The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 began at 5:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.
Members Present: Derek DeBarge, Chairman, Carmina Fernandes, Antonio Goncalves, Manuel Silva and William Rosenblum

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:01
TOWN OF LUDLOW

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

Discussion on Track and Field Project – Funding (possible ballot question and Town Meeting article) 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Debarge commented that the visitation for the Track and Field Project only has one hour, due to another hearing at 6:30 and would like comments to be brief and for everyone to be cordial. The Board will vote tonight. Fire Captain Faulkner is present to insure there isn't a capacity issue. Rotate people in that would like to speak. During the last meeting for the Track and Field Project it was decided to postpone so that the Town had time to discuss the project with Town Counsel and the AG regarding the borrowing being contingent on a certain amount of donations that were raised from fundraising and the answer is no. The options now are to send the question to the ballot in March, which would be "shall the Town of Ludlow be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2 ½ so called amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design and construct a replacement track, football field and baseball field located at the Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin Street". There would not be any dollar amount said on the ballot it would simply say what was just read. Step two would be the Annual Town Meeting, the appropriation article to see if the Town would appropriate the sum of money, not to exceed $1,750,000 by borrowing for the design and construction of a track, football field and baseball field located at the Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin Street, including all costs incidental or related there to and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for the purpose and to apply the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the cost of issuance of such bonds or notes to pay projected costs and reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by the amount of the premium so applied, pass any vote, take any action thereto. The second option would be to go to October Town Meeting to appropriate the funds and then take it to the November election and then the tax rate will be set after that.

Mr. Debarge explained that Mr. Gregoire, the Chairman of the Finance Committee was not able to attend the meeting but did send a letter stating his concerns. Mr. Gregoire stated that the Track and Field Project is going to add $.10 - $.12 to the tax rate for residents, in addition to the other projects going on in Town already. Mr. Gregoire stated that the increase will put a strain on the tax base and erode any capacity of borrowing for any emergency situation in Town that might arise over the next few years. The maintenance of the current track could have avoided this situation and would have been much more affordable. Thus far no comprehensive documentation as to what is included in this project have been presented to the Town or the Finance Committee, the only documentation presented is a budget estimate for the project and does not compare to other plans undertaken by Capital Projects. No annual maintenance plan has been presented for this project or who will take the responsibility of maintaining it, which is a requirement for Capital Projects under the by-laws and Board of Selectmen financial policies. This project will set a dangerous precedence for future Capital Projects and the standard as how we evaluate Capital Projects. Mr. Gregoire urged the Board not to allow a debt excluded ballot question for the Track and Field Project on any upcoming election.

Matt Thompson, Ludlow Boys and Girls Club Athletic Director also wrote a letter and stated that the Track and Field program offered at the Boys and Girls Club is one of the largest programs that they run. There are approximately 70 kids that sign up from 2nd to 8th grade. Ludlow High School track and field kids' coach and volunteer with this program. 2019 was the first time we were unable to use the track for our program, Mr. Brillo still allowed us to use the field event stations, as well as the outfield of the Baseball diamond. We have partnered up with the towns of Longmeadow and Wilbraham to collaborate with their programs. The Boys and Girls Club would love to give the kids the opportunity to utilize their home track.

Mr. Goncalves asked where the $1,750,000 number came from?

Mr. Debarge stated that that is the number given to the attorney to work with.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:01
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Mr. Brillo explained that this project has been being talked about over the last 9 years and the DPW, Board of Selectmen and Recreation all agreed it needed to be done but there was never a good time. The project was brought to Capital Improvement several times and was bumped due to more pressing projects that needed to be done. The Track and Field Committee will be responsible for getting the maintenance information out to the public and exactly what the costs will be, but the question needs to be put on the ballot and let the residents decide. The track will need an overlay every 5 to 6 years. Mr. Brillo is currently getting maintenance estimates but believes that football turf will be less expensive then grass going forward.

Mr. Goncalves asked Mr. Salvador from the Gremio to speak about the soccer field and how costly the turf is to maintain?

Mr. Salvador explained that the Gremio's field costs less than $15,000 over 7 years to maintain. The Gremio has a groomer and would be willing to let the Town borrow it if necessary. Once in a while you have to have someone with a magnet come in to pick up hair pins and things like that but that is it. Mr. Salvador feels that turf is cheaper than grass and the turf allows more teams to play longer into the season.

Mr. Brillo stated that the field currently costs over $5,000 annually to fertilize and another $12,000 to have the DPW paint, etc.

Mr. Harrington explained that in 2008 or 2009 the School Committee had brought the issue to the Board of Selectmen and was told it wasn't a good time, in 2014 it was brought to Capital Improvement and the school was given authorization to update the field events, in 2015 the FIT Committee began but other projects again took precedence, in 2017 it was brought to Capital Improvement and was told again it was not a good time and then in 2018 MIAA shut the track down because it was not safe. The Track and Field Committee is simply looking for the Board to vote to put the question on the ballot and let the residents decide. The grounds supervisor that was hired 2 years ago will be in charge of the maintenance of this project. If it is approved on the ballot by the residents the project will be complete, and students will be using the track in the Spring.

Mr. Goncalves asked how much the new school project was budgeted for compared to how much it will cost?

Mr. Harrington believes that the school came in about $4 million under budget.

Resident commented on how this project is for the kids in Town, so they don't have to run in the road and they can actually have a meet at their own school. Expressed the fact that it is only $22.00 added to your taxes annually and that residents should just give up their cup of coffee.

Kim Downing, Capital and Finance Committee commented that she agrees that the kids need the project but unfortunately the FY 2021 budget needs to be cut by $3 million dollars which could mean lay-offs and she would rather see athletes going to another school for track meets then having someone losing their livelihoods with a lay-off.

Coach Gauvin commented that she has been a PE teacher and a track coach for over 20 years and that it is not just the track kids that are being affected by this track being closed. The Ludlow Boys and Girls Club for all their youth programs, it is the elementary schools for field day, it is PE students and residents, etc. that use this track and field. As this project gets pushed further out, the cost will just continue to go up and there is never a good time to ask for money.

Resident commented that the reason she moved to Ludlow was because of the schools and feels that residents will start to move out of the community if a project like the track and field is not addressed.

Mr. Silva commented that the Board of Selectmen want the project but does not feel that it is prudent to get it done right now. Mr. Silva had two children who went through the Ludlow Public Schools and

understands how difficult it is when you have two different sides. If the project fails this time, he feels that it will be dead. The School Department is going to be in a very difficult position come FY 2021. It is crucial that the Town does not go over the $25.00 maximum tax rate.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:0
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Mr. Provost asked how other towns in the area have done to get theirs. It is $22.00, and residents spend that on a daily basis without even thinking about it and our town is an embarrassment compared to other surrounding towns.

Ms. Jaworski explained that she is a single parent working two jobs and she is willing to absorb the tax increase in order for her children to get the facilities they deserve. Athletics is a very important part of these children's lives and should be considered.

Mr. Debarge commented that he is a baseball coach and stated that baseball lost the Chapin Street field with the new school and now the Town only has Whitney Park. When the Senior Center Project was an idea and they were ready to go to Capital, the Friends of the Senior Center committed to fundraising $1 million and they are up over $500,000 as of right now. Cheerleaders are not considered a sport, so they fundraise like crazy in order to get a bus to go to all of the games and their uniforms, etc. The basketball team needs to fundraise for a tournament they are going to in Florida. Where is the fundraising for the Track and Field Project? I asked for signs to be put up and the board for the thermometer to be put up to keep track of the funds and nothing has happened thus far.

Resident asked if comparing facilities to events was fair?

Darlene Graham came to the meeting on January 21st to learn more about the track and field improvements and become educated voters. We also went out to the track and field to see what the issues were in comparison to the website. We also went to Superintendent Gazda and he referred us to Tim Brillo. There wasn't any information on the website in order for us to make an informed decision.

Michael Graham the numbers from last August stated $3-5 million, today you said $1.75 million and Mr. Harrington said $2.25 million, there isn't a report stating what the deficiencies are on the field, etc. The football field is not deficient, and the bleachers do not need to be replaced. The main concern is the track. On the website it states that they want to replace bleachers and lighting, which does not need to be done from what I can see. I agree that the track should be replaced now but the football field should have a life expectancy of 8-10 years and it will cost $800,000 to replace per Mr. Brillo. In 10 years, we are going to start all over? It is not fiscally responsible to do the football field in turf right now.

Mr. Goncalves stated that we have approximately $225,000 right now and we have done engineering studies already. The estimate is $2.25 million to do the track and the two fields only.

Student commented that she is afraid to play on the track or field due to possible injuries.

Mattingly Provost commented that it is very frustrating as a Ludlow athlete to travel to other communities and see what they have in comparison to us. Commented that people will not want to live here because of this.

Ms. Gregoire commented how many organizations use the track and field, such as Ludlow youth football, soccer and track, Ludlow Boys & Girls Club, summer sports programs, cross country, Hampden County Sheriffs Department, Relay for Life of Ludlow, the American Cancer walk, Ludlow High School PE, summer soccer programs, and the Sergeant Josh Desforges fundraiser. The current complex is going to deteriorate and the costs to replace it are going to continue to go up if we do this project now. Ms. Gregoire voted to have the new Senior Center and school built because it was the right thing to do. The Track and Field project needs to be done to allow our children to have a place to go to play the sports they want to play. Ludlow has over 41 sports programs and over 600 students participate. Ludlow has over 800 students in total. The track and field could also produce revenue and could benefit a facilities maintenance program. This should be allowed to be put on the ballot.

Mr. Rosenblum agrees with the resident that fundraising will not happen because there isn't a tangible goal and there isn't anything on the ballot right now. Our form of Government is through ballot or Town Meeting; therefore, it would go to the voters to make decisions on things of this nature. The

Board of Selectmen are the gatekeepers and our job is to move things forward, so residents can vote on things. Most people are not going to donate unless there is a guarantee the project will be done. This way whether the residents are for it or against it, they get their say.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:01
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Resident commented that this should have been done 12 years ago and that the Board of Selectmen should call in all of the students that are at the meeting and tell them that they are not worth it. Also commented that the Selectmen are nothing but negative.

Mr. Silva asked the resident to calm down and not to say that the Town doesn't want it because everyone there does want it and that his children also went through the school and that what she was saying was not right.

Coach Walsh stated that everyone is trying to do what is best for the Town and that everyone needs to work together. Putting the question on the ballot is going to bring awareness to the voters and attracts the donors.

Mr. Salvador commented that everyone needs to get out there and fundraise, together we can do this!

Mr. Rosenblum made a comment that with all of the people in the room there should not be any reason that everyone there cannot donate and get 10 more people to do the same. The more money fundraised, the more palatable to the voters. Everyone needs to get involved.

Mr. Goncalves commented that the track and field website and Facebook page has had in excess of 1500 people looking at it and to date the project has only received approximately $200.00 in donations form the public. The first meeting, which brought in over 100 people from track and field, yet not one person donated. If the donations do not start going up, Mr. Goncalves will work twice as hard to kill it at Town Meeting. It may be a good time to borrow money right now, but we still need the donations.

Mr. Debarge did comment that the project still has to go to Capital and Finance.

Mrs. Fernandes explained that she feels the track and field committee needs to do more due diligence before this should go through. The committee should speak with surrounding towns and find out what they did and what the costs of maintenance, etc. will be.

Talking over each other.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve a question to be put on the ballot as follows "shall the Town of Ludlow be allowed to exempt from the provisions of propositions 2 1/2 , so called the amount required to pay for the bond issued in order to design and construct a replacement track, football field and baseball field located at the Ludlow High School at 500 Chapin Street." Vote 3-2.

Public Hearing – Turnpike Package Cancellation 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to open the public meeting for Turnpike Package store on their license cancellation at 6:45 p.m. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Mr. Debarge: Alright here's the notice to Ms. Blair, you have been notified to appear today for the purpose of, the purpose of this hearing is to consider the cancellation and to discuss a time line in which to sell your property, your inventory and transfer your liquor license for Turnpike Package located at 434 Center Street. The reason for this action is due to noncompliance of Mass General order 138 section 77, which you have been given a notice, correct? You got that?

Ms. Blair: I don't think mine was dated that date. I thought mine was dated earlier in December.

Mr. Debarge: But you got a notice to appear for this date, right?

