



Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

Date: August 22, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall
Present: Chairman Woodbury, Vice-Chair Howard, Clerk Grigg absent, Selectman Hicks and Administrator Bridges
Remote: Selectman Pepe

Call the Meeting to Order

At 6:00 pm Chairman Gary Woodbury called the Selectmen's meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement Any members that are participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

Chairman Woodbury announced that Selectman Pepe would be participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law and as such, all votes will be taken by roll call.

Meeting Minutes:

Review & Act on the Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 (Hicks/Howard) passed 4/0 with a roll call vote: Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes (Selectman Grigg arrived at 6:03 pm)

Citizens Input

None

Communications

MassDOT Virtual Public Hearing to be held on 9/15/22 at 6:30 pm on the N. Spencer Road Bridge Replacement Project (to participate go to www.spencerma.gov or directly www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings)

New Business

Review and Act on the request from the Spencer Agricultural Association for a License to Hold a Fair and to have a one-way traffic pattern from September 2 through September 5, 2022

A motion to approve request from the Spencer Agricultural Association for a License to Hold a Fair and to have a one-way traffic pattern from September 2 through September 5, 2022 (Hicks/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Review and Act on the request from the Spencer Agricultural Association for a Sunday Entertainment License on September 3, 2022

A motion to approve request from the Spencer Agricultural Association for a Sunday Entertainment License on September 3, 2022 (Howard/Hicks) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Review & Possible Action on Request for Midstate Massive Ultra Trail Run on October 8 & 9, 2022

A motion to approve Midstate Massive Ultra Trail Run on October 8 & 9, 2022 (Pepe/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Review and Possible Action on September 6th State Primary Warrant

A motion to sign the State Primary Warrant (Hicks/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Review and Possible Action to Appoint Kathy Beford, Nadine Day, Karen Hackett, Nancy Herholtz, Bruce Herholtz, and Gail McInnes, as Temporary Registrars for the September 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting

In addition to the names above, the Town Clerk also requested the appointment of Richard Braney and Diane Ledoux as Temporary Registrars.

A motion to appoint Kathy Beford, Nadine Day, Karen Hackett, Nancy Herholtz, Bruce Herholtz, Gail McInnes, Richard Braney and Diane Ledoux as Temporary Registrars for the September 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting (Howard/Grigg) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Review and Possible Action on the Donation of Surplus 4" Hose from the Spencer Fire Department to the Osborn, Maine Fire Department

A motion to approve donation of the surplus 4" hose to the Osborn Maine Fire Department (Hicks/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Discussion on scheduling a Workshop on September 19th to review ARPA Funds

Chairman Woodbury would like to hold a workshop to review ARPA fund spending. The Board agreed to schedule on September 19th.

Covid-19

Update on Coronavirus / COVID Cases

Administrator Bridges reported that there were seventeen new Covid-19 cases from August 1 through August 15, and nine new cases the week prior. 67% of residents are fully vaccinated and 39% have received boosters.

Dr. Hicks pointed out that many are self-testing and the number of positive cases is actually higher.

ARPA Update

None.

Town Administrator's Report

Review September 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting Calendar

The calendar was reviewed.

Mr. Bridges noted:

- The Town of E. Brookfield will hold a parade on September 17th in honor of their 100th anniversary and a portion of Route 9 will be closed during that time.
- The Spencer Fair will be held over Labor Day weekend.

Review and Possible Action to set the Fall Special Town Meeting Date on Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. Bridges reported that the November 10th date has been confirmed with the Moderator, Town Counsel and Town Clerk.

A motion to set the Fall Special Town Meeting Date on Thursday, November 10, 2022 in the Great Hall at 7 pm (Pepe/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Contracts for Consideration and Approval

Contract with VHB, Inc. for additional consulting services for the Meadow Road Project (right-of-way design and appraisal services)

Selectman Howard recused himself.

A motion to approve the contract with VHB (Hicks/pepe) passed 4/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Basic Maintenance for Trash Hauling Services from the Transfer Station

A motion to approve the contract with Basic Maintenance for Trash Hauling Services (Grigg/Hicks) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Contract for Emergency Backup Generator Maintenance at the Senior Center with Bigelow Electrical Company "Big Power"

A motion to approve the contract with Bigelow Electrical Company Grigg/Howard) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Contract with MassDOT for Hastings Road Bridge Project

A motion to approve the contract with MassDOT (Grigg/Hicks) passed 5/0 with a roll call vote: Grigg-yes; Hicks-yes; Howard-yes; Pepe-yes; Woodbury-yes

Citizens Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Executive Assistant

Referenced documents: license applications; State Primary Warrant; contracts: VHB, Basic Maintenance; Bigelow; MassDOT