The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 began at 5:00 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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

Members Absent: Antonio Goncalves

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

No visitations.

Correspondence:

264. John R. Maher, Director of Governmental Affairs, Charter Communications – notification of upcoming channel line-up changes.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

265. Daniel Valadas, Chief of Police and David Irwin, Lieutenant – notifying the Board of the names of individuals being submitted for annual appointment as Special Police Officers with the Ludlow Police Department effective January 1, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to accept the names of individuals being submitted for annual appointment as Special Police Officers with the Ludlow Police Department effective January 1, 2021. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to appoint the aforementioned read named Special Police Officers effective January 1, 2021. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020. Members present were Chairman Silva, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. DeBarge. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020. Members present were Chairman Silva, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. DeBarge. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

New Business:

Board to award the construction contract for Riverside Drive and Associated Infrastructure Improvements Project to Ludlow Construction and approve the contract for execution.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to award the construction contract for Riverside Drive and Associated Infrastructure Improvements Project to Ludlow Construction and approve the contract for execution. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2020.

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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.

Board to appoint Ken Batista and Jim Goodreau as "Trench Permit Authority".

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to appoint Ken Batista and Jim Goodreau as "Trench Permit Authority". Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Selectmen DeBarge to discuss a Covid-19 testing site to be held in Ludlow.

Mr. DeBarge stated he was approached by Sheriff Nick Cocchi about the idea of bringing a COVID-19 testing site to our community for residents and town employees only. Mr. DeBarge stated the Operations Manager of American Medical Response (AMR) from Springfield would collaborate with Sheriff Cocchi's staff to set up a drive-up testing site at Hampden County Correctional Center on Tuesday, December 22. Mr. DeBarge stated AMR would conduct the tests and provide the results before Christmas to those Ludlow residents and town employees who pre-register. Mr. DeBarge stated there would be no charge to residents or town employees. Mr. DeBarge stated AMR and our Board of Health would do the contact tracing for any positive cases. Mr. DeBarge stated the balance we have in our CARES Act money is enough to pay for the tests and AMR staff, however he is awaiting confirmation from our consultant that the CARES Act money can be used for this. Mr. DeBarge stated this expense is not coming from the town's budget.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to endorse the COVID-19 testing site project to be held at the Hampden County Correctional Facility and authorize the Town Administrator to enter into and sign the necessary contracts with American Medical Response (AMR) as needed, if the CARES Act money can be used as payment. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Closing Comments:

Ms. Villano stated the Chairman of the Board of Public Works provided an update regarding the "no commercial" signs. Ms. Villano stated a traffic study needs to be done. Mr. Santos informed Ms. Villano the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be submitting all the necessary paperwork to the State and it is moving forward.

Mr. DeBarge asked about the mirror being installed on Old West Street. Mr. Silva advised Mr. DeBarge to contact the Safety Committee.

Mr. Rosenblum - None.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Ludlow Board of Selectmen

All related documents can be viewed at the Board of Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.