The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Monday, October 5, 2020 began at 6:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

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Mr. Silva: So, we have a visitation?

Ms. Villano: Oh, not really.

Mr. Silva: We don't? I thought I looked on the thing and there was a visitation.

Ms. Villano: No.

Mr. Silva: Oh good.

Ms. Villano: It's to go over any issues with any of the Articles if you have any.

Mr. Silva: Does anyone have any concerns with the Articles? Everybody has their preferred articles, I guess.

Ms. Villano: And you all have your packets in front of you so make sure you bring them with you please to Town Meeting. It has your assignments and your motions.

Mr. Goncalves: I understand that Article 18 has been withdrawn.

Mr. Silva: Which one is that?

Mr. Goncalves: Zone change on Chapin.

Mr. Silva: Oh, the Chapin Street Zone change, that's good because I got,

Mr. Goncalves: 4,000 phone calls.

Mr. Silva: I had many phone calls and I was like, some how they got the idea that I was, that I wrote the articles and are proposing those articles to...

Mr. Goncalves: Well, they called me, and I told them that you wrote the articles.

Mr. Silva: That I wrote the articles and it was all my fault, thanks. That's where it came from.

Mr. Goncalves: I gave them your phone number and address.

Mr. Silva: Okay, Ellie I think there was another article that might have been discussed to be withdrawn, no?

Ms. Villano: I believe that Article 19 is also going to be,

Mr. Goncalves: A no action,

Ms. Villano: A no action.

Mr. Goncalves: Probably withdraw.

Mr. Silva: Oh, the 193.

Ms. Villano: No, yes but there is a little more to that and the moderator will handle that,

Mr. Silva: Okay.

Ms. Villano: Because there's, it didn't comply with everything, so you can absolutely do nothing with it. You can't take any action, there can't be a motion to withdraw,

Mr. Goncalves: I understand that it hadn't actually transferred to the petitioner yet or something.

Ms. Villano: Correct, correct. So, there are some outstanding issues with it.

Mr. Goncalves: Technicalities.

Ms. Villano: Right and then it's my understanding also that Article 20 is going to be a motion to postpone, which is one of the three DPW Articles.

Mr. Goncalves: Yes.

Ms. Villano: It has to do with the safety walks and sidewalks. So, the Board of Public Works voted at their last meeting to postpone action on that Article.

Mr. Silva: Okay.

Ms. Villano: And I believe that's it for any Articles that are not going to be moving forward.

Mr. Silva: Great.

Ms. Villano: And then the last, the only other thing on the agenda would be for you to take action if you so desire, not to publish the list of all of the precinct members that did not come to Town Meeting tonight. You did that for the June 22nd Town Meeting; that anybody that did not show up for Town Meeting, it was presumed that they did not show up due to the pandemic. It's written, if you want to borrow it's, that's if you decide that.

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Mr. Silva: Well before we do that, do we have any concerns about that, anyone?

Mr. Rosenblum: No.

Mr. DeBarge: I don't Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Silva: Okay, did you say Ellie, that we should make a motion on that or,

Ms. Villano: Yes, because it is a by-law and if you look at the agenda on that second portion there, there could be some language that could read it's right there you just picked it up.

Mr. Rosenblum: It's on the top.

Mr. Silva: Oh, these are mine.

Ms. Villano: No, I think that's the agenda.

Mr. Silva: Oh, sorry.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves by Town by-law C1, Section 24 immediately after the dissolution of any annual or special Town Meeting the Town Clerk shall release to the press a list of those Town Meeting members absent from said Town Meeting, identifying them by name and precinct. I move that the Board, due to COVID-19 pandemic do not consider posting the absents from the Special Town Meeting. If anyone was absent, it is presumed that they had stayed home due to COVID-19. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Mr. Silva: Okay, that takes care of those two items on our meeting. Ellie is there anything else that we have?

Ms. Villano: Nothing that I know of.

Mr. Goncalves: Mr. Chairman I will make a motion,

Mr. Silva: Before we do that Mr. Goncalves, if you could just in case, we do have any closing comments, or anybody has anything to mention or speak now. We will do that before we do that motion to adjourn. Anyone?

Mr. Rosenblum: I don't have anything Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Goncalves: No, nothing this week.

Mr. Silva: Nothing Mr. DeBarge?

Mr. DeBarge: Nothing from me.

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Mr. Silva: Nothing here as well. We will be adjourning our Selectmen's meeting and move onto our Town Meeting. Hopefully we will have a quorum. I don't see any issues that we shouldn't have one. So, Mr. Goncalves.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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