The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 began at 6:00 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

No visitations.

Correspondence:

190. 2020 Entertainment License Application and 2020 Common Victualler's License Application for the new Wendy's located at 484 Center Street, Ludlow, MA.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve the 2020 Entertainment License Application and 2020 Common Victualler's License Application for Inspired by Opportunity, LLC known as the new Wendy's located at 484 Center Street, Ludlow, MA new construction. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

191 & 191a. John R. Maher, Director of Governmental Affairs, Charter Communications – notification of channel line-up changes.

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

192. Arthur J. Lourenco – requesting to be appointed as a Republican poll worker. Republican Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and appoint Arthur J. Lourenco as a Republican poll worker for the Town of Ludlow. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

193. Trudy Line, President of the Ludlow Lions Club – requesting approval from the Board to hold a clean-up day in town, especially around the River Walk and Gazebo area, on September 19th which is National Clean-Up Day.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve Trudy Line, President of the Ludlow Lions Club to hold a clean-up day in town, especially around the River Walk and Gazebo area, on September 19th as long as COVID-19 protocols are in place for National Clean-Up Day. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

194. Peter and Kathleen Serafino – requesting the Board to direct the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to convene and consider their application.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to direct the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to convene and consider the application of Peter and Kathleen Serafino. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

195. Nicole Parker, Alternate Member of the Zoning Board – requesting the Board to appoint her to serve the remaining three of the five-year unexpired term positions that was recently vacated.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to table until September 1, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

196. Darlene Cincone – submitting letter of interest to the Board to be appointed to serve the remaining three of the five-year unexpired term positions that was recently vacated.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to table until September 1, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

197. Omer & Barbara Picard – notifying the Board of the professionalism and efficiency they received from DPW crews that assisted them with clean-up efforts from fallen trees in front of their home due to tropical storm Isaias.

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Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to send a copy of the letter to the DPW and file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

198. Raekwon Wheeler, Western MA Regional Director – notifying the Board the Ludlow Fire Department is receiving $103,719.98 for power lift cots & power lift systems through Round 4 of the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grants.

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

199. Massachusetts Water Resources Commission – Hydrologic Conditions in Massachusetts, July 2020 report.

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

200. John Eckert – requesting to be appointed as a Democratic poll worker. Democratic Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to appoint John Eckert as a Democratic poll worker. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

200a. Shawn and Leigh Peabody – requesting to be appointed as a Democratic poll worker. Democratic Town Committee Chairman recommends appointment.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to appoint Shawn and Leigh Peabody as Democratic poll workers. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

201. Governor Charles D. Baker COVID-19 Order No. 48 – Order Amending the Administration of Penalties Issued Pursuant to Certain COVID-19 Orders.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file and advised residents to review all of Governor Baker's Orders on the www.mass.gov website. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

202. Louis Gilli, Environmental Engineer, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) – notifying the Board MMWEC will be implementing the 2020 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) for herbicide application.

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

203. Board to approve a request to charge off medical expenses and lost wages to Chapter 41, Section 111F for an injury sustained by a Police Officer as a result of an incident that occurred on August 9, 2020.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve a request to charge off medical expenses and lost wages to Chapter 41, Section 111F for an injury sustained by a Police Officer as a result of an incident that occurred on August 9, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

203a. Removed.

204. Ralph Capua – Petition for a Zone Change from Residential A to Residential B located at 0 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to accept the Petition for a Zone Change and forward to the Planning Board. Vote 3-0-1 abstention by Mr. Goncalves.

205. Jamie & Richard Jacobs – Petition for a Zone Change from Residential B to Business B at 193 Center Street, Ludlow, MA.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to move forward with the petition for a Zone Change from Residential B to Business B at 193 Center Street, Ludlow, MA and send to the Planning Board. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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Unfinished Business:

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the agreement contract between Paul Vona, On-Call Plumbing & Gas Inspector and the Town. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the Licensing Authority Certification for Vanished Valley, Inc. Vote 3-0-1 abstention by Mr. Goncalves.

The Board signed and approved the Entertainment License and Common Victualler's License for Wendy's.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve to use $18,500 from the 40R money to fund the Westmass DIF drafting report. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020. Members present were Mr. DeBarge, Chairman at that time, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Rosenblum, and Mr. Silva. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2020. It was by remote participation. Members present were Mr. Silva, Mr. Goncalves, and Mr. Rosenblum. Mr. DeBarge was absent. Vote 3-0-1 abstention by Mr. DeBarge.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve the content of the construction easement between Westmass and the Town for the Riverside Drive project, in order to place it in the October 5th Special Town Meeting warrant for town approval. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to affirm that eminent domain will not be needed and exercised and authorize the Chairman to execute Part Three - Owner's Certification Regarding Eminent Domain. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board to review, approve, and sign the Right of First Refusal for the John Farr property - Lots 19 & 11R – West Street. (Board to vote to not exercise the option to purchase the below described premises)

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the notice of the Town's intent not to exercise the option to purchase the described property. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2019.

Board perused Executive Session Minutes of May 12, 2020.

Board perused Executive Session Minutes of May 26, 2020.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Goncalves advises residents to continue to check on their neighbors due to the heat and COVID-19.

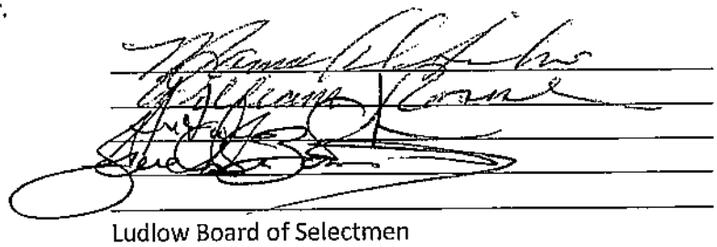
Mr. DeBarge made no closing comments.

Mr. Rosenblum made no closing comments.

Mr. Silva made no closing comments.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and not return to open session. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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