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The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

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Members Present: Chairman Derek DeBarge, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Silva, and Mr. Rosenblum.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

Brian Mannix, Interview, Westover Golf Commission Vacancy

Mr. DeBarge: Mr. Mannix, what brings you here tonight?

Mr. Mannix: I am Brian Mannix. I live on Fuller Street in Ludlow and have lived in Ludlow for 50-60 years. I am applying for the Westover Golf Commissioner position. For 38 years, my house was the closest to the course and I sold it six years ago. I have spent a lot of time at the Westover Golf course. I have worked there as a Starter, a Ranger and in the Post Shop. I have seen both the good and bad times that the golf course has gone through. Less than 20 years ago, the Enterprise Fund of the golf course had over $600,000. Presently, the Enterprise Fund may only have about $100,000. The number of people playing golf has gone down. I have ideas as to how the course can get better recognition. For instance, if you are not from here, some websites say the course is in Granby, MA on South Street. Other websites say it is in Ludlow but not on a specific street and if you try to reach the course by telephone, the telephone rings here at Town Hall. Nothing has been done to correct this issue. New ideas to attract golfers are needed. A lot of great golfers have been lost over the years, partially because of how long it takes to play golf, but timing has since improved. Good golfers were not going to come to Westover to play a 5-5 ½ hour game of golf on weekends. We need to make it better. I sat on the Selectmen's Board for six (6) years listening to applicants' reasons such as marketing, greeting and grounds keeping as to why they wanted this position. All had great intentions in their heart but did not follow through and I will do my best to do so. I play golf there on Monday and Wednesday each week. I grew up on the golf course, I used to know the pros personally, and this is what brings me here.

Mr. Silva: Perfect, you're in.

Mr. DeBarge: Does the Board have any questions for Mr. Mannix?

Mr. Goncalves: Is there anything major coming up that the course is going to be facing like expenditures?

Mr. Mannix: The Enterprise Fund is dwindling. The Town has owned the course for 45 years and it has been self-sufficient. It pays for itself. It gives the Town a positive aspect in the business world especially when people are looking to build and expand. I do not foresee any major expenditures however, two years ago the power line went, and a new power line had to be installed for roughly $100,000. You never know what major upcoming projects may arise, but we should just be prepared and do the best we can when unexpected expenses occur.

Mr. Rosenblum: I am a liaison to the Golf Commission and am a professional PGA member. Getting through the recession in golf and even after 9/11 a lot of disposable income has gone away from golf. There are avenues for advertising and ways to do promotions through trade with companies like GolfNow to get a larger email database. Promotion of it to increase the revenue would be great, as well as taking care of those down times. Do you have any idea how many rounds of golf the club does a year?

Mr. Mannix: Not anymore. At one time it used to be $45,000-$46,000 plus. Presently, if I had to guess, high $20,000. Westover has done better than most in Western Massachusetts for play and keeps up with the slow times for town courses. We have done well and have not fallen as much as other private and public courses in our area have. The amount of play can always get better. Tiger Woods won the Masters. It's going to bring a lot of people back to golf. Westover has a good image and it is the best walking golf course in Massachusetts.

Mr. Rosenblum: There must be creative advertisement and promotion of the club because clubs are closing more than they are opening. I'd be interested in seeing the number of rounds. If they are in the high twenties, that's still not bad.

Mr. Mannix: We have made money every year. We are providing employment in the Town of Ludlow and collecting tax revenue on food and drink which are all positive aspects.

Mr. DeBarge: Maybe the game will be picking up since Tiger won again. I have been involved in some interviews while on the Board and even interviewed for the job myself. I also said the club needs marketing, but I did not know what the marketing budget was. Billy Kopinsky is a great guy and a great pro. You must be creative and think outside the box. I did not know about the course telephone ringing at Town Hall and the multiple address listings. That is a small important fix. You, being a fixture in the clubhouse would be a good asset.

Mr. Goncalves: Could our IT department help with making sure the Google and Yelp searches are proper? It may be an easy fix?

Mr. Silva: It is not an easy fix.

Mr. Rosenblum: It is optimizing the websites.

