

Approved June 15, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021, 5:45 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA
Virtual GoToMeeting

Present: Board of Selectmen Chair Diana Szynal, Edmund Jaworski and Brian Moriarty. Also present are Jenny Charette, Michael Ohl, PE; Michael Dekoschak, Police Chief, Officer Michael Johnson, Officer Kevin Banas and Officer Ernest Fitzell, Attorney John McLaughlin, Sue Berry, Steph Moynihan, Liz Lafond, MASC, Jennifer Maloney, Christine Boudreau, Rebecca Bench, Danielle Stanisewski, Members of the School Committee, Amanda Thayer and Catherine Englehardt

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Szynal called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Szynal wanted to thank all those involved with the 350th parade. Specifically, John Novak for all his hard work; all the hard work of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, COVID coordinator, Sharon Strzegowski, Treasurer/Collector and everyone who helped in putting the parade together.

PUBLIC FORUM None

POSTED BUSINESS

Resignations/Appointments: Chief Dekoschak brought three candidates before the Board. Officer Michael Johnson, applying for the full-time position and will begin on July 1st and have the 4:00 pm to 12:00 am shift. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to appointment Mike Johnson as full-time police officer, Selectman Jaworski seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved. Chief Dekoschak presented the next candidate, Kevin Banas as part-time officer. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to appoint Kevin Banas to part-time police officer, Selectman Jaworski seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved. Chief Dekoschak presented the third candidate Ernest Fitzell before the Board. Selectman Moriarty made motion to appoint Ernest Fitzell as part-time police officer, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Selectman Moriarty made motion to appoint Scott McCoy to the Recreation Committee, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

State holiday Juneteenth (June 19th) discussion: Chair Szynal stated this is a state holiday and that employees will be given this holiday but asked if the Town Administrator or Executive Assistant would look into which day would be considered the holiday as June 19th falls on a Saturday.

Route 5 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project Phase 2, Notice of Award: Michael Ohl recommended the Board to award the Phase 2 project to Geeleher Enterprises, Inc. After discussion, Selectman Moriarty made a motion to award the Route 5 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2 to Geeleher Enterprises, Inc., Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved. Attorney John McLaughlin asked to be heard on the Phase II project as he represents Sue

Berry. He advised the Board that the easements regarding this project are still the subject of the Superior Court lawsuit and he may bring further allegations and amend the Complaint after the town meeting vote. He may put an article for a special town meeting about the vote to implement Article 22 and that the Board should advise Geeleher Enterprises, Inc about this matter.

Michael Ohl informed the Board that the water main which is over 100 years old needs to be replaced on the Phase II project and that it will cost less replacing the pipes at the same time the sewer project is going on. He stated the cost would be approximately \$280,000.00. Chair Szynal asked Mr. Ohl for the exact dollar amount and he stated that for change order number 2 the cost is \$282,791.00. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve Change Order 2 for \$282,791.00, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Joint Meeting with School Committee: Chair Szynal informed all present that because of the recent annual town elections there was a tie between two write-in candidates, Amanda Thayer and Catherine Englehardt. Selectman Moriarty advised everyone that this position is for one year of a five-year term. After some discussion, Chair Szynal called for a roll call. School member Jennifer Maloney – Catherine Engelhardt; School Committee member Christine Boudreau – Amanda Thayer; School Committee member Rebecca Bench - Amanda Thayer; School Committee member Danielle Stanisewski – Catherine Englehardt; Chair Diana Szynal – Catherine Englehardt; Selectman Brian Moriarty – Catherine Englehardt and Selectman Edmund Jaworski – Catherine Englehardt. Catherine Englehardt won the vote 5-2.

Selectman Jaworski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved, the meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully,
Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant