing the list of appointments, Selectman Moriarty made a motion to make all appointments with their respective terms as presented by the Town Clerk excluding the highlighted appointments where those boards have not reorganized as of this date, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Contract for Legal Services re Comcast Cable License Renewal: Town Administrator recommended the Select Board approve the services and the agreement for services if the Select Board finds it acceptable to authorize Ms. Michonski to sign the agreement on behalf of the Select Board. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to accept the contract for legal services re Comcast Cable License Renewal and giving Marlene Michonski the authority to sign the agreement; Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

FY2022 Pay Rates: After review, Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the department pay rates as presented, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

White Rock Trail/Town Property on Mountain Road Update: Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator updated the Select Board about the dispute on the White Rock Trail. After discussion, the Select Board asked that the Town Administrator/DPW Director see if a survey has been done on the property. Ms. Michonski advised the Select Board that if a survey is required, the property owner agreed to split the cost with the Town.

Building Development Report: Town Administrator Marlene Michonski presented the Select Board with a report from Kyle Scott, Building Inspector giving an update on the current status of the Building Department projects.

Revised Reimbursement Procedures for Personal Expenses: Sharon Strezgowski advised the Select Board that she has set up a Town account with Amazon so that when Town employees need to purchase items they can do so through Amazon. There was discussion about the sale tax portion of purchases made by Town employees.

Rte. 5 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project: Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator presented an Order of Taking to the Select Board and recommended the Select Board sign. Mr. Genovese reminded the Select Board that those easements were voted on and passed at Town meeting. Selectman Moriarty made a motion for the Select Board to approve the Order of Taking in connection with the Rte. 5 water and sewer infrastructure improvement project, Selectman Jaworski seconded the motion. Attorney McLaughlin presented before the Board once again and stated his objections to the Order of Taking and that he still has objection to the votes taken and that the order is not in conformity with the votes taken. Chair Szynal all those in favor, aye, motion approved.

State Holiday Juneteenth (Sat., June 19<sup>th</sup>) discussion: After discussion, Chair Szynal made a motion to observe Juneteenth on Friday but for those employees who cannot take it on Friday they can take another day prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Reorganization: Selectman Moriarty made a motion to keep Diana Szynal as Chair of the Select Board, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Selectman Moriarty made a motion for a roll call vote to go into executive session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, §21A, #1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual at 7:12 p.m. and not return to open session; Chair Szynal, aye; Selectman Jaworski, aye; Selectman Moriarty, aye, motion approved.

Respectfully,  
Karen Brodeur  
Executive Assistant