Mr. Goncalves: I run the computers and advertising at my office. You must claim the Google or Yelp pages to control them up to the minute as far as if there are tee times available.

Mr. DeBarge: They do have that setup where you can book tee times online.

Mr. Mannix: People from Manchester, Connecticut come to Westover, play golf, have a cart, eat lunch, go back home and spend less money than if they played at the golf course next door to them. Any one of us would quite often go out and play a round of golf if we knew that.

Mr. Rosenblum: It comes down to search engine optimization. You can do an audit on the website and at the same time see where the broken links are hidden and see what Google is finding.

Mr. Goncalves: It's an easy fix.

Mr. Rosenblum: It is not that easy.

Mr. Silva: That is a very difficult thing to change. I have experienced this in Wilbraham. Here, my street has two different addresses. There is a Dinis Street and there is a Dinis Avenue. I have gone to the Planning Director. It is difficult to change. I developed my street. It is Dinis Avenue. There is a Dinis Street which is another one hundred, two hundred feet down the street. It has been like that for fifteen years. I do not know why the fix is so difficult. I have run into it several different times, but I do not think there is a better person that we could nominate. Mr. Mannix has lived and served in this community forever.

Motion moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to nominate Mr. Mannix for the Westover Golf Commissioner. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Mr. Brian Shameklis, Chairman Safety Committee and Mr. Ryan Churchill

 # 5 - LED Lighting for all Streets

Mr. Churchill stated that he has researched the feasibility of upgrading the Town to a LED lighting system for all streets like other local communities. Mr. Churchill stated some of the benefits of LED lighting are it is a cleaner, better quality of lighting source that would provide a safer environment for the motoring public, pedestrians, as well as a possible crime deterrent. Mr. Churchill spoke with an Eversource Manager who explained the Town would first need to purchase the lighting system. The initial purchase would be an upfront cost. However, the benefits with having LED systems are they are energy efficient, saves money, are very direct, do not bleed out, and do not have a lot of light pollution. LED bulbs also last approximately twenty years as opposed to the sodium bulbs which last at best, 8 years. The benefits of an LED system outweigh the financial costs over the next twenty years.

Mr. Churchill stated he does not know the cost other communities have paid for their LED lighting systems. Granby has recently upgraded but they are on national grid which is a different process. West Springfield and Agawam most recently upgraded with Eversource. Mr. Churchill will work on getting the numbers from Eversource. He will also investigate how to obtain grants.

Mr. Goncalves stated that with new developments, the developers are not able to buy the LED lighting, but are leased which includes fixtures and electricity, at the approximate rate of $17.00 a post. Mr. Goncalves stated we may be surprised by how affordable it is especially if grants are available.

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Mr. Churchill stated we would have to replace the hardware units and purchase the bulbs. It is unclear whether the DPW can do this or if we must rely on Eversource to do it.

Mr. DeBarge: My understanding is that it is very expensive but I'm for it. Residents have voiced concerns regarding an inability to see faded double yellow lines painted in the street, especially at night. I have talked to DPW about redoing the yellow lines, but LED lighting would be much better. I'm wondering if other communities have done the replacement process in sections instead of all at once.

Mr. Churchill: I discussed with the committee if they could test the LED lighting system with the Center Street project, but it was too late into the start of the project. We are still using sodium bulbs on Center Street. The downtown area would be most desirable. Current lighting on East Street is great for ambiance but not effective for roadways.

Ms. Villano: The Town rents the poles for a fee. The overhead street lights are $6.00; decorative poles on East Street are $40.00 each; poles at the community center are $44.00 per pole a month including electricity. We do not get billed for electricity.

Mr. Goncalves: The Rosewood subdivision is $27.00 per light including electricity. We didn't have to pay to put them in. The electric company came in and the association pays. I don't know if their rates go up if the electricity changes; or if there are provisions.

Mr. Churchill: Hopefully that is something we can discuss with an Eversource representative as to how things are structured for this project.

