



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: April 16, 2020 – Special Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Audioconference Broadcasted Live from McCourt Social Hall
Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Administrator Gregory
Dialing in: Chairman Pepe, Vice-chair Monette, Clerk Berthiaume, Members Hicks and
Health Agent Lisa Daoust, Chief Parsons, Chief Darrin, Town Clerk Laura Torti
Woodbury

Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. announced meeting remotely under

Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2020 (Woodbury/Hicks) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Monette-yes, Pepe-yes,

Review & Act on Coronavirus / COVID-19 Response & Update

Health Agent Lisa Daoust reported:

- A total number of active COVID-19 cases in Spencer is currently is one (1). The (6) six previous cases have recovered. Agent Daoust, Chief Darrin and Chief Parsons are notified of the patient's address.
- All public recreation areas in Spencer were closed on April 15th to help offset the COVID-19 surge expected in Massachusetts in the coming days.

Chairman Pepe said he received emails about this decision from residents with regard to the closure of both the parks and the rail trail. Ms. Daoust said the decision was made during a conference call with Chief Darrin and Chief Parsons for safety reasons. If only the parks were closed, the concern is everyone would congregate to the rail trail, therefore the decision was made to close both for next few weeks. Chief Darrin indicated that closures need to remain until the surge is over; it needs to be an all or nothing approach to minimize the number of cases down and save lives.

Agent Daoust will reevaluate the closures in two weeks. As the Health Agent, she has the authority to make these decisions during a public health emergency.

Dr. Hicks wants to discuss vacation and personal time accruals at the next meeting to consider rollovers for folks with unused time. Currently employees will lose any unused time as of June 30th.

Town Administrator Update

Mr. Gregory is awaiting guidance from Governor Baker as to when the stay at home order will be revised. Employees have expressed gratitude for the flexibility of work schedules during this time.

Review & Act on request of Request of Tara Donohue to change the date of the previously approved Toll Booth for DPHS Athletic Boosters from May 2, 2020, with a rain date of May 9, 2020, to August 8 with a rain date of August 15 , 2020

A motion to approve the request of Tara Donohue to change the date of the previously approved Toll Booth for DPHS Athletic Boosters from May 2, 2020, with a rain date of May 9, 2020, to August 8 with a rain date of August 15 , 2020 (Hicks/Woodbury) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Monette-yes, Pepe-yes.

Review & Act on the request of Philip Hardy & Keith Kerrigan to change the date of the previously approved Entertainment License at the Spencer Fairgrounds from June 26 & 27, 2020 to September 25 & 26, 2020

A motion to approve the request of Philip Hardy & Keith Kerrigan to change the date of the previously approved Entertainment License at the Spencer Fairgrounds from June 26 & 27, 2020 to September 25 & 26, 2020 (Woodbury/Monette) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Monette-yes, Pepe-yes.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A §21(a), ¶3: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the Police Officers, Police Dispatchers, Utilities & Facilities and Town Hall Clerks Bargaining Units.

Mr. Gregory said there no updates at this time and the Executive Session is not needed. He will have an update at the April 23rd meeting. He asked the Board to think about the upcoming meeting schedule and suggests not meeting on Thursday, April 30th and returning to the Board's regular Monday meeting schedule as of Monday, May 4th. A discussion will take place on April 23rd.

A motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm (Hicks/Woodbury) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Monette-yes, Pepe-yes, Woodbury-yes,

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Executive Assistant