The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 began at 5:39 p.m. Remote participation. The meeting was held during the COVID-19 crisis.

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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

Correspondence:

109. John R. Mahar, Director of Government Affairs, Charter Communications – informing the Board of the 2019 Annual Financial Report for Massachusetts, which includes the MA CTV Form 200 (Financial Balance Sheet) and the MA CTV Form 400 (Statement of Ownership).

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

109a & b. John R. Mahar, Director of Governmental Affairs, Charter Communications – letter of notification of channel lineup changes.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

110. Joshua D. Schimmel, Executive Director, Springfield Water and Sewer Commission – providing the Board copies of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's annual Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2019.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Board discussed the COVID-19 crisis and updates. Mr. Debarge stated that as of today the Town of Ludlow has approximately 91 positive cases. Received an excellent response for the request for donations in order to make masks and hand out to residents as needed.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum for the Board to open the Special Town Meeting to insert articles for easements for the new Senior Center for water/sewer and gas. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Silva for the Board to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve the second amendment to the contract between the Town and Wright-Pierce for the Riverside and ratify the Chairman's signature of execution. Vote 4-0. All in favor.
Board discussed the ideas of letting restaurants open outside only when they are first allowed and the ability to alter the premises to the liquor licenses in order to serve alcohol outside.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve authorization of the chairman to sign on the behalf of the entire Board when a majority of the Board's signature is needed during the time of the pandemic and to last through the pandemic and the Governor's lifting of the emergency. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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. Rosenblum reminds people to stay safe even with things like golf courses are opening. Would like to discuss the June 22nd Town Meeting as it gets closer to figure out the logistics if large gatherings are still not allowed. Happy birthday to anyone who has had a 'drive-by'.

Mr. Silva thanks everyone for staying home and staying safe. Thanks Ludlow Country Club for allowing residents to walk there just to be able to get out a little.

Mr. Goncalves commented on the fact that he stopped at a flower sale for the Boy's Scouts and wanted to remind people that being out there in a large group without masks was not safe. Please wear a mask and be safe.

Mr. Debarge urges everyone to familiarize yourself with the four-phase opening set by the Governor. I'm excited to see the golf courses opening but we still need to be vigilant and stand by the protocols put in place by the Governor. The Board is currently working on an option to have an outside meeting for the Town Meeting on June 22nd with the possibility of having it at the Gremio Soccer Stadium.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to adjourn this meeting at 6:12 p.m., not return to open session, and to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

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