



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: July 9, 2018 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Hicks, Clerk Berthiaume,
Members Monette and Pepe, and Administrator Gregory

At 6:02 p.m. Chair Woodbury called the 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

None

Meeting Minutes: Vote to approve the minutes of June 11 & June 18, 2018

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 11 & June 18, 2018 (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Communications

Announcement: the Third Annual Spencer Town-wide Yard Sale will take place on 9/22/18 from 8:00 - 3:00 pm

American Legion 100th Anniversary - Gaudette-Kirk American Legion Post Celebration in 2019

Scott Connor and Jim Letendre informed the Board of the American Legion's 100th anniversary which will occur in 2019 and that the Gaudette-Kirk Post intends to have the best celebration of all Legions across the nation. They will hold with several events, including a large parade and a family fun day. They asked the Board to waive the rental fee for use of the Fairgrounds.

A motion to allow the American Legion to utilize the Spencer Fairgrounds at no charge on June 15, 2019, pending approval of revised lease agreement with the Spencer Agricultural Association (Hicks Monette) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input

Bill Shemeth announced: upcoming concerts at Powder Mill Park, all are posted on Town website; the successful opening of Luther Hill Park; and the resurfacing of the Rail Trail. He also asked the Board recognize the longtime service of Nancy Herholtz serving on the FinCom and the CIPC and reminded the Board to have a service award policy in place prior to the Fall Town Meeting.

Communications:

None

New Business:

6:00 pm – Review & Act on National Grid Pole Hearings for the following locations:

1. Crown Street – National Grid Plan #25936891
2. Borkum Road & Clark Road - National Grid Plan #26041602

3. Hastings Road & Wire Village Road - National Grid Plan #26041828

The hearing opened at 6:24 pm.

National Grid representative Al Galvin reported that the plan is to install/relocate poles and reroute the wires on Crown Street, Borkum & Clark Rd., and Hastings & Wire Village Road.

Highway Foreman Eben Butler sent correspondence previously stating there were no concerns from the Highway Department with the National Grid plans as presented.

Shawn and Jennifer Bergstrom, 8 Clark Rd. asked where the pole on Borkum Rd. is being located. After reviewing the drawings, they did not have any concerns.

Residents on Hastings Rd. reviewed the drawings for Hastings & Wire Village Rd. and did not have any concerns.

The hearing closed at 6:30 pm. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the request of National Grid for Crown Street; Borkum Road & Clark Road; and Hastings Road & Wire Village Road as presented (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review & Act on the Application of Carol Perron for the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion for a One-day Special Alcohol (Wine & Malt Beverages) License on August 18, 2018 from 12 pm to 8 pm

Carol Perron was present to request a One-day Wine & Malt license for an event on August 18, 2018 at the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion.

A motion to approve the request of Carol Perron for a One-day Wine & Malt license on August 18, 2018 at the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review & Act on the Application of Robert Leduc for the Fraternal Order of Eagles for a One-day Special Alcohol (Malt Beverages) License on September 9, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Spencer Fairgrounds

Robert Leduc was present to request the One-day alcohol license for the Rice-O-Rama event at the Fairgrounds on September 9.

A motion to approve the request of Robert Leduc for a One-day Special Alcohol license (Malt Beverages) on September 9, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Spencer Fairgrounds (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review & Act on the Application of Daniel Hayes for Rice-O-Rama for an Entertainment License for a Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet on September 9, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Spencer Fairgrounds

Daniel Hayes was present to request an Entertainment license for the Rice-O-Rama event at the Fairgrounds on September 9.

A motion to approve the request of Daniel Hayes for an Entertainment license on September 9, 2018 (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review & Act on the Application of Daniel Hayes for Rice-O-Rama for a Sunday Entertainment License for a Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet on September 9, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Spencer Fairgrounds

A motion to approve the request of Daniel Hayes for a Sunday Entertainment license on September 9, 2018 (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review and Act on Request to implement 4-way Stop at Mechanic Street and Chestnut Street

Administrator Gregory reported that both Chief Darrin and U & F Superintendent Tyler considered the implementation of a 4-way stop a safety improvement at the intersection of Mechanic and Chestnut Street.

Dr. Hicks said he was concerned with vehicles having trouble during the winter when trying to move forward after stopping at the hill on Mechanic Street.

Mr. Pepe noted that concerns have been raised and current driving habits are making it dangerous. The expectation is a 4-way stop will eliminate the issue and make the intersection safer.

Chairman Woodbury asked the Administrator to contact the school bus company to determine if they had concerns with the change and the Board will discuss again on July 16th.

Review Request for Proposed Changes to the Act to Establish the Burncoat Pond Watershed District

Mr. Gregory noted that the Burncoat Pond is owned by Mass Audubon. There is no need for Spencer to be part of the Act to Establish a Watershed District. He will confirm with Town Counsel.

A motion to rescind the Spencer membership of the Burncoat Pond, pending Town Counsel approval (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Town Administrator's Report

The Administrator reported:

- The Building and Property Reuse Committee (BPRC) are meeting to review responses to the RFP's for the Sugden Building and Lake Street School.
- The Browning Pond Road gate issue has been resolved; regulations to restrict the size of boat engines on the Pond are being worked on.
- The balance for the Sewer Bond Borrow for the Sewer Plant expansion will roll over for another year. There is no need to vote, however the Board will need to sign the documents on Wednesday.
- Town Clerk Laura Torti has returned to work on a part-time basis.

Board Liaison Reports

None

Citizen Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe congratulated Rob Churchey, Marty German, Lynne Porretti, Tony Toscano, and Bill Shemeth for the successful re-opening of Luther Hill Park. They all put forth an incredible amount of effort. Lynne Porretti did an outstanding job coordinating the hiring and training of lifeguards and other personnel, as well as organizing the grand opening festivities.

Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the matter of Mansfield versus the Town of Spencer

At 7:01 pm. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the matter of Mansfield versus the Town of Spencer (Hicks/Berthiaume) and to reconvene in open session only to adjourn, passed with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Pepe-yes, Monette-yes

At 7:10 pm the Board came out of executive session and reconvened in open session only to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials – National Grid Pole Petitions for Crown St., Borkum & Clark, and Hastings & Wire Village; Act to Establish the Burncoat Pond Watershed District