The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 began at 5:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

Members Present: William Rosenblum, Chairman, James Gennette, and Manuel Silva

Absent: Derek Debarge and Antonio Goncalves

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

5:30 - Continued Liquor License Hearing – Transfer of Liquor License from Turnpike Package to Ludlow Liquors:

Mr. Rosenblum: We have a continued Liquor License hearing transfer of liquor license from Turnpike Package to Ludlow Liquors and on the phone, we have Attorney Levine. How are you this evening Attorney Levine?

Attorney Levine: I'm doing fine. Thank you for having me again.

Mr. Rosenblum: Thank you for calling back in. I understand that you have a change right now.

Attorney Levine: Unfortunately, the applicant has to withdraw the application as we discussed at the last one you granted a continuance. I was waiting on some documents that would...ABCC approval. Two tax claim certificates, we gave ourselves some time to get them but unfortunately, they still have not been forthcoming and I don't know when or if those will be available and so at this time, we're withdrawing the application.

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Mr. Rosenblum: Okay.

Mr. Silva: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Rosenblum: Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva: Yeah, Attorney Levine, is there any, I know you said you don't know how long it's going to be but is there any time frame that you think it might possibly be or because what I'm, I'm, to close the hearing we'd close it and then have to reopen the whole thing again. You'd have to go through the whole process again and I don't know that, that if it was going to be a week or two, we possibly could continue one more time. No?

Attorney Levine: I don't know if that is in the cards but my client has terminated the agreement for the asset purchase because we just, we don't have any idea how long it would be.

Mr. Silva: Oh, I see.

Attorney Levine: Yeah, so, we will, if an application comes in, we could consider this application mute and it would be a whole new application if it came in.

Mr. Silva: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Gennette: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Rosenblum: Mr. Gennette.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to accept the withdrawal from Ludlow Group Inc. d/b/a Ludlow Liquors on the transfer application and close the hearing. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

6:00 – William Rooney and Kevin Lauer – Ludlow Country Club 100th Anniversary Committee:

Mr. Rooney: Introduced Kevin Lauer, Board of Directors of the Ludlow Country Club and the Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee. The course started in 1921 with only seven holes by the Ludlow Manufacturing Association and then a few years later the remaining eleven were added. On August 28th there will be a tournament.

Mr. Lauer: Explained that the tournament will be an open scramble. Morning and afternoon shotgun. It's a four-person scramble. It's $100 per person and includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner.

Mr. Rooney: If residents are interested call the pro-shop at the Country Club. Was happy that a four-some from the Board of Selectmen will be playing.

Mr. Lauer: Let Mr. Gennette know that he can come and have dinner if he did not want to play golf.

Mr. Rosenblum: Asked if anything was on social media about the tournament.

Mr. Silva: Wanted to let residents know that it may get a little loud that day because the Country Club is having a band and some other events that day.

Mr. Lauer: Stated that there will be prizes, Mercedes donated for a hole in one at the fourth hole.

Mr. Rooney: Looks forward to seeing the Selectmen and the residents at the event. There are still seven or eight foursomes available in the morning.

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151. Michelle Goncalves, Ludlow Cultural Council – seeking the approval of the Board to allow the Cultural Council to switch from reimbursement to direct granting as encouraged by the State.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette approve the request by Ludlow Cultural Council to switch from reimbursement to direct granting per State guidance. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

152. Elected Officials to Protect America Outreach Team – inquiring and seeking the Chairman to join the list of elected officials who support the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI) which is a multi-state program in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region that puts a brake on pollution while investing hundreds of millions annually in cleaner transportation choices and healthier communities.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to join the list of elected officials who support the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

153. Matthew P. Wzorek, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond, Inc. – providing the Board the Quarterly Inspection Report for the Holyoke Street Landfill Post – Closure Use Permit.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to file. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

154. Eversource – Electric Summer Bill Fact Sheet notification of Rate Changes on July 1, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

155. Daniel M. Nitzsche, Senior Project Manager, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) – providing notice that work will begin within and along the transmission right-of-way between Randall Road and Center Street anticipated to begin on or around August 23, 2021 and continue until October 29, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to file. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

156. Michelle Goncalves, Ludlow Cultural Council – seeking approval from the Board to allow non-residents of Ludlow to fill vacancies on the Ludlow Cultural Council.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to deny approval for the Board to allow non-residents of Ludlow to fill vacancies on the Ludlow Cultural Council. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

157. Grace Barone – informing the Board of her interest in becoming a member of the Ludlow Cultural Council.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to accept Grace Barone as a member of the Ludlow Cultural Council. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

158. Matias Goncalves, Manager, AMM Group, LLC – request for an article to be placed on the Warrant for the October 4, 2021 Special Town Meeting for the street acceptance of their Avelino Way subdivision, located off Alden Street in Ludlow.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to place the request for Article to accept Avelino Way subdivision for AMM Group, LLC. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

159. Michelle Henry, Miracle World Outreach Ministries – seeking approval from the Board to host a Worship in Expression/Back to School Event at the Walgreens Plaza on East Street on Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to notify Miracle World Outreach Ministries that this is a private event and the Board of Selectmen have no authority to approve this. Walgreens, the DPW and Police would have to be notified by Michelle Henry. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

160. Eversource – request to install and replace poles on Posner Circle and Ampere Street – Board to schedule a public hearing.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to schedule a public hearing for Eversource to discuss installing and replacing poles on Posner Circle and Ampere Street. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

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161. David Kenniston, Exalted Ruler, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Ludlow Lodge #2448 – seeking approval from the Board to move their Bingo from Sunday evening at 6 p.m. to Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to approve David Kenniston, Exalted Ruler, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Ludlow Lodge #2448 request to move their Bingo from Sunday evening at 6 p.m. to Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

162. Mechilia "Chile" Salazar, Ludlow Community Center – seeking approval from the Board to enhance the safety of the Club by reconfiguring the program space on the second floor of the building and the Town would not incur any expenses.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve the changes, for safety purposes, to the Ludlow Community Center. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

163. Jason Codding, Muscular Dystrophy Association Committee – requesting permission from the Board to hold its annual Boot Day to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Friday, September 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of the Fire Station at Chapin and Center Streets.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to allow the Muscular Dystrophy Association Committee to hold its annual Boot Day to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Friday, September 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of the Fire Station at Chapin and Center Streets. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve and execute the contract between the Town and Comstar, LLC for ambulance billing services. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve and execute the contract between the Town and Ludlow Memorial Company, Inc to repair the Civil War Monument. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve and award the Payroll Processing contract to Harpers Payroll Services. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 98, AFL-CIO. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to submit all items for the warrant without closing it, except the sign policy. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021. This will be tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Board to discuss use of the new Senior Center for evening events/classes/meetings.

Mr. Gennette spoke to Jodi, the Senior Center Director regarding opening the Senior Center in the evening and weekends and she is going to provide a plan moving forward.

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Mr. Silva is concerned about personnel and having enough to staff it.

Mr. Rosenblum agrees that the hours should be extended but does not want to tax the current personnel.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve and sign the agreement between John Roda, as the On-Call Electrical Inspector and the Town of Ludlow. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve and sign the agreement between Steven B. Lopes Jr., On-Call Plumbing & Gas Inspector and the Town of Ludlow. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to approve the fly over for the 20th 911 Anniversary Ceremony. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Gennette, seconded by Mr. Silva to approve Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park, Inc. license for 9/2-9/6 for Festa and the Chairman to sign the Sunday entertainment license. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2021.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021.

Board perused Selectmen Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021.

Board perused Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021.

Closing Comments:

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.

Mr. Silva reminds residents to stay vigilant with the COVID variants that are coming out and stay safe.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that the Chairman's corner was updated last Monday regarding the COVID numbers, and taxes. Read off the events coming up in town. Reminds residents to lock their vehicles.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Gennette to adjourn this meeting at 6:37 p.m. and not return to open meeting but to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy for negotiations with Police Dispatch NECU Local 130 and a pending litigation matter. Vote 3-0. All in favor.

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