



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: August 20, 2018 – Workshop  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Great Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA  
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Hicks, Clerk Berthiaume,  
Members Monette and Administrator Gregory  
Mr. Pepe was absent.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman 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

### **Review & Act on Request to Reconsider the Board's Decision on June 18, 2018 to Prohibit Parking on the Northerly Side of Wall Street between Mechanic Street and Lloyd Dyer Drive**

Administrator Gregory reported that since the Board voted on to prohibit parking in that area on June 18<sup>th</sup>, a property owner came forward with concerns regarding his rental property and tenant parking at 62 Wall St. Since the upcoming road project in that area is on a 2 phase schedule, he advised the Board to rescind the vote of June 18<sup>th</sup> and work on a solution later in the year. He pointed out that if the Board rescinds the vote, it does not commit the Town in any way, or make any promises to the resident.

*A motion to rescind the vote of June 18, 2018, to prohibit parking on the northerly side of Wall Street between Mechanic Street and Lloyd Dyer drive (Hicks/Berthiaume) passed 5/0*

Dr. Hicks noted that the current sign in the area needs to be permanently fastened. Mr. Gregory will discuss with Eben Butler.

Stephen Haahsy, owner of 62 Wall Street, read a statement making the case to change the area to a one-way to reduce congestion and prevent vehicles from hitting the Depot building.

Additional discussion will take place during the design phase and there will be opportunity for public comment at that time.

### **Action Item: Appoint CMRPC Delegate and Alternate Delegate for FY2019**

*A motion to reappoint Steven Tyler as the CMRPC Delegate and Warren Monette as the FY2019 CMRPC Alternate Delegate (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.*

### **Action Item: Appointment of Stan Weinberg, Town Counsel**

*A motion to reappoint Stan Weinberg as Town Counsel through June 30, 2019 and to discuss the FY20 appointment with Mr. Weinberg in early January (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.*

Mr. Gregory will revisit in January to determine the Town's legal needs going forward.

### **Review & Act on Dissolution of the Landfill Solar Development Committee**

Dr. Hicks expressed concern that not enough people are supervising the solar projects and suggests keeping the Committee intact to oversee and ensure all work is being done properly.

Mr. Monette pointed out that the Committee was set up to develop the project, not to oversee the work. He agrees the project should be supervised and suggests the Town develop a condition that each department must sign off prior to releasing a performance bond requirement. That will ensure the Town is satisfied with the project.

Mr. Woodbury said the Committee members consisted of the individuals who will actually oversee the project.

Mr. Gregory suggests holding weekly meetings with Citizens Energy and Town Staff to ensure all are involved in the project. There is a lease agreement on the property, which does protect the Town.

The Board will have a broader discussion at the next meeting and discuss the Bond requirement.

*A motion to dissolve the Landfill Solar Development Committee (Hicks/Woodbury) passed 5/0*

### **Act on Proposed Dog Park for Luther Hill Park**

Mr. Gregory reported that the Parks & Rec Commission voted at the meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> not to move forward on proposed dog park for Luther Hill Park and advised the Board to vote to close the loop.

*A motion to close the discussion on the proposed Dog Park for Luther Hill Park and support the Parks & Rec vote taken on August 6, 2018 (Pepe/Hicks) passed 5/0.*

### **Review & Introduce Draft Policy for the Meritorious Service Award**

Mr. Woodbury noted the policy is an introduction only at this time.

The Board reviewed the draft Meritorious Service Award policy and will vote to approve at the next meeting.

### **Review & Introduce Draft Policy for the Leadership Hall Induction**

Mr. Woodbury noted the policy is an introduction only at this time.

The Board reviewed the draft policy for Induction to Leadership Hall. Dr. Hicks questioned the supermajority 4/5 vote on the policy. Mr. Pepe explained that Leadership Hall is reserved for residents performing significant guidance to the Town and believes the Board should be united in their vote. Dr. Hicks agreed. There was some discussion on having nominations submitted by the public, however it was decided that this decision should be made by the Board and the recipient must be an individual who dedicated a significant portion of their life to improve the Town. The Board will vote to approve the policy at the next meeting.

Mr. Pepe would like to see photos of past Town leaders displayed in the Great Hall.

### **Review & Act on Board Liaison Assignments**

The Board reviewed the assignments for FY19 to determine who will take over those held by former Selectmen John Stevens.

Dr. Hicks would like to take Mr. Stevens place as the SEBRSDC liaison.

Mr. Monette would like to take over as the liaison to the Parks & Rec.

Ms. Berthiaume would like take over as the liaison to the Economic Development Committee and the liaison to Financial Management Planning Committee, along with Mr. Pepe.

The remaining assignments will be finalized at a later date.

### **Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), (2), to conduct strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Police Chief)**

*At 6:58 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a),(2), to conduct strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Police Chief) and not to reconvene in open session (Hicks/Berthiaume) passed with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Berthiaume-yes, Hicks-yes, Pepe-yes, Monette-yes*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie  
Executive Assistant

Referenced Materials- Draft Policies for Meritorious Service Award & Leadership Hall Induction; Liaison Assignments