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:0
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Ms. Blair: Yes.

Mr. Debarge: Okay.

Ms. Blair: Yes, we set up before I left.

Mr. Debarge: Alright. Okay so as far as the hearing goes, you will be given the opportunity to speak first, we are not going to call any witnesses. It's just pretty standard stuff to discuss what I stated that's all.

Ms. Blair: Yup.

Mr. Debarge: We will just discuss a time frame for cancellation, to make sure that everything goes pretty much as smooth as possible for your transfer and make sure that you can do it in a timely manner. So, why don't you go ahead and tell us how everything is going with this?

Ms. Blair: Well after I left here, the next day, I kept a time line, that's the Special Ed teacher in me, of everything that I did and transpired so that you could see that. I was busy and knew who I had talked to. I had talked with the ABCC the following day to get information about the delinquencies that were outstanding and I was mailed out the paperwork, I received it on the 27th of December. On the 29th I called the company who I was told that the delinquencies were reported to so that I could get, as you know I didn't know anything, I didn't know who was owed what. I could not do it over the phone; I was told that I had to send out a check for $225 to get a list. I mailed out a check on 3rd of January, it was not deposited until January 20th and I received a letter on the 25th of January giving me all of the distributors that had reported the delinquencies with.

Mr. Debarge: Okay.

Ms. Blair: So in the meantime since I received this letter last week I have been calling all of the distributors' their Accounts Receivable to determine what I am looking at for paying off the debts owed so the license can be transferred free and clear.

Mr. Debarge: Okay.

Ms. Blair: I have some takers. I have been, Mr. Pedro's, my realtor , he has been working with me, showing some of my properties around town and you know just helping me with the paperwork because I am a little bit overwhelmed doing this all by myself. Do you want to speak?

Mr. Pedro: And you know she just got this letter last week. We are negotiating with a buyer currently to sell the license and the inventory. So we are just looking for some additional time you know. So we are in negotiations right now with a buyer and hope to have things finalized within the next one to two weeks, as far as the sale.

Ms. Blair: I have to say I literally just got the last figure today. I have called them three times and I was not, my phone call was not returned and I was just telling him that I got a phone call from Rockport, MA at 3:48 this afternoon. I just went okay I will answer it. I didn't know who it was and it was actually the last company, it had actually been turned over to collections, which I didn't know that. I just need to add up all the figures. I am just a little overwhelmed today, right this second. I've shown the building a few times as you know. I just need, I want to go to the lawyer and get the purchase and sale agreement drawn up as soon as I can. I want my.....to see what I have going on here.

Mr. Silva: You say you have somebody that's purchasing the property, you have an agreement already, or you don't have the agreement?

Mr. Goncalves: I don't know so much on the property as the business, right? Are we concerned with...

Mr. Pedro: On the business, correct.

Mr. Silva: So their purchasing the liquor license and the business.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:01
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Ms. Blair: And the inventory.

Mr. Silva: And the inventory. The property is still going to remain in the family?

Ms. Blair: For now.

Mr. Silva: For now. Okay now do you have a projected date that that's going to happen? Because we do need to schedule hearings and the date for the transfer. Do you have a time period where you...

Ms. Blair: I'm hoping to call my lawyer this week and set up an appointment have him show me, I don't even know how to do this, I've never done this.

Mr. Pedro: We are hoping to have this finalized in the next two weeks and maybe have a follow-up, maybe within a month, thirty days from now. Can say okay you know.

Mr. Silva: Because you understand we are under pressure.

Ms. Blair: Absolutely, absolutely.

Mr. Silva: Not just you, we are the authority to issue this license and we can't have it out there. We need a time- frame; we need to work on this. If you do have the buyer and you could, do you think maybe a month would be sufficient to hold a hearing in thirty days maybe. Is that a process we could maybe do, hold a hearing and not close the hearing until the next thirty days if we have continued it?

Ms. Villano: Okay so if I hear you correctly Mr. Silva you have opened this and then you are going to continue it for thirty days?

Mr. Silva: You are going to continue the hearing until she comes back with the purchase and sale and the new buyer.

Ms. Villano: I think you could do that, certainly but you could also give her sixty days, ninety days to complete the transfer for the licenses cancelled.