Ms. Villano: That is why it is important you discover how much it costs to buy the lights outright. But then there is a cost incurred of maintaining them if they will allow it. There are some communities who have been successful. I don't know how far along Pittsfield is, but they started in their downtown area and converted to LED. Here, we are converting a lot of the municipalities to LED lighting because there is a grant that Eversource is providing to each of the municipalities per building and they'll pay 75-80% and we'll pay the rest over a 2 to 3-year period. Right now, our electric bills are the same but in two years all that falls off and then you get the savings from all the lights. It is certainly, worth looking at, but I just want to caution we do not own any of the lights. We would have to purchase them outright.

Mr. DeBarge: Do you know if any of the other municipalities rent the poles?

Mr. Goncalves: That is something we can check with the Eversource representative.

Mr. DeBarge: Looking forward to finding out more information.

#71 - Blind driveway sign 82 Center Street Northbound

Mr. Shameklis: 82 Center Street is right next to Allfaze Auto Repair & Custom Exhaust. It is the big brown building with apartments. The driveway for the five family apartments comes off Pell Street. There were some land conflicts and Pell Street was not assessable for them and they cut a driveway out to Center Street. This is closer to that hill as you come northbound on Center from the Putts Bridge. It does come up quickly if you are not paying attention.

Mr. Silva: Moved to accept the Safety Committee's recommendation to put a blind driveway sign near 82 Center Street; seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Motion carries 4-0.

Mr. DeBarge: I would like to add another concern and recommend the Safety Committee consider reviewing the need for a blind driveway sign on Poole Street going towards Aldo. A resident on Aldo has stated the sign is too close to Aldo and does not allow drivers enough reaction time if coming from Belchertown due to overgrown vegetation.

Mr. Rosenblum: In relation to Pell Street, I was approached by a resident that stated there is no street sign on Pell Street. Perhaps the Safety Committee and DPW can coordinate to put a sign across the street with an arrow pointing in the direction of Pell Street.

#82 – Traffic Study of Fuller, Cherry & Cady Streets

Ms. Villano stated the Town was approached by State. We received a $100,000 grant for sidewalk rehabilitation and a $90,000 needs assessment for the intersections of Fuller, Cherry, and Cady Streets. The contract was signed May 3, 2019 and work should begin next week.

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#74 – Review/Traffic Study of Rood, Church & Fuller Streets

Mr. Shameklis: It was suggested to have the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and an engineering firm review the intersections of Rood, Church and Fuller Streets. One of the suggestions was to propose a rotary or a circle in the intersection.

Ms. Villano stated a technical assistance grant allows the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to review the intersection at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Goncalves: Maybe blinking red lights at each intersection would work instead of a rotary due to the limited space and possibly running into conservation issues?

Ms. Villano: The application has been completed and all that is needed is the signature from the Board for it to be filed with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Mr. Goncalves moves that the Board sign the forms and requests the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to look at the intersection of Rood, Church and Fuller Streets for possible ideas on traffic; seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Motion carries 4-0.

#113 – opt-in to M.G.L Chapter 90, s. 17C – 25-mile speed limits

Mr. DeBarge: Why bring this up now?

Mr. Shameklis: A few years ago, the Governor signed a law which allowed municipalities and towns to lower the speed limit in business districts, side streets and thickly settled areas to 25 m.p.h. without going through a traffic study. If you adopt this, like Chicopee and Springfield, you see the sign that says, 'Business Districts and thickly settled areas speed limit is 25 m.p.h. city wide'. These signs would need to be posted on the borders coming into town. The speed limit would be 25 m.p.h. for every side street and business district area. Currently by statute, the speed limit is 35 m.p.h. if the speed limit is not posted. The majority of side streets in Town are not posted.

Mr. Goncalves: It is a great idea to slow things down.

Mr. DeBarge: If the Board accepts this, it goes to Town Meeting in October.

Mr. Silva: Should this be tabled until August when the warrant opens?

Mr. DeBarge: We could revisit it then. I do have some talking points I would like to bring up.

Mr. Goncalves: Maybe we could get some statistics showing the number of accidents has reduced due to the posting of these signs in certain communities?

Mr. Shameklis: The one thing that drives this for the department would be a reduction in the number of speeding complaints on side streets received.

