Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on October 4, 2021 beginning at 7:03 pm in the Ludlow High School Cafeteria, 500 Chapin Street, Ludlow

Members present: William Rosenblum, Chairman, Derek DeBarge, James Gennette

Members absent: Antonio Goncalves and Manuel Silva

The opening Pledge of Allegiance was not done because there was no flag in the cafeteria.

Board of Selectmen met before the Special Town Meeting to discuss the Selectmen's Articles and to discuss whether to release the names of those absent from Special Town Meeting due to COVID.

Ms. Villano asked if anyone had any questions about the articles. She stated the Moderator will read the article, they will read the motion, then they will read the background and then it gets voted on unless there's questions. Mr. Rosenblum stated ours were relatively simple. Mr. DeBarge said it would be a very uneventful meeting. Ms. Villano told Mr. Gennette his was a little different because they are amending a motion. She informed him that the Moderator will read the article, Mr. Coelho will read the motion, and she thought he would put language into it such as here is the motion, pending approval of an amended motion. Then the Moderator will have Mr. Gennette read his motion, the whole amended motion. Ms. Villano advised the Board she had copies of the amended motion and all their motions and that their folders contained the warrant, background, the motions, the Finance Committee approval or not approval and backgrounds for both.

Ms. Villano stated she needed the selectmen to vote on the motion to continue the practice through COVID of not posting who was absent which they had voted on in the past. At the May/June and the October 2020 town meetings, the Board had voted to not release the listing of those that did not attend, and the assumption was that they did not attend due to COVID. Ms. Villano asked the Board if they wanted to continue that practice for this meeting.

Mr. DeBarge made a motion to continue the practice of not releasing names of town meeting members who are absent from town meeting due to COVID, seconded by Mr. Gennette.

Mr. Rosenblum: Motion has been made and seconded.

Mr. Gennette yes, Mr. DeBarge yes, Mr. Rosenblum yes. Motion carries 3-0.

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Ms. Villano stated that this was something the Board could probably get rid of. It is a bylaw, Chapter 1, Section 24, that immediately after the annual or special town meeting, we put the list of people that weren't present in the newspaper. Mr. DeBarge stated he didn't agree with it and never has and that we could do that in May. The Board had no further questions.

Mr. DeBarge made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gennette.

Mr. Rosenblum: Motion has been made and seconded.

Mr. Gennette yes, Mr. DeBarge yes, Mr. Rosenblum yes. Meeting is adjourned. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

Chairman

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