Mr. Goncalves: Including the period of time for the new owner to apply and come before us that would all be part of the transfer?

Ms. Villano: You got me there, I'm not positive. I would think that once the transfer request of the license comes in to the Board of Selectmen, I would think that most of everything has already been completed. So it's transferring.

Mr. Silva: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Debarge: Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva: Personally I would like to, I know we could probably do it for the sixty or ninety, I would like to see it continued for thirty days so that we could get another follow up and not drag this on, you know what I mean?

Mr. Debarge: Yeah, as long as yeah I don't want to...

Mr. Silva: At least if we continue the hearing, we won't have to post the hearing again we could just open the hearing right back up.

Ms. Villano: I'm sorry I'm just trying, you are saying thirty days?

Speaking over each other.

Mr. Goncalves: Are you guys that close?

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 12 P 2:01
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Mr. Pedro: Yes, yes, yes.

Mr. Goncalves: So thirty days we could have something concrete as far as purchase and sales agreement and everything.

Mr. Debarge: Yeah, I would go for the continuance, not a cancellation for sure.

Mr. Rosenblum: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Debarge: Mr. Rosenblum.

Mr. Rosenblum: I believe that Ms. Blair is showing her diligence in doing the work she needed to do and is just obviously waiting on the response from one vendor. I would have no problem with a continuance of thirty days.

Mr. Debarge: Yeah

Mr. Silva: And Mr. Chairman I agree that she quite honestly she was stuck with a considerable debt from what I 'm understanding.

Mr. Debarge: And a lot of work.

Mr. Goncalves: And a lot of work and keeping right on it. Do we need a motion on that?

Ms. Villano: You have to, if you are going to continue it, you need to continue it to a date and time certain.

Mr. Silva: Right.

Mr. Goncalves: What would work?

Ms. Villano: So thirty day your meeting schedule, I'm trying to figure it out sorry. It is March 3rd and March 17th so I would think that the March 3rd is less than thirty days and the March 17th is slightly over so I'm thinking the March 17th. And then just pick a date.

Mr. Goncalves: Time.

Ms. Villano: Time.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to continue the public hearing until March 17th at 6:30 pm. 5-0 all in favor.
Mr. Debarge: Is that a good time for you?

Ms. Blair: Yes, March 3rd is my mom's 92nd birthday so I was hoping you were not going to say that.

Mr. Debarge:: Oh, okay perfect. Have a good night all.

Interview Council on Aging –Karen Martin 7:00 .m.

Mr. Debarge: Ms. Martin want to come up. Welcome.

Mr. Silva: Well look who's here.

Ms. Martin: Hello, how are you?

Mr. Silva: I'm good. Who would think, high school days and here we are she is before me. We went to school together.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Mr. Goncalves: Oh yeah.

Ms. Martin: We were children.

Mr. Debarge: Alright we have a 6:59 interview with Ms. Karen Martin for the Council on Aging.

Mr. Silva: Suprenaunt.

Ms. Martin: Mertowsky.

Mr. Silva: Oh is was Mertowsky that's right. Suprenaunt was Joann, yup.

Mr. Debarge: Well welcome to the Board of Selectmen meeting.

Ms. Martin: Thank you.

Mr. Debarge: You have a very impressive resume'.

Ms. Martin: Thanks.

Mr. Debarge: So please tell us a little bit about yourself.

Ms. Martin: Okay well I'm a resident of Ludlow, I have lived here for most of my life and for the past 32 years I worked as the Community Services Director at Springfield Senior Services, which is a sister organization to WestMass Elder Care. I don't know how familiar you are but they probably work more directly with the Ludlow Council on Aging since it's in their service area. We covered .... Service area and I was responsible for overseeing the ..... And information and referral department, the community outreach, the money management program, oh what else, the companion escort program and I was also involved in writing all of the publications for the agency, the web master, our electronic news letter. So you know a very broad knowledge of issues that are affecting older adults.

Mr. Goncalves: Are you sure you are not over qualified?

Ms. Martin: Not at all.

Mr. Silva: Mr. Chairman unless my other colleagues have any questions I think that with Ms. Martins qualifications, I think that I would move to appoint her to the Council on Aging.