Mr. DeBarge: That would sway me in support of the idea. Ten years ago, when I was a police officer, all I heard was everybody in Town speeds. Now, I hear I cannot get moving in Ludlow; I cannot get into Ludlow; and when I'm in Ludlow I cannot get around. I just think it is terrible timing while we are getting ready to undergo a $5.5 million construction project. I asked the head of transportation for the schools and asked her what she thought this would do to the bussing routes. This would weigh very heavily on my decision if we were to make one tonight. It would possibly add ten minutes to each bus which may run into the state allowable time limit a child can ride on a school bus. I also spoke with a driving school instructor. Initially the instructor liked this idea, then their belief changed to people will just drive the way they normally drive; is this a ticket ploy for the police department; are there speed problems; or traffic issues with getting around town. The town has become more congested than it's ever been. Even with the streets widened people still cut around. Swan Street is bad when people don't stop at the stop sign. There are also speeding issues in the business district of East Street.

Mr. Rosenblum: I live on a cut through street that goes from Chapin to East. I agree traffic on side streets need to be slowed down. Neighborhoods are changing with more young kids riding their bikes.

Mr. Churchill: This change will not affect what is happening on Center Street which is happening to improve the traffic in that area . We will have better enforcement options. It will affect those side streets where the focus is to make drivers more conscience and use better judgment when driving down those streets where people are walking and riding bikes.

Mr. Shameklis: Congestion will remain to be a problem because our streets are not built to handle the high traffic we are currently seeing in town. The population of neighboring towns such as Granby, Belchertown, Chicopee has increased as well as those drivers who commute to Boston or use the pike to travel to and from work. This causes traffic to divert onto side streets and tend to speed trying to make up the time.

Mr. DeBarge: Let's make an appointment to come back to discuss further, especially the bussing issue. Do you see a lot of violations during school hours and how many tickets do you write during school zone times? Are there spikes of speed on the weekends?

Chief Madera: School zones are slowed down because of police officer presence. Those numbers are not going to be high. We've set up speed signs in Town collecting data which give us time zones of when traffic is moving at a higher rate of speed. Usually early morning or right after rush hour is when we do radar detection and enforcement. Sometimes it spikes on the weekends. Officers do log certain bus routes where cars do not adhere to the flashing stop signs on the school buses. For example, we are contemplating about putting a monitor on Swan street because of the amount of complaints received about constant speeding. The monitors can show the drivers speed as well as be put in 'stealth mode' to not show the speed of the driver and still collect data. Displaying signs work and 90% of the time most people control their speeds.

Mr. DeBarge: I do not think operators will slow down with the posting of more signs that say 25 m.p.h. If they are already going 40 m.p.h. they may drop down to 35 m.p.h.

Chief Madera: We will present data from side streets in August to show signs act as a deterrent and will convince you.

#114 – 2 Additional Restricted Areas and "Do not block Driveway"- Brookhaven

Mr. Shameklis: Police want to have the two driveways facing Chapin Street to have "Do Not Block Driveway" signage and painting in the roadway indicating the same as the Fire Department has.

Mr. Rosenblum moves to add two additional restricted area and a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign at the corner of Brookhaven and Chapin. Seconded by Mr. Silva. Motion carries 4-0.

Chief Paul Madera – Staffing issue – Corelates to Item #120

My staffing issues just became more challenging. I currently have two officers who will be attending the academy in June; another officer just retired; and I was just notified another officer will be attending active military self-deployment duty for two years. This is an unanticipated loss. Under statute, I need to maintain the position of the military self-deployed officer and do not have an officer to put on the street. I came before the Board last Fall to discuss adding another officer by using the funds from the school department in the next fiscal year. We had also talked about creating ghost positions for the police department to move faster in the recruitment and training of police officers. Under Civil Service rules, if I have a set finite number of police officers, even if I lose them through retirement, I cannot go out and hire until I appoint from that list that is created from a Civil Service exam. If we have an active list and I know that an officer is retiring, I cannot start a process to replace him. I must wait another 6-7 months to a year. The exams and the academy are not synced. When the exam comes out the academy is already started. We started almost seven months ahead of time for the June appointments. I am short staffed going forward into the next fiscal year. The replacement of the officer who is leaving on military duty immediately will be using the funds that are currently budgeted for that officer, but that would require the department to add an additional position onto our current roster. Only the Board of Selectmen can do that. That would require no funding. We use the current funding that is there budgeted for that officer. In two and a half years at the end of that leave the Board will have to allocate funds within the next fiscal year to fund the position for that officer who is coming back. The other officer that I want to use the funds for are from the school department which currently funds half the salary of two officers who are currently in the school. Because of statutory requirements, one of those

officers must be in the school. The second officer we pulled off patrol and placed him at Baird Middle School. I want to replace that officer back in patrol. I was hoping to increase my narcotics unit, but I'm currently down four officers. That's the reason I'm here before you to seek approval to move forward with adding two officers. Yes, there's an impact on the budget, not the department's budget, but it does impact the issue of insurance for that new hire and creating an additional position to the department. It would add one more position to the department and you'd have to add a second to cover the second officer that would be covered with the salary from the school department. That would create going forward a ghost position because in two and a half years either by attrition, meaning you don't fill the position, or add more money to the budget to cover that second position. I understand two members of the Board currently have not been privy to previous discussions concerning staffing, however, I would like to move on this quickly to start the process as soon as the list comes out in October. I anticipate an academy in February. The current one will be done in December. We must be prepared six months prior with our candidates selected, physicals, psychological exams, everything before that date because applications are accepted two months prior to the start of the academy.

Mr. Goncalves: From the standpoint of narcotics, is there any plans to increase that presence with any of these hires?

Mr. DeBarge: I do not like answering that question so open. We need to be in Executive Session to answer some questions.

Chief Madera: We are active. I would like to expand what we have.

Mr. DeBarge: Do you have the number of staff on paper?

Chief Madera: (Hands Mr. DeBarge a piece of paper).

Mr. DeBarge: Your service member that goes away for two years, the person that fills his spot is a new person?

Chief Madera: Yes, that position is frozen in place. When he returns, he goes back to his slot and returns to work within a 90-day period. It will not have an impact at that time, but a decision will need to be made to add funding to that position because you have already hired another officer. The only way you could do that is if you add another position to the department.

Mr. Goncalves: Or if another officer retires or goes out at that point?

Chief Madera: Yes, you could look at an attrition in process as well. Department of Justice indicates that a Town our size should be at 2.2 officers/thousand which is about 43-45 officers, but the International Chiefs Association says it should be higher around 2.5 officers/thousand which is 50 officers. We are currently at 40 officers. Our goal was to increase over the next four to five years to meet the Department of Justice standards. I'm looking to increase by one because of moving an officer into the schools, I'd like to put that officer back in patrol.

Mr. Rosenblum: When the officer returns from deployment, and if the ghost position is filled, would you be able to put that person into narcotics?

Chief Madera: That person would already be involved in whatever assignment there is within the department. It would increase the detective bureau or patrol to fill the positions that are there.

Chief Madera: Discussion of only manpower issues should be discussed not assignments. That should be discussed during Executive Session due to security issues. The two coming from the academy are replacing two previous retirements. Currently we are at twenty-eight officers. I'm looking to send three people to the next academy which would bring it to thirty-one. I need the two ghost positions, one to fill the unexpected military leave position and the other to replace the patrolman who is currently at Baird. When the officer returns, the number will go to thirty-two or they will be the replacement due to attrition if someone retires in the meantime and do not replace them. Also keep in mind, with the new school being built, we are looking into putting in a School Resource Officer there. We can start this through grant funding. We use federal dollars to fund the position for three years and after the third year of funding, the Town is responsible for the cost.

To bring somebody on, Civil Service is going to say his position is secure. You cannot hire another person unless a new position is created to cover that empty spot. We fill the position and use the funding from the 2 ½ years from the officer's position on military leave, for the new officer. The second

position I want to create, is to use the money from the schools. It does not provide enough money to cover their insurance. If you approve this process, we will not have these officers on the ground until sometime next summer.

A lot of this is to avoid spending too much overtime money to fill shifts. Chief Madera suggests staffing issues and duties to the community should be discussed during Executive Session. Chief Madera reviewed overtime expenses and budgets of other communities and shared the information with the Town Accountant. He stated smaller agencies with less call volume and smaller communities had budgets bigger than ours. The closest one whose budget was less than ours was Wilbraham. To bring those numbers down, staffing numbers need to be increased. Training events cost a lot of money. The original overtime budget is designed for somebody who stays over to finish a report, to cover a special event, or to complete a project being done. It is not for replacing people who are constantly gone for long periods of time. This impacts the salary budget because you're doubling the rate depending on if it's a patrolman or supervisor.

Mr. DeBarge: Our Town population has stayed the same if not lowered.

Chief Madera: I agree the population is decreasing but call volumes and traffic has increased in our Town. It is beyond what we know. Every community around us is growing. Our community is a conduit of people going in and out. Sometimes an incident will generate a police-initiated action that increases the call volumes. We are looking at close to 20,000 calls. In 2012, we were at 11,000 and had 40 officers. The call volume and the responsibilities of the police officers such as schools, special events, etc. are the reasons for the need of additional officers on patrol.

Mr. Goncalves: Population may be the rule of thumb, but the calls are going to dictate that.

Mr. DeBarge: Calls are not recorded the same for all police departments.

Chief Madera: Each call is recorded accordingly whether it's administrative, fire, ambulance, EMS, or police-initiated calls. Activities and call volumes have magnified. I'm not looking to go beyond what the Town can afford. I'm just looking to do it in a fiscally controlled manner. Dispatchers count every call that comes in. Call volumes and activities have increased. Central dispatch 911 calls come directly to our office. If I have enough staff, I can control the overtime costs. There are no salaries open to be used towards overtime expenses.

Mr. DeBarge: This is going to cost us health insurance for one officer. We need to meet in Executive session.

Mr. Goncalves: Makes the motion to increase the roster to 42 by hiring 2 officers as requested. One to fill the vacancy created by the gentleman going on active military duty and the second new hire to replace the School Resource Officer to be put back on patrol. Seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Motion carries 4-0.

Chief Madera: Thank you. I am willing to schedule an Executive Session to discuss further at the next meeting on May 21, 2019.

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115a.b.c. Notice of Intent to Remove Property from Chapter 61B
Lot 14, 16A and 16B West Street – Right of First Refusal
Letters received from Conservation, Planning Board and Assessors indicating they have no interest in the parcels.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file item 115a.b.c. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

116. Pioneer Valley Financial Group – application for a One Day Beer & Wine Permit for an Open House to be held on June 20, 2019 at the PVFG Office from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Silva to sign and approve a One Day Beer & Wine Permit for an Open House to be held on June 20, 2019 at the PVFG Office from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

117. Julia Makusiewicz, Ludlow High School student – letter with concerns on the importance of the Town/School Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS).

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file item #117. Chairman DeBarge has responded to the letter. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

118. Lilianna Goncalves, Ludlow High School student – letter outlining her concerns on Ludlow Infrastructure and the widespread issues resulting in road disrepair.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file item #118. Chairman DeBarge has responded to the letter. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

119. Board to declare six (6) chairs and two (2) damaged chairs as surplus from the Board of Health and allow them to be disposed of.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to declare the chairs as surplus and allow the Board of Health to dispose of appropriately. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

120. Chief Paul Madera – informing the Board of a military leave of absence for Officer Kyle Sorensen and requesting to fill his position as well as a previously requested position.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file item #120. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

121. Invitation from Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy for Regional Economic Development Planning Council Engagement Sessions.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file item #121. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

122. Michelle S. Goncalves – interested in an open position on the Ludlow Cultural Council.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to schedule an interview with Ms. Goncalves for the next meeting scheduled on May 21, 2019. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Board to sign the One Day Beer & Wine permit for the Pioneer Valley Financial Group Open House, if approved.

Signed by the Board. No motion needed.

Board to sign the notice of Right of First Refusal for property owned by Robert H. Farr known as Lots 14, 16A, 16B West Street.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to not exercise the Right of First Refusal option for Lots 14, 16A, 16B West Street for Robert H. Farr. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Board to discuss email received from Turnpike Package Store and moving forward with possible hearing.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Silva to allow Turnpike package an additional 30 days of advisement and postponing the hearing until that time. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 and April 2, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to invoke the rule of necessity, accept, approve, and sign the Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 with Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge and Mr. Mannix present. Vote 4-0 all in favor. Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2019 with Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Goncalves and Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

New Business:

Board to discuss the possible requirement to have all Town Boards meetings video recorded.

