The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 began at 5:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Board to vote to reorganize Board of Selectmen.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to nominate Mr. Silva as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to nominate Mr. Rosenblum as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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121. Request of an Alteration of Premises for Ludlow Country Club.
121a. Request of an Alteration of Premises for Laires, Inc. (Primarvera Restaurant)
121b. Request of an Alteration of Premises for Brookside Café.
121c. Request of an Alteration of Premises for Vanished Valley.
121d. Request of an Alteration of Premises for Polish American Citizens' Club of Ludlow MA

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve the 5 alter or premises as presented for the temporary alter of premise for Ludlow Country Club, Primavera, Brookside Café, Vanished Valley, Polish American Citizen's Club as submitted. With exception to the Brookside Cafés permit, to be approved only upon acceptable installation of traffic barriers on the front and south side of that area to protect against possible traffic encroachment in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the ABCC and the Governor's circular pertaining to the temporary Alteration of Premises orders. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

122. Joe Rodgers, Project Manager, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) – informing the Board of a notice of filing an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) application.

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

123. John Maher, Director of Governmental Affairs, Charter Communications – notification of channel lineup changes.
Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

124. Linda Augusto, President, OLOF Dedication Society – notification of the annual Festa event being cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Unfinished Business:

COVID—19 Update: There are 118 confirmed positive cases in Ludlow.

Reiterate a congratulations to the class of 2020!

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve the capital projects as outlined in the memorandum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to open the June 22nd Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrants. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to remove Article 8 from the Special Town Meeting warrant. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to remove Article 15 from the Special Town Meeting warrant. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to removed Article 30 from the Special Town Meeting warrant. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to move the following articles from the Annual Town Meeting warrant and place them into the Special Town Meeting warrant, Article 3 dis-ban Personnel Board, Article 8...Gold Star, Article 9 OPEB-appoint Treasurer, Article 10 OPEB- Authorized Trustee to invest, Article 11 OPEB- hire invest consultants, Article 13 fiber for Senior Center and school, Article 14 the DIF – create district, Article 15 DIF-designate State area, Article 16 DIF-authorize borrowing, Article 17 Easement- Verizon- Harris, Article 19 pilot-..., Article 20 pilot -..., Article 21 zone change-347 Miller, Article 22, zone change-326 Sewall, Article 27 Building Infrastructure Fund, Article 28 deposit stabilization funds. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to close and approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrants. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to take the Special Town Meeting out of the Annual Town Meeting and instead have the Special Town Meeting at the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board tabled the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2020 to next meeting.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to make the annual appointments as per the list that Mr. Silva read. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Miscellaneous:

Board discussed when the Senior Abatement program will resume. The program has been on hold since the COVID-19 pandemic but now seniors and some departments have been asking when it will resume as it has to be complete by December 31st. Ms. Villano explained that the schools are closed and essentially a volunteer would be working alone if they were to volunteer at the school. The library is partially open and potentially a volunteer could work with a limited amount of people there as well. The issue is most of these volunteers are in the 'high risk' category for the virus.

Mr. DeBarge asked which departments had asked about the Senior Abatement Program resuming.

Ms. Villano explained that the School Department, Vets services and Golf had inquired.

Mr. Rosenblum asked for a list of where the volunteers would be used and suggested doing it on a case by case situation.

Mr. Silva suggested to wait a month and revisit it. The Board was in agreement with that.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Rosenblum congratulated Mr. Silva on being the new Chairman and also thanked and congratulated Mr. DeBarge. Stated that Mr. DeBarge did an exemplary job through an unprecedented time. Congratulate everyone during the elections held yesterday and congratulate Mr. Goncalves for being reelected and encourages people to get involved. The local voting was up to 18% from 10% the previous year.

Mrs. Fernandes congratulate all the new candidates. Mrs. Fernandes explained how difficult running a campaign is and she also congratulated Mr. DeBarge for being such a great Chairman during a very difficult time. She also stated that the Track and Field question was defeated at the polls and encouraged them to try again in the future when the Town budgets are a little better.

Mr. Goncalves also thanked Mr. DeBarge and stated that he will be a tough act to follow. He also congratulated the class of 2020 and even though they missed out on the celebrations this is a lesson for the future that everything isn't always peachy all the time. Congratulations to all of the elected officials and those who have concluded their service. He encourages people to become precinct members, the Town is in need of these people. He reminded people to continue to wear masks and social distance when possible.

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Mr. DeBarge thanked everyone who came out to vote and was impressed with how many residents who did vote. Congratulations to all of the winners. Congratulations to the class of 2020, I was able to watch the parade of the seniors and it was a great experience. This class could not participate in the traditional proms and graduations, but they got through it with class. Mr. DeBarge thanked Ms. Villano and all of the department heads for making his job as Chairman very easy. The Board of Selectmen spoke with the Chief of Police before today's meeting about possible riots in the surrounding town and cities because of the tragic death of George Floyd. He encouraged residents when they go out to keep their head on a swivel. There has been riots in Boston and Springfield and just wants everyone to be vigilant out there.

Mr. Silva congratulated the Town Clerk for the elections and how smooth they went. Congratulated Mr. Goncalves for his 3-year appointment to the Board of Selectmen. Encourages the Track and Field Committee to keep moving forward with donations and at least get the track fixed and usable. Congratulations to the seniors!

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to adjourn this meeting at 6:56 p.m., not return to open session. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Ludlow Board of Selectmen

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