Ms. Villano: We have another interview. There's two individuals for an alternate position.

Mr. Silva: Oh, I'm sorry. There's only one alternate position, I thought for Council we had many, I'm sorry. You will have to wait a bit Karen.

Ms. Martin: That's okay. The alternate does not have voting rights unless there are not enough for a forum is that how that works?

Mr. Debarge: Correct.

Ms. Martin: Okay. So that's it, do I get to ask you any questions or?

Mrs. Fernandes: Yeah.

Ms. Martin: I am just wondering about the relationship between the Council on Aging Director and the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Directors at the Council on Aging?

Mr. Debarge: We usually have a representative that goes to their meetings. Depending on their tenacity depends on how many meetings they go to. Other than that there correspondence is how much they want to have to be honest with you.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Ms. Martin: Okay.

Mr. Debarge: We know the Chairman, most of the members. If they need anything they communicate with us but mostly they communicate with the Director of the Senior Center, who they oversee of course. It's pretty basic.

Mr. Rosenblum: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Debarge: Mr. Rosenblum.

Mr. Rosenblum: I interact because I help out with the friends of the senior center also. So I do interact over there. Not as much lately but I have been interacting quite a bit, at least a couple times a month over there. There are very good staff over there, they are very involved. Any help or any input I'm sure they would be ecstatic about and obviously with your background it would only be a help. So Jodi, Ms. Zepke is top notch and she works very hard.

Ms. Martin: Yes, she worked as a Case Manager at the Greater Springfield Services many, many years ago.

Mr. Debarge: You know Jodi?

Ms. Martin: I know Jodi, yeah; I haven't seen her in a while. We were both on the Board of Health South many years ago.

Mr. Rosenblum: She put a lot of sweat and tears into that new building.

Ms. Martin: Oh I have no doubt and it's a long time in coming and I think that's a really exciting time for the Town, to have a new facility brand new. I think as an older adult, we deserve it. But I think it's wonderful and I know she's worked very hard.

Mr. Silva: Don't use those words.

Ms. Martin: Older adult, well I could have said elders or seniors but I stopped using that terminology.

Mr. Goncalves: How old does someone have to be to go there for lunch?

Ms. Martin: 60.

Mr. Goncalves: 60.

Mr. Debarge: So you guys are well past.

Mr. Rosenblum: You can be invited.

Mr. Goncalves: No we qualify so were good.

Mr. Rosenblum: Sorry not me.

Mr. Debarge: No, I go over there a lot it's great, great people, the Council on Aging are great people, friends of the senior's great people.

Ms. Martin: Yeah, I was looking at their website and they're very active.

Mr. Debarge: Oh yeah.

Mrs. Fernandes: May I ask the applicant a question?

Mr. Debarge: Absolutely.

Mrs. Fernandes: May I ask you why you want to apply for this?

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Ms. Martin: My interest?

Mrs. Fernandes: Yeah.

Ms. Martin: Well I retired a bit early in September and I'm just looking to do some volunteer work and you know this certainly is something that I have experience with and so I think I could be of use to the Town in that capacity and it's just an exciting time with the new Senior Center starting up. I see potential for a lot of things, that's my interest.

Mrs. Fernandes: What are, and this is probably a difficult question because you're just applying now but what would be some of the ideas that you would like to implement if you were chosen?

Ms. Martin: Well I don't know yet because the first thing I would do is I would want to get to know some of the other people on the Board and what are the goals and objectives that Jodi has and the Board has and the Town and I would just take it from there. I would have to see where they are and....

Mrs. Fernandes: Thank you.

Mr. Debarge: Any other questions? Any other comments?

Ms. Martin: No. I just hope that I get selected. I think that it would be mutually beneficial.

Mr. Debarge: Alright.

Ms. Martin: That's it, no other questions?

Mr. Debarge: Alright, thanks for coming in.

Mr. Silva: Easy.

Ms. Martin: Easy. Well nice to meet all of you.

