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Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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; Claudia Sarti, COVID Coordinator, Peter Langlois and Peter Dostal, Susan Berry.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Szynal reiterated the 350th parade will be May 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The parade route is 7 miles long so that everyone will be able to find a spot to watch. Chair Szynal received an email from a Smith Academy athlete asking her if there is something she can do about people with dogs leaving the dog feces on the field. Chair Szynal reiterated that anyone walking their pets on any field to pick up after your dog, take it home and throw it away. Selectman Jaworski mentioned there are some modifications to the parade. The Legion will leave at 9:30 instead of 10:00 and at 10:45 there will be a small ceremony in front of Town Hall. Ms. Michonski said that the Hatfield Library is now open for browsing.

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Annual Town Meeting Quorum Reduction: Joe Lavallee, Town Moderator, came before the Selectmen to discuss the issue of a quorum reduction at the annual town meeting. Ms. Michonski informed the Board that notice was published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette notifying residents that the Board would be voting on a quorum reduction today. After discussion of what a quorum number would be acceptable, the Board agreed to reduce the quorum to 25 people at the annual town meeting. Selectman Moriarty made a motion that the town quorum number for May 11th be set at 25 people, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved. Mr. Lavallee reminded everyone to bring a chair and Chair Szynal reminded everyone to bring bug spray.

NBZ INC. d/b/a Smithsonian Chowder House Wine and Malt Beverage License: Chair Szynal opened the hearing at 5:45 p.m. Peter Langlois, Manager, is applying for a wine and malt beverage license and advised the Board that when all restaurants are able to reopen, he wants to be able to compete for business. Paul Dostal appeared on behalf of Mr. Langlois and requested the Board approve the license. Chair Szynal closed the hearing and Selectman Moriarty made a motion to grant a new on premises

restaurant wine and malt beverages license to NBZ INC. d/b/a Smithsonian Chowder House, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

COVID-19 Update: Claudia Sarti, COVID Coordinator informed the Board that there were 4 new cases in Hatfield but that things are on a downward trend. Selectman Moriarty reminded everyone that May 10th is another milestone in the reopening of the State.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Ms. Michonski asked the Board to vote to approve the Warrant for Town Meeting. Diana Szynal, Chair, approved the warrant as presented, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Proposed Zoning Bylaws Changes: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that the Planning Board 1) changed the phrase "Board of Selectman" to "Selectboard" and that the Planning Board is taking a neutral stance to amend the zoning on Lot 211-32 from rural to light industrial but that the issue is on the Warrant for Town Meeting.

Phase II Smith Academy Park Improvements Project: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that this job is set to appear in the central register and has been published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

Generator replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that the generator will be delivered soon.

Financial Update: Fiscal year-end: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that the accountant is moving into fiscal year end mode. The departments have been notified they need to be looking at their expense budgets and if a shortfall is expected to contact Ms. Michonski or the accountant.

White Rock Trail/Town Property on Mountain Rd.: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that Garrett Barry and Mark Gellotte met with the property owner and his attorney. The attorney was given documents by Mr. Gellotte and the attorney will be reviewing those documents. Ms. Michonski hopes to hear from the attorney within a couple of weeks.

FRCG Highway Bids: Ms. Michonski informed the Board that FRCOG will be requiring municipalities to name a signatory to bid and sign. It was agreed after discussion that Phil Genovese, DPW Director would be the named signatory for the Town of Hatfield. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to approve the contract with FRCOG and to appoint Phil Genovese, DPW Director to be the signatory, Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Select Energy: Ms. Michonski advised the Board that there was a name change for the Select Energy project and that new documents need to be signed with the new company name. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Notice of Assignment and Rights of Way name change only from Enel X MA PV Portfolio I LLC to Enel X MA PV Portfolio II LLC, Selectman Jaworski seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Chair Szynal made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., Selectman Moriarty seconded, all in favor, aye, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant