



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: May 6, 2019 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Woodbury, Vice Chair Hicks, Clerk Berthiaume,
Members Monette, Pepe, and Administrator Gregory

Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019 (Hick/Berthiaume) passed 5/0.

Communications

None

Citizen Input

Kurt Nordquist, Gale Drive, commended the Congregational Church for their ongoing commitment to the annual Spencer Clean-up Day.

Mr. Nordquist asked the Board to address issues with Charter over certain television channels freezing. Chairman Woodbury will inform Spencer Cable Access.

Sewer Commissioner Frank White asked about connecting the Sewer Plant to the Landfill Solar project. Chairman Woodbury suggested they may be able to purchase net metering credits at a discounted rate for the Plant and should contact Citizens Energy to determine.

New Business

Review & Act on the Request of Roland Huard, Leicester-Spencer Raiders Youth Football & Cheer to hold a Toll Booth on August 31 or September 7, 2019

The Toll Booth Policy allows for three toll booths per year. Currently, the DPHS Boosters were approved for a toll booth in April and the Exchange Club will be approved in November per the policy, therefore, if approved, this will be the final one for 2019.

Mr. Monette noted that the Leicester-Spencer Eagles have been coming before the Board for the toll booth for the past few years. There was discussion on making an exception, which may be allowed by a majority vote of the Board, in accordance with the policy. The Board decided not to make a decision at this time. Additional discussion will take place at the next meeting. In the meantime, Mr. Pepe will reach out to the Eagles.

Review & Act Review on Appropriation from SEBRSD Excess and Deficiency Account for FY2019

Mr. Gregory received a letter from SEBRSD Business Manager Gary Suter notifying the Board that the School Committee approved an increase in the FY2019 operating budget by appropriating Excess & Deficiency Funds in the amount of \$198,237. This will not increase the assessment for the Town.

A motion to approve the use of funds from the Excess & Deficiency account (Hicks/Monette) passed 5/0.

Discussion Review and Act on Request to Execute the Following Documents: Memorandum of Lease and Lease Agreement, First Amendment to Lease Agreement, Estoppel Certificate, and Landowner Consent Agreement, in Connection with and Arising out of the Lease of Town Property to Spencer Landfill Solar, LLC

Mr. Gregory noted that Citizens Energy is in the final stages of securing financing and asked that the above referenced documents be executed. All have been approved by Town Counsel as to legal form. Mr. Gregory requested that the Board authorize him to sign on behalf of the Town in order to expedite the process.

A motion that the Board of Selectmen execute the following documents: Memorandum of Lease and Lease Agreement, First Amendment to Lease Agreement, Estoppel Certificate, and Landowner Consent Agreement, in Connection with and Arising out of the Lease of Town Property to Spencer Landfill Solar, LLC; and further, that the Town Administrator be authorized to sign said documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen (Hicks/Berthiaume) passed 5/0.

Discussion: Town Administrator Evaluation

Chairman Woodbury met with Administrator Gregory to review the individual evaluations from Board Members and noted the combined scores came in with above average ratings.

Mr. Gregory said he's grateful for the support and confidence of the Board and looks forward to future years and he is proud to work alongside his talented staff.

Town Administrator's Report

May 2, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Follow-up

The Annual Town Meeting was a success. Mr. Gregory noted that William Shemeth is proficient as moderator. The Board agreed.

May 14, 2019 Annual Town Election Update

Election hours are from 7 am to 8 pm at the Town Hall.

Board Liaison Reports

Ms. Berthiaume reported that the American Legion is working hard on the 100th anniversary celebration and is expected to be an amazing event.

Chairman Woodbury noted the Board's meetings are now recorded live and the upcoming Town Meeting will also be recorded live. He commended Spencer Cable Access (SCA) and crew for their

efforts and work on the new control room/studio. The Board agreed and Ms. Berthiaume suggested SCA provide a tour of the studio.

Mr. Pepe mentioned that the EDC will present a revitalization program to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Dr. Hicks noted that the SEBRSD is moving ahead with performance contracting and will come forward with a request to borrow funds.

Citizen Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Monette and Ms. Berthiaume attended the 4H Camp EMS event and the Barnstorm outing on Sunday.

Mr. Monette thanked John Stevens for his work organizing the DHPS Art Show for the second year and commended his showcasing, framing, and hanging artwork by the DPHS students.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Executive Assistant

Referenced documents:

SEBRSD E & D Memo
Memorandum of Lease/Lease Agreement for Landfill Solar
First Amendment to Lease Agreement for Landfill Solar
Estoppel Certificate for Landfill Solar
Landowner Consent Agreement for Landfill Solar