Mr. Debarge: Nice to me you as well. Thanks for coming in.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to appoint Karen Martin as the alternate for The Council on Aging. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Correspondence

36. Jodi Zepka, Executive Director, Council on Aging – requesting (22) brown "school" chairs; (10) "meeting room" chairs; and (4) heavy 8 ft. folding tables to be declared as surplus by the Board and further requesting that they be allowed to dispose of them due to the impending move of the Senior Center at the end of the year.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to allow the disposal of the equipment set forth in item 36. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

37. Pablo P. Madera, Chief of Police – requesting the Board to accept his offer of assistance to the Town of Ludlow Radio Advisory Committee on a voluntary basis as needed until the radio upgrade project is complete.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr.Silva to accept and appoint Pablo P. Madera, Chief of Police to assistant to the Town of Ludlow Radio Advisory Committee on a voluntary basis until the radio upgrade project is complete. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

38. Andrew B. McCaul, Senior Transportation Planner – informing the Board that Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) is starting the development process for the 2020 to 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the TIP Sub-Committee meeting will be on February 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at PVPC.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

39. Polish American Citizens Club – Annual Beano report for 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

40a. William S. Salomaa, Director, Office of Dam Safety DCR – acknowledging receipt of the Emergency Action Plan dated December 2019 for Wade Lake Dam.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

40b. William S. Salomaa, Director, Office of Dam Safety DCR – acknowledging receipt of the Emergency Action Plan dated December 2019 for Harris Pond Dam.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

41. St. John the Baptist School – requesting a Beer and Wine One Day Permit Application for a band concert – The Rising (Billy Eagen Band) to be held on February 22, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. John's Pastoral Center. Board to waive the fee if approved.

Moved by Mr. Goncavles, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve the one day permit for St. John the Baptist School on February 22, 20202 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and that the Board waives the fee. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

42. Peter J. Cavicchi, P.E., MassDOT District 2 Highway Director – providing the Board copies of the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) Bridge Inspection Reports for the municipally-owned bridges located at L-16-003=W-35-001 (0M6) Miller Street & Chicopee River and L-16-016=S-24-001 (0M7) West Street & Chicopee River RTN & FRC. (Report has been forwarded to DPW).

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 5-0 All in favor.

43. The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys &Girls Club –notification of the 70th Anniversary Event.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

44. Kim Batista, Town Clerk – requesting the Board approve the Policy regarding Electioneering during Early and Absentee Voting.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve the Town Clerk's request regarding the policy of electioneering during early and absentee voting as proposed by the new policy and approved by the Town Council. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

45. Christ The King Social Committee – annual Beano report for 2019.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

46. Cynthia Jean Bobowiec – letter of interest to serve as an unenrolled Election Officer. Town Clerk recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to appoint Cynthia Jean Bobowiece as an unenrolled Election Officer. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

47. Pamela Melbourne – letter of interest to serve as an unenrolled Election Officer. Town Clerk recommends appointment.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 11 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs . Fernandes to appoint Pamela Melbourne as an unenrolled Election Officer. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

48. Eleanor J. Duquette – requesting to be appointed as a Democratic poll worker. Democratic Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to appoint Eleanor J. Duquette as a Democratic poll worker. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

49. Robert A. Stehlin – requesting to be appointed as a Republican poll worker. Republican Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to appoint Robert A. Stehlin as a Republican poll worker. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

50. Diane H. Walton – requesting to be appointed as a Democratic poll worker. Democratic Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Silva to appoint Diane H. Walton as a Democratic poll worker. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

51. Board to vote to abate Invoice #282 for $50.00 for Midwoods Diary Barn as it does not require a 2020 Entertainment License.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to abate invoice #282 for $50.00 for Midwoods Dairy Barn. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

52. Nick Breault, Town Administrator, Town of Wilbraham – inviting the Board to the next Regional Boards of Selectmen meeting to be held on February 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room at the Wilbraham Police Department, 2780 Boston Road. Does the Board have any items they would like added to the agenda?

Moved by Mr. Silva, Mr. Debarge and Mr. Silva will attend as they will be discussing trash contracts and Mr. Debarge will ask about plastic bags as well as "green" issues.

53 a-d. Ludlow Police Department – requesting the Board to declare the following vehicles as surplus for the purpose of trade in, public auction, and/or sold:

-2014 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 109,607; VIN: 2C3CDXAT7EH348212
-2015 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 109,718; VIN: 2C3CDXKT8FH881489
-2014 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 110,692; VIN: 2C3CDXAT9EH348212
-2013 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 144,220; VIN: 2C3CDXATXDH722343

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to declare the following vehicles as surplus :

-2014 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 109,607
-2015 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 109,718
-2014 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 110,692
-2013 Dodge Charger/Sedan/Black/Mileage: 144,220

Vote 5-0. All in favor.

