The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 began at 4:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at Town Hall. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 crisis with remote participation.

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Members Present: Derek DeBarge, Chairman, Antonio Goncalves, Manuel Silva and William Rosenblum

Absent: Carmina Fernandes

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Unfinished Business:

Board discussed the COVID-19 crisis and updates. Mr. DeBarge advised that there are 50 positive cases as of today. The press release has been put on our website as well. The Governor announced today that all public and private schools will be closed through the end of the year, along with child-care establishments.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum pursuant to Section 10(a) of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 the due date for the fourth quarter tax bill be extended from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum pursuant to Section 10(a)(4) of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 the due date in the third paragraph of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 59 referencing certain applications for exemptions, be extended from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board to discuss the informational material that the DPW should be supplying resident's relative to the new trash policies which will be effective July 1st.

Mr. DeBarge explained that due to the current pandemic, the DPW has agreed to postpone the use of purple bags until October 1, 2020. The dual stream recycling, however, will begin the week of June 29th. Paper and cardboard will be one week and cans, cartons and bottles will be the next week. Mr. DeBarge also read emails from concerned residents regarding the purple bags. Mr. DeBarge also wanted to reiterate that as of right now, the purple bags initiative has been postponed until October 1, 2020.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that there is a lot of confusion about the change in trash and recycling amongst the residents and feels that the DPW should be proactive in getting literature to the residents with explanations. The Board of Selectmen have been pushing the DPW to get information to the residents and understand this is not a good time with the COVID-19 pandemic.

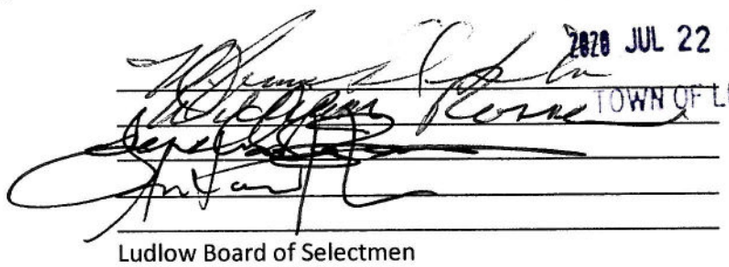
Mr. Silva explained that the trash issue is going on everywhere right now. Recycling used to be a revenue for the Town and now we will need to pay for recyclables to be picked up. The DPW needs to get information out to the public but please be understanding that this is the best solution for our town and it will keep costs to a minimum.

Mr. Goncalves believes that residents may be under the misconception that this was just decided 2 weeks ago but the DPW has been working on this since last year. The DPW is doing the best they can to keep the costs down. The purple bag initiative was postponed until October 1, 2020 to help during this time with the pandemic. If residents would like more information about the changes with the trash, please stay on and watch their meeting, which is coming up next or go to Ludlow Cable Access and watch past DPW meetings. This may give people a better understanding of what is going on with the Town currently.

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.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to adjourn this meeting at 4:59 p.m. Not return to open session. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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