The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 began at 5:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

Members Present: William Rosenblum, Chairman, Derek Debarge, James Gennette, Antonio Goncalves and Manny Silva.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

CORRESPONDENCE

143. Philip Brodeur, Committee Member, Boy Scout Troop 180 – inviting the Board to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Joseph S. Caproni on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center at St. Elizabeth Parish, 181 Hubbard Street, Ludlow, MA.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file and citation for each. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

143a. Philip Brodeur, Committee Member, Boy Scout Troop 180 – inviting the Board to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Aaron Turgeon on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center at St. Elizabeth Parish, 181 Hubbard Street, Ludlow, MA.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file and citation for each. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

144. Steve Lozyniak, Republic Election Officer – declining the reappointment as Republican Election officer.

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Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to accept the resignation and file. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

145. Judith A. Krynicki, Resident – letter of interest to serve on the Mobile Home Rent Control Board.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Debarge to appoint Judith A. Krynicki as a Mobile Home Rent Control Board member. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

146. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Notice of Filing, Public Hearing, Procedural Conference and Request for Comments – notifying the Board of the Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a/ Eversource Energy for Approval of Deferral of Major Storm Threshold Amounts for 2020 Storms.

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

147. John R. Maher, Director of Government Affairs, Charter Communications – informing the Board of customer pricing changes to take effect on or after August 19, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to hold all future Charter Communications as information unless actionable items. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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

147a. John R. Maher, Director of Government Affairs, Charter Communications – informing the Board of changes in the channel line-up.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to hold all future Charter Communications as information unless actionable items. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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

148. Karen Martin, Resident – letter of interest for the vacancy on the Ludlow Council on Aging Board of Directors. Ms. Martin is currently on the Board as an Alternate and wishes to be considered for the current opening.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve Karen Martin as a full-time member on the Ludlow Council on Aging Board of Directors. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

149. Jodi Zepke, Executive Director Council on Aging – requesting that all remaining contents at 37 Chestnut Street be declared as surplus, including but not limited to commercial kitchen appliances and small wares, office desks, office chairs, shelving, "banquet" chairs, dining room tables, a lot of miscellaneous items, plants and greenhouse items, tables, file cabinets, outdoor shed and more.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to declare all items attached to the letter as surplus and to be disposed of per Mass law. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

150. Massachusetts Department of Public Health – Advisory Regarding Face Coverings and Cloth Masks – Updated July 30, 2021.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021. All members were present. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Mr. Goncalves seconded by Mr. Debarge to vote in favor of Mark Gold from Longmeadow to serve as the member on the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Chairman to sign. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board to discuss the old Senior Center lease agreement between the Town of Ludlow and the Ludlow Housing Authority and the Board's intent of use for the Senior Center and Exit 7 Theater.

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Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Debarge to table for 30 days. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to provide a new lease between the Town of Ludlow and Exit 7 Players located at 37 Chestnut Street for 90 days. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board to discuss transferring the budget for the Animal Control Officer to the Ludlow Police Department.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to transfer control of the budget for the Animal Control Officer to the Ludlow Police Department. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to appoint Anthony Alves and Kathleen Demetrius to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve the appointment of Martha Seed (Board of Health) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to appoint Keith Ouellette (Board of Public Works Alternate) to the Safety Committee. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve and sign the agreement between the Town of Ludlow acting through its Fire Department and Stryker Sales, LLC, acting through its Medical division for 3 LIFEPAK 15 V4 Cardiac Monitor /Defibrillators. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to award the ambulance billing and collections contract to Comstar. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to award the Civil War Monument contract to Ludlow Memorial Company, Inc. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Debarge, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve and sign the Common Victualler's License for Starbucks MA Pike West and Starbucks MA Pike East due to change of owner. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021.

BOARD UPDATES/MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Silva thanked the DPW for the quick response time in putting the mirror on the corner of East and Ventura back up.

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.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Goncalves stated to beware of elder abuse going on and also of scams. Reminded the residents that the Ludlow Country Club is celebrating 100 years and they are having a dinner on August 28th. Contact the Country Club if you wish to attend.

Mr. Gennette encouraged residents to visit the Exit 7 Theater.

Mr. Rosenblum reminded the town about the face covering advisory for school. He will update the Chairman Corner as well. Echoed Mr. Goncalves reminder about the Country Club celebration.

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Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Gennette to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 p.m. and not return to open meeting but enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy for negotiations with DPW Local 98 and Ludlow Police Dispatch NECU Local 130. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Ludlow Board of Selectmen

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