The Board discussed and agreed that all elected Boards, including the Board of Health meetings, will now be video recorded. The first video recorded Board of Health meeting will be May 7, 2019. LCTV will continue video recording the elected Board meetings of the School Committee, DPW, Board of Selectmen, Finance, Building Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board to appoint Michael Kelliher to the Computer Advisory Board.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to appoint Michael Kelliher to the Computer Advisory Board. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Board to review and approve Job Description – Health Agent – Board of Health

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve the Job Description for the Health Agent for the Board of Health. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Board to peruse Selectmen Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2019.

Board to approve and sign licenses for Family Pawn, Max's What Not, Red Caravel Antiques and Treasures of the World.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Silva to approve and sign licenses for Family Pawn, Max's What Not, Red Caravel Antiques and Treasures of the World. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Rosenblum would like to remind everyone of the following upcoming events:

- May 11 - National Association Letter Carriers Food Drive – Town Hall Parking Lot from 11am-2pm;
- May 13 - Annual Town Meeting
- May 18 - 4th Annual Color Run to benefit the Go Green Club
- May 19 - Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Charity Golf Tournament at Westover Golf Course, Granby, MA.
- May 27 - Memorial Day - Veteran's Day Activities and Parade

Also thanked Hampden County Corrections, Sherriff Cocchi, and Mr. Yvon, and Mrs. Patricia Gregoire for saving the Relay for Life and having that event moved to the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

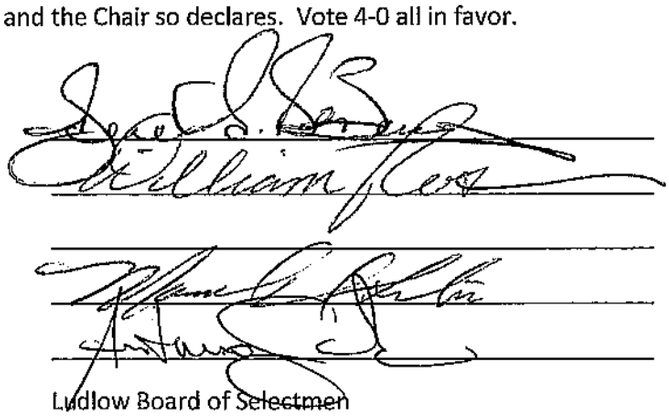
Mr. Goncalves along with several other community members have recently had an issue with rubbish removal, purple bags not being picked up, yellow tag notes left on trash, certain items picked up and others left behind. The trash is also not being picked up from some businesses on East Street with no notice. He would like to have this issue addressed at the upcoming Quarterly BPW meeting and requested that a representative from the trash hauling company attend as well.

Mr. Silva described a recent telephone call he received from a very convincing alleged Eversource representative who indicated his electricity would be turned off. The alleged Eversource representative tried to obtain his personal financial information. He emphasized that the community must continue to be vigilant and aware of receiving scam telephone calls.

Mr. DeBarge: Over the weekend he had the privilege of giving Monsignor Gosselin a citation from the Town for being a priest for fifty years. The ceremony was held at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee. As a member of the police department, Chairman DeBarge stated he knew Monsignor Gosselin for many years from being on scene of many tragedies to comfort families as well as performed the mass for several of them. He stated Monsignor Gosselin was never at a loss of comforting words.

Mr. DeBarge also thanked Sherriff Cocchi and Mrs. Gregoire for their efforts for the Relay of Life. Mr. DeBarge was very disappointed to hear the short notice the public received about not being able to use the track at Ludlow High School for this event. Mr. DeBarge stated he communicated with the Chairman of the School Committee to see if they could at least get a conversation started to address future use of the track.

Moved by Mr. Silva and seconded by Mr. Goncalves to go into Executive Session at approximately 8:30 p.m. and not return to open session for the purpose of Labor negotiations to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the body and the Chair so declares. Vote 4-0 all in favor.



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