

Approved: 5-17-2021

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021, 5:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA
Virtual GoToMeeting

Present: Board of Selectmen Chair Diana Szynal, Edmund Jaworski and Brian Moriarty.

Also in attendance: Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator; Lydia Szych, Town Clerk; Sharon Strzegowski, Treasurer/Collector; Eric Meals, Sewer Department Superintendent; Phillip Genovese, DPW Director; Amy Hahn, Chair, Historical Commission; Micki Sanderson; Lucinda Williams, Cemetery Commission; Attorney John McLaughlin, Sue Berry, Paul Labbee

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Szynal called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Labbee, 350th Anniversary Parade Committee gave the Board an update on the parade which will be May 30 at 1:00 p.m. Chair Szynal mentioned that there will be no on-street parking anywhere along the parade route.

PUBLIC FORUM None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2021, the Minutes of April 6, 2021 and the Minutes of April 12, 2021. Selectman Jaworski made a correction to the Minutes of April 6 and said after the correction is made, I second the motion, all in favor, aye, Minutes approved.

POSTED BUSINESS

Resignations/Appointments: Chair Szynal (with regret) made a motion to accept the resignation of Gail Kopinto, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, resignation accepted. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to accept the appointment of Marion Abrams to the Council on Aging, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor aye, appointment accepted.

Agreement to License Property on Billings Way: No further update.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve The Contract between the Town of Hatfield and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for consulting services, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, contract approved.

Accounts Payable Reimbursement Policy Update: The matter was tabled.

Historical Commission: Discussion of Historical Collection: Amy Hahn was approached by Smith College alumni to take a collection but the Historical Commission needs more space. Micki Sanderson explained there is a plan to explore purchasing/renting/leasing an antique home in Hatfield which could also be used as an outdoor venue for weddings. The matter was tabled for later discussion.

COVID-19 Update: The COVID Coordinator was not present. Chair Szynal mentioned the Covid update letter showed three new cases in Hatfield.

Cemetery Commission: Discussion of Billing Way property: The Board of Selectman agreed that the property shall remain under the control of the Board of Selectman.

Route 5 Water/Sewer Project Update: The water work is wrapping up on Chestnut Street and the contractor will be moving to West Street.

Chair Szynal stated that at this time the meeting will merge with the Finance Committee to review all our budgets, warrant articles and capital projects.

Joining this part of the meeting are Darryl Williams, Betsy Rider, Kim Baker, Diane Brzozowski and Sean Barry of the Finance Committee; Riley Malinoski, Martin McEvoy, Superintendent of Schools.

Darryl Williams, Chair of the Finance Committee, called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Attorney John McLaughlin was present with his client, Sue Berry, there was no discussion on the Route 5 Water/Sewer Project.

The Finance Committee confirmed with the school their proposed FY2022 budget.

Health insurance contribution. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to increase the health insurance contribution of the Town to 55%, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Article 4: Sean Barry made motion to recommend, Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article for funds balance deficit: Darryl Williams made a motion to recommend, Betsy Rider seconded; all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article for prior year expenses: Darryl Williams made a motion to recommend, Sean Barry seconded; all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article for transfer money from water and sewer retained earnings to fund the deficit: Darryl Williams all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to fund Town Clerk's salary a one-time cost. Darryl Williams all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Capital projects: The Finance Committee voted to recommend.

Article for breathing apparatus for the Fire Department: Darryl Williams made a vote to recommend, Sean Barry, seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article for paramedic equipment: Sean Barry moved to recommend, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to remove the underground fuel tank at the highway garage roughly \$90,000.00: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Betsy Rider recommended, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to replace 8 fire hydrants: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Kim Baker seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to replace 1,000 feet of water main on Elm Court: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to replace walk in freezer at Smith Academy: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Kim Baker and Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to replace flooring and windows at public library: Sean Barry recommends, Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article for community preservation. Sean Barry recommends, Kim Baker seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article to preserve and restore the historical records in the Town Clerk's Office: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Article annual revolving fund article: Sean Barry moved to recommend, Betsy Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, article recommended.

Darryl Williams requested that the next meeting be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Darryl Williams made motion adjourn at 7:39 p.m., Ms. Rider seconded, all in favor, aye, motion passed.

Chair Szynal made a motion to publish a notice that on the May 4th meeting we will be discussing if we will reduce quorum for the annual town meeting at 5:30 p.m. and we would like the town moderator and town clerk present. Selectman Jaworski seconded that motion, all those in favor, aye, motion approved.

Selectman Moriarty made a motion to adjourn; Selectman Jaworski seconded the motion, all in favor aye, the meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant