The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 began at 5:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

Members Present: Derek DeBarge, James Gennette, Antonio Goncalves, William Rosenblum and Manuel Silva.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

VISITATIONS:

5:30 p.m. – Eversource Pole Hearing – Cherry Street

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to open the Eversource Pole Hearing for Cherry Street at 5:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Mr. Fuller explained that this is a petition for one pole set with a pair of anchors placed along Cherry Street, one hundred feet or beyond where their overhead three phase facilities resides. Big Y is requesting a heavy-duty vehicle charger for their parking lot and in order to provide the service to them, Eversource needs to extend their facilities down the road a little further than where they stop now and then across the street onto private property and set a transformer for their service.

Mr. Goncalves asked if it will be in the tree belt out of the way?

Mr. Fuller explained that their will be more than one but this particular one is the only one in the public way. The other one is on Big Y's private property.

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Moved by Mr. DeBarge to approve the Eversource request for a Pole on Cherry Street in reference to drawing 144, seconded by Mr. Gennette. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Gennette to close the Eversource pole hearing for Cherry Street at 5:36 p.m., seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

5:45 p.m. – Joe Salvador – Western Mass Pioneers 5K Road Race
Joao Bernardo, Daniel Dinis, Joe Salvador – Gremio Lusitano 100-year Anniversary

Mr. Bernardo introduced himself and stated that they are trying to put together a 100-year anniversary celebration for the Gremio Lusitano, which is one of the oldest businesses in town.

Mr. Goncalves asked why Lt. Brennan was there?

Mr. Bernardo stated that they met with Chief Valadas and told them what requirements were needed at the club and they are on board with those requirements.

Mr. Goncalves read the letter from the Gremio Lusitano Club stating that this celebration will be held from June 10-12th and requesting the Board of Selectmen waive any fees for additional permits.

Mr. Silva asked what extensions they were looking for?

Mr. Bernardo stated that they would like to sell food and drinks on Sunday from 12 – 8p.m. They would also like an extension for selling food and drinks as well as the noise on Friday and Saturday until midnight.

Mr. DeBarge asked to hear from Lt. Brennan and what suggestions he has?

Lt. Brennan stated that because this is the first time that they are doing this, they were trying to figure out parking and traffic flow and how many officers they will need. They are short staffed at the Police Department; therefore, this is kind of short notice for them too.

Mr. Bernardo stated there will only be one gate to be sure people are not walking in with coolers and things like that. He also reminded them that this weekend is Portugal's independence celebration so they are expecting a good turnout.

Lt. Brennan also asked Mr. Bernardo to reach out to their neighbors just to let them know that it is happening and parking may be difficult on that street.

Mr. Silva stated that he does not think it will be more than what a Pioneers game brings in.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to approve the Gremio Lusitano 100th Anniversary on June 10 – 12, 2022 and to include the extended hours and waive any additional licensing fees needed, seconded by Mr. Gennette. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Mr. Dinis asked if they could hang a banner at the bridge and the pike and what the process is for that?

Mr. Silva explained that the Board restricted hanging banners only to 501C's in town and the Town itself because of issues that they have had in the past.

Lt. Brennan stated that the Chief will have a sign for them at the police station.

Mr. Rosenblum also reminded them to put it on social media and the Board can share it.

Mr. Salvador advised the Board that the Western Mass Pioneers 5K Road Race is being postponed until September.

6:00 p.m. – Fire Chief Ryan Pease – discuss American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for HVAC S System Study.

Chief Pease stated that he and Chief Valadas had come before the Board a while back and requested that the HVAC system at the Public Safety Complex be replaced. The Board agreed and proposed a certain number of ARPA funds for that. A complete study needs to be done because we currently do not have a facilities manager that is versed in HVAC systems and this will determine what is truly needed for this project.

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Mr. Gennette asked if there was already a facilities study in process?

Mr. Strange stated that the funding was approved by the Board and the contract is being looked at by Attorney Crowley right now.

Mr. Gennette asked if that study includes the Public Safety Complex?

Mr. Strange stated that he doesn't think the current facilities study will be that in depth.

Chief Pease stated that with the complexity of the system itself and getting that up to code will be crucial.

Mr. Silva asked if they are giving a proposal or just a study?

Chief Pease stated that he believes this study will be a complete scope of work. He is unsure if the RFP will be included in that study.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that the RFP has to be written by someone who has done the scope.

Lt. Brennan stated that an actual engineer needs to come out and say whether this will be suitable for your building or not because otherwise you are relying on the vendor to tell you.

Mr. DeBarge asked if this is really necessary?

Chief Pease believes it is necessary but the wording needs to be changed so that the RFP is included.

Mr. Strange stated that this study is valuable in order to tell us if the system is worth fixing or updating to a new system. He does agree that the proposal should include the bid documents and they can write the RFP.

Mr. Silva asked if there is a better price to do both the Town Hall and the Public Safety Complex at the same time?

Mr. Strange explained that he is not sure if they could buy down the price, however there is a Capital Bond Bill that Representative Oliveira is putting in an earmark on for the Town Hall HVAC and that just happened today. They will have to wait and see if they get it but right now the Town is looking at an estimate of $750,000 for the HVAC system at Town Hall.

Chief Pease stated that they would like to get this in quickly due to the prices going up.

Mr. Goncalves asked if they could have Tighe and Bond add the bid documents and the time frame to the contract as well?

Mr. Strange stated that he will reach out to them for that.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to allow the Town Administrator to enter into negotiations with Tighe and Bond for necessary documents needed and if it adjusts the cost, not to exceed $32,000, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

6:15 p.m. – Fire Fighter/Paramedic Interview – Jon Luc Lavoie

Mr. Lavoie explained that he grew up in Ludlow and went to Springfield College for Exercise Science and received his Batchelor's Degree. While he was in school, he began working at AMR as an EMT basic. He received his paramedic training from NCTI, which AMR hosts and is now seeking employment with the Town of Ludlow.

Mr. DeBarge asked how long he has been working as an EMT?

Mr. Lavoie stated he has been an EMT for 5 years.

Mr. DeBarge asked how Mr. Lavoie mitigates his stress?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he hikes a lot. He swims at the YMCA and runs in town. He does a lot of exercise.

Mr. DeBarge asked what Mr. Lavoie sees his future being at the Town?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he would like to work his way up the ladder at the Fire Department and at least become a Captain. He would also like to be on the special teams.

Mr. Rosenblum asked how Mr. Lavoie became interested in the line of work?

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Mr. Lavoie stated that he when he was younger, he was a Lifeguard at Whitney Park Pool and enjoyed it. While he was in college, his room mates worked for AMR and would always come back with some wild stories and he wanted to see what it was all about. He went to the EMT academy and fell in love with the work.

Mr. Rosenblum asked Mr. Lavoie what he believes is his personal weakness is?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he is an introvert and that can be considered a weakness. He understands that when you are an EMT you have to talk with a lot of patients and their families and therefore, this can be difficult for him. He does recognize this and therefore, tries to get out of his comfort zone more.

Mr. Silva asked Mr. Lavoie either in his job or personal life, what his most stressful experience he has had and how did he deal with it?

Mr. Lavoie explained that his most stressful experience he had was a cardiac arrest on a 6-month-old child. Afterwards he was offered to do a 'recap' and he accepted the offer and met with the pediatric team at the hospital to go over what he could have done differently during the call. He found that very helpful.

Mr. Silva asked what Mr. Lavoie likes the most about Ludlow?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he grew up here and never had anything bad interactions here. He likes that Ludlow is a small town and he likes the school system. He also likes the trails, and the reservoir.

Mr. Gennette asked Mr. Lavoie how he scored on the Firefighters exam?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he scored a 98.

Mr. Gennette asked Mr. Lavoie if he took the test more than once?

Mr. Lavoie stated he only took it once.

Mr. Gennette asked Mr. Lavoie if he liked the physical part of the testing?

Mr. Lavoie stated that it was easy and he enjoyed it.

Mr. Gennette asked Mr. Lavoie if he was okay with working third shift?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he is okay with that and it comes with the territory.

Mr. Goncalves asked Mr. Lavoie is he is aware of the distance requirements for residency? He also asked Mr. Lavoie if he has any interest in coming to live in Ludlow because he currently resides in Wilbraham?

Mr. Lavoie stated that he is aware of the distance requirements and would like to come back to Ludlow if he could find an affordable property.

Mr. Goncalves asked if Mr. Lavoie sees this as his final destination?

Mr. Lavoie stated that is his goal, to be in Ludlow and climb the ranks here. He thanked everyone for taking the time to interview him.

Mr. Rosenblum asked if the Board could hear any comments from the Chief?

Chief Pease stated that Jon Luc was interviewed by the Deputy Chief and some of the captains in house and he interviewed very well. The way the job market is currently, Paramedics are hard to find and they are fortunate to have someone with Jon Luc's qualifications.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum to appoint Jon Luc Lavoie as a Ludlow Firefighter/Paramedic, seconded by Mr. Silva. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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6:40 p.m. – Ludlow Housing Authority Interview – Joe Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin stated that he has lived in Ludlow Housing for nine years and he knows a lot of the tenants. He was a business owner for over 30 years. He would always be available to the tenants and he would like to work with them.

Mr. Rosenblum asked Mr. Baldwin if he has done any other work with the Authority?

Mr. Baldwin stated that he was on the Search Committee when they hired Robin Carbide. He is also on the grievance committee as well.

Mr. Gennette asked Mr. Baldwin if he has any issues with any of the other tenants and if he is in contact with a lot of them?

Mr. Baldwin stated that he has no issues with anyone, he is very easy to get a long with and he talks to everyone.

Mr. Silva asked Mr. Baldwin what he would like to do at the Housing Authority?

Mr. Baldwin stated that they would do whatever needs to be done for the good of the Housing Authority.

Mr. Silva asked if Mr. Baldwin goes out and checks on the property or what he actually does?

Mr. Baldwin has not done that yet but would like to.

Mr. Silva stated that he saw a few of the properties and was not happy with the way they looked.

Mr. Baldwin said he can understand that and would like the opportunity to go out and look at some of them himself.

Mr. DeBarge asked Mr. Baldwin what Ludlow's Housing Authority's greatest need is and if he had full authority, what would he do?

Mr. Baldwin stated that the greatest need would be to give everyone a nice place to call home and for everyone to be happy and work together.

Mr. Goncalves asked if Mr. Baldwin is in favor of expanding the authority and if so, more single family or multi family?

Mr. Baldwin agrees that there should be more affordable house with more single homes and more apartments for the disabled and elderly. He would appreciate the position and would enjoy it.

6:55 p.m. – Ludlow Housing Authority Interview - Sharon Fry

Ms. Fry stated that she has lived in Chicopee Housing for 16 years with her two boys and now she lives in Ludlow Housing on Chestnut Street by herself. She understands how housing works and what needs to get done.

Mr. Gennette asked if Ms. Fry has any conflicts with any tenants out there?

Ms. Fry stated that she gets along with everyone.

Mr. Gennette asked if Ms. Fry talks to a lot of the tenants?

Ms. Fry stated that she does speak to a lot of the tenants.

Mr. Silva asked Ms. Fry what the housing authority should do and what will she do?

Ms. Fry stated that she would like to see the elderly and disabled people get better housing or an opportunity to get more help.

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Mr. Silva asked Ms. Fry is she believes that is the responsibility of the Housing Authority?

Ms. Fry stated that she does feel that is their responsibility.

Mr. Rosenblum asked Ms. Fry is she has done anything with the Housing Authority and if so, what has she done?

Ms. Fry stated that she has not done anything with Ludlow but she did with Chicopee. She used to set up for meetings at the community center whenever they needed her.

Mr. DeBarge asked Ms. Fry what Ludlow's Housing Authority's greatest need is and if she had full authority, what would she do?

Ms. Fry stated that Robin is doing a great job but she would like to have more of the housing community getting together.

Mr. Goncalves asked if Ms. Fry is in favor of expanding the authority and if so, more single family or multi family?

Ms. Fry is in favor of expanding it and would like to see more family units because the rents are crazy right now and everyone needs help.

Mr. Goncalves asked Ms. Fry what she meant when she said some things do not get done?

Ms. Fry stated that with some of the jobs that need to be done, one part will get done and then it takes a while for the next part to be done. She would love to do this position and help with the people.

Ms. Carbide wanted to let the Board know that those houses that were commented about not being in good shape, were long before she came on board. It took her and the Board many years to get everything together to sell them. They do go in inspect the houses, however with COVID they were not allowed to do that. She also wanted to let the Selectmen know that the Housing Authority Board sets policies and reviews the budget but they do not go out to inspect housing or anything like that. The Housing Authority cannot just go into a tenant's home without giving 48 hours' notice and a lot of times the tenant will clean up the 'problem' before they get there. Ms. Carbide wanted to remind the Board that two current board members live on Chestnut and that is where Ms. Fry lives also and Mr. Baldwin lives on Wilson and he would be the only one in that unit.

Moved by Mr. Gennette to appoint Ms. Fry to the Ludlow Housing Authority, seconded by Mr. DeBarge. Vote 2-3. Three Opposed.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum to appoint Mr. Baldwin to the Ludlow Housing Authority Board, seconded by Mr. Silva. Vote 3-2. Two opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

102. Board Reorganization – Ludlow Conservation Commission

Moved by Mr. Silva to file, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

103. Jason Martowski, Chairman – Ludlow Conservation Commission – informing the Board of the resignation of their board members, Scott Urban and Steve Hicks effective May 4, 2022 and requesting that the vacancies be filled for three-year term.

Moved by Mr. Gennette to accept the resignation of Scott Urban and Steve Hicks from the Ludlow Conservation Commission effective May 4, 2022 as submitted by Jason Martowski, Chairman, seconded by Mr. Silva. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to post the vacancies for the Ludlow Conservation Commission positions, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

104. Planning Board Committee Assignments – Board to appoint Joel da Silva to PVPC (Alternate) Member; Joshua Carpenter to Fair Housing Committee; Joshua Carpenter to the Cemetery Committee; Joshua Carpenter to the Capital Planning Committee.

Moved by Mr. Silva to file, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

105. Raymond and Brenda Wrona – informing the Board a letter of complaint sent to the Department of Public Works regarding change in their policy for submitting readings from the water meter.

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

106. Joseph H. Michalczyk-Lupa – letter of interest to the Board for consideration to join the 250th Celebration Commission.

Moved by Mr. Silva, to appoint Joseph H. Michalczyk-Lupa to the 250th Celebration Commission, seconded by Mr. DeBarge. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

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UNFINISHED BUINESS

Moved by Mr. Silva to approve and sign the Class II Used Car Dealer's License for Stingray Motors, LLC, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and sign the annual Junk Collectors License for Treasures of the World, David Pastore, seconded by Mr. Gennette. Vote 4-0-1. One Abstention.

Board to review and approve the Selectmen liaison positions.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to approve and sign the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2022 with all members present, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Board to request financial management review from the Department of Revenue's Department of Local Services (DLS).

Mr. Strange explained that this is a great service that the Department of Revenue provides for free for communities. They will come in and a team from DLS, Bureau of Accounts Division and a team of Attorney's will come in and interview the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Strange as well as the Financial Officers and they will put together a report and recommendations on how to tighten up to their financial management as well as governmental structure things. It is a good source of resources. If the Selectmen

are in agreement with this and you vote on it, then Mr. Strange will send DLS an email to get the process started.

Mr. Gennette believes this is a great thing to do and he is definitely on board.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum to request financial review from the Department of Revenue's Department of Local Services, seconded by Mr. Silva. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge to advertise for the opening on the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Board to discuss CPO/Grants Writer search process.

Mr. Strange explained that he and Ms. Ribeiro are putting together a job description and would like to get it posted as soon as possible in order to hire someone. Once the final job description is complete, he will bring it to the Board for review.

Board to discuss and approve Community One Stop for Growth grant applications, including MassWorks, Community Planning, Commonwealth Places, and Mass Downtown Initiative (MDI).

Mr. Strange explained that the Community One Stop for Growth is the states one stop shop portal for grant applications. It closes June 3rd and we are getting in very late to the process. Mr. Strange went through the master plan to identify what projects we could do grants for. Ludlow Mills and the town are collaborating on another MassWorks grant application for $2.5 million and that would unlock the eastern portion of the mill's property. This is the next phase for the mills. The Board will have to vote on these grants as well.

Moved Mr. Silva to approve the Community One Stop for Growth grant applications including MassWorks, Community Planning, Commonwealth Places, and Mass Downtown Initiative, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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Board to discuss and approve Animal Control Officer's reclassification.

Lt. Brennan explained that Octavia is the only Animal Control Officer for the Town of Ludlow. It's an on-call 24-hour a day position. This position recently came under the Police Department. She is currently doing anywhere from 30-40 hours per week, which he believes needs to change because the Town is only paying her a stipend for 30-40 hours per week. Lt. Brennan met with the Chief and they agreed that this position should be reclassified. The Chief assured Lt. Brennan that they can do this within their own budget at least for the current and next fiscal year between dispatch and the patrol budgets. Lt. Brennan also looked around at other towns and Belchertown has a full time Animal Control Officers and two on-call per diem's that assist the Animal Control Officer.

