The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 began at 5:00 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

5:00 p.m. – Board to enter into Executive Session for the purpose number 1.

*To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

Correspondence:

9. William Hayes, Supervisor Electric Transmission Vegetation Management, Eversource Energy – notifying the Board Eversource Energy will be implementing the 2021 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) for herbicide application.

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

10. Matthew Tibbitts, Town Meeting Member Precinct 1 – notifying the Board Article 8 from the Special Town Meeting that occurred on October 5, 2020 warrants reintroduction in the next town meeting to address the increase from $500 to $750 and change in the hourly rate used in the calculation of hours worked from Federal to Massachusetts minimum wage.

    Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to place this item in Town Meeting folder for discussion. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

11. 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 January 4, 2021.

    Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. DeBarge 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 January 4, 2021. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Board to appoint members to the Bylaw Committee – Derek DeBarge, Board of Selectmen; Carrie Ribeiro, Director of Human Resources; Steve Santos, Board of Public Works; Sgt. Brian Shameklis, Police Department; Deputy Chief Jeff Lavoie, Fire Department; Anthony Alves, Finance Committee; Nicole Parker, Citizen; Chris Coelho, Planning Board; and Justin Larivee, Building Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to appoint the following people to the newly formed Bylaw Committee: Derek DeBarge, Board of Selectmen; Carrie Ribeiro, Director of Human Resources; Steve Santos, Board of Public Works; Sgt. Brian Shameklis, Police Department; Deputy Chief Jeff Lavoie, Fire Department; Anthony Alves, Finance Committee; Nicole Parker, Citizen; Chris Coelho, Planning Board; and Justin Larivee, Building Commissioner. Vote 3-0-1 abstention.

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2020.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2020. Members present were Chairman Silva, Mr. Goncalves, Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. DeBarge. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

New Business:

Board to award and sign the contract between Ockers and the Town of Ludlow for the data infrastructure cabling of the New Senior Center.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to award and sign the contract once it is signed by Ockers and the Town of Ludlow for the data infrastructure cabling of the New Senior Center. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the Ludlow Construction contract for the Riverside Drive and Associated Infrastructure Improvements Project. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Common Vic Licenses of Boston Pizza MA Pike East and McDonald's MA Pike East for 2021.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve and sign the Common Vic Licenses of Boston Pizza MA Pike East and McDonald's MA Pike East for 2021. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board perused Executive Session Minutes of April 28, 2020.

Closing Comments:

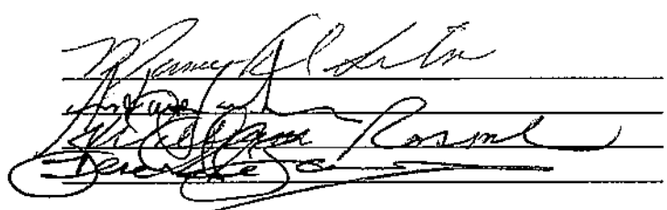
Mr. Goncalves advised residents especially seniors to beware of various scams such as calls from the IRS, credit cards, and the vaccine being available ahead of schedule. Mr. Goncalves advised residents to be vigilant and stay away from large gatherings. Mr. Goncalves advised hopefully the vaccine will be here soon and to stay informed by visiting the www.mass.gov and Town of Ludlow websites.

Mr. DeBarge stated the lines at the Eastfield Mall testing site seem to be relatively low. Mr. DeBarge has been in communication with local officials to see if a vaccine site can be set up in Western Mass.

Mr. Rosenblum stated the COVID numbers are going down and asked residents to be diligent and follow the guidelines to keep the trend in the right direction. Mr. Rosenblum would like to get restaurants and businesses back to full capacity and kids back to school.

Mr. Silva agreed with his colleagues. Mr. Silva encouraged residents to order out and frequent local struggling businesses.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Vote 4-0. All in favor.



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