54. Kim M. Batista, Town Clerk/Chief Election Official – informing the Board of the Town of Ludlow's early voting schedule for the Presidential Primary.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file . Vote 5-0. All in favor.

55. Saadi Motamedi, Section Chief Compliance and Enforcement Bureau of Air and Waste MassDEP – correspondence to the Board relative to communities developing their own DDMP – Disaster Debris Management Plan and the steps needed to be taken to accomplish the DDMP.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 4:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Goncavles to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

56. Ryan Pease, Fire Chief – requesting the Board to declare the Department's model year 2008 Horton 555 GMC Ambulance as surplus and to be used as a trade-in which is being replaced with a 2019 Ford E450 Ambulance.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Silva to declare the Fire Departments 2008 Horton 555 GMC Ambulance as surplus. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

57. Ryan Howe, American Legion Post 52 Commander – providing the Board with an update on the first Parade Committee meeting.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to appoint a date to meet with Mr. Howe and his Board. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

58. Friends of the Senior Center, Inc. – application for License to conduct a One Day Game Commonly Called Beano to be held on April 5, 2020 at 355 East Street, Ludlow. (Pocketbook Bingo)

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve the Application for the One Day Game commonly called Beano for April 5, 2020 at 355 East Street, Ludlow for the Friends of the Senior Center. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to have the Chairman sign the 2020 Initial Boundary Validation for the Town. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board to sign the One Day Permit Application for St. John the Baptist School Band Concert – The Rising (Billy Eagen Band). Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes for the Board to approve and sign the amended Liquor License for Four Seasons Liquor due to the increase in their Sunday hours. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Silva for the Board to approve and sign the application for the License to conduct a One Day Game Commonly called Beano to be held on April 5, 2020 at 355 East Street, Ludlow (Pocketbook Bingo). Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes for the Board to approve and sign the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019. All members were present. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum for the Board to approve and sign the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2020. (2nd session). Mr. Debarge, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. Silva were present. Mrs. Fernandes was absent. Vote 4-0-1. One Abstention.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Silva for the Board to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019. Mr. Debarge, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Silva were present. Mrs. Fernandes and Mr. Rosenblum were absent. Vote 3-0-2. Two Abstentions.

New Business:

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2019.

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2020 JUN 17 P 2:02
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Board perused Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2020 (1st session).

Board perused Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020.

Chairman approved and signed all bills, warrants and abatements. A record of all warrants is in the Selectmen's office for perusal until provided to the Town Accountant's office.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Goncalves wanted to express his gratitude for all the people that showed up for the Track and Field initiative and hopes that everyone remains as excited as they were tonight and that we can see more support in Town.

Mr. Silva also was happy to see such a good turn out for the Track and Field and also wanted to reiterate that no one opposes the project but hopes to see a lot of support and help.

Mrs. Fernandes hopes the excitement for the Track and Field continues. She also wants more information for the residents in order to make a good decision.

Mr. Rosenblum is also hopeful with all the excitement this project has brought to the residents but the hard part is yet to come. We still have the ballot and the Town Meeting. We need serious fundraising and push for big donors.

Mr. Debarge appreciates everyone that comes to the meetings and speaks to the Board. However, some of the emails and social media information was incorrect. For example we are going to breaking ground, if this passes on July 1st, and that is just not true. It brought a lot of people out but I wish people came out to the two previous meetings with our financial team. I wish there was more time tonight to have more people speak. I don't agree that our job is to send this to the ballot, our job is to protect the Town and its finances. The Board of Selectmen's job is to protect our finances and not to send certain things to the ballot if we don't think it's prudent to the financial wellbeing of the Town. But it was voted to go to the ballot so we will see where it takes us.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 p.m., not return to open session, and to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a pending litigation and for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining for the Police Supervisors Union. Vote 5-0 all in favor.



Ludlow Board of Selectmen

All related documents can be viewed at the Board of Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.