Mr. DeBarge wanted to clarify that they are requesting this position be reclassified as a full-time position, 37 ½ - 40 hours?

Lt. Brennan said that is correct.

Mr. Goncalves asked what happens if she gets a call in the middle of the night, is the Town going to have to pay her overtime?

Lt. Brennan stated that it would be a stipend only.

Mr. Goncalves asked Octavia if she gets calls for a few days in a row and then it's quiet for a few days.

ACO Anderson stated that yes it can work that way sometimes. She said that the Chief wanted her to be put under the Special Police with the same wage and she is fine with that.

Lt. Brennan explained that he is not sure it can still be a stipend position if the town is paying her full-time hours.

Mr. Gennette asked if she was moved over to the Special Police position would she have to meet the requirements by the state for a Special Police Officer?

Lt. Brennan stated that it would only be the wage change. She would only be reclassified for the wage, not the position itself.

Mr. Gennette states that Ms. Anderson has been an asset to the Town and does not want her to leave. He would definitely be on board for this.

Mr. Rosenblum asked if the salary range was researched?

Lt. Brennan stated that it had and the Special Police Officer wage is $21.00/hour.

Ms. Ribeiro stated that the duties have not really changed, it is only the wage. The major change would be that she would go from a stipend, non-benefitted employee to a full-time, 40 hours/week employee. This will be an increase of $21,000 annually. If she goes over 40 hours, by law the Town will have to pay her overtime.

ACO Anderson explained that usually in the winter time the hours go down. January through March, she averaged 35-40 calls per week, not including the follow ups. The rest of the year, she is usually 40 hours. She is not sure if the Chief wants her to punch in but currently, she tracks her hours on her phone.

Mr. Silva asked why they cannot just increase the stipend and there won't be any issues with overtime.

Lt. Brennan stated that he does not believe that Ms. Anderson will go over the 40 hours per week. Historically, the stipend on call position was okay because there were very few calls for animal control but now it's way beyond that.

Mr. Gennette stated that they cannot give her full time hours without benefits either.

Ms. Ribeiro stated that is why they want the reclassification because this position is getting more and more difficult to fill and the Town would have to regionalize it Ms. Anderson leaves.

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Lt. Brennan stated he had a discussion with the former Town Administrator about regionalizing the position and TJ O'Conner wanted something like six figures to do that. This is why we are trying to keep the position in house.

Ms. Ribeiro stated that having someone on call 24 hours is very difficult.

Mr. DeBarge is concerned about someone possibly taking advantage of that position if it were full time.

Ms. Ribeiro stated that the Chief recommended 40 hours per week and you can make it less and pay as we go but anything over 30 hours, she will need to get benefits.

ACO Anderson explained that she has a lot of paperwork due to state law and she has no desk to complete that paperwork so a lot of times she is doing that at home. Most towns have a part time person to help with the paperwork. Animal Control Officers are usually based on one full time officer per 10,000 people and Ludlow has 21,000. The laws over the past ten years have also changed which makes for a lot more paperwork and training.

Lt. Brennan stated that when people do leave certain jobs, it is a good time to change the requirements to fit the job more appropriately.

Mr. DeBarge asked if any surrounding towns have a contract or an understanding for full time hours with the Animal Control Officer?

Ms. Ribeiro stated that there is not a lot of information out there about Animal Control Officers but she does know that most are not an on-call stipend position. There are also a lot of standards that ACO's now have to do with the state.

ACO Anderson explained that she has to do twenty hours of training with the state and she has to be certified also. The state has revamped everything in the last ten years. All the training has to be done by December 31st every year.

Mr. Goncalves believes that ACO Anderson is worth the money and does not have an issue with it.

Moved by Mr. Gennette to reclassify the ACO position from one of a stipend position to a full-time, non-union, benefitted position, seconded by Mr. DeBarge. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Mr. Gennette had to leave after this vote.

Moved by Mr. Silva to approve and sign the Mechanical Amusement, Billiard, and Sunday Entertainment Licenses before them, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

BOARD UPDATES/MISC.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Updates.

Board to discuss Track and Field Project.

Mr. Goncalves stated that he does not understand why we are wasting time on this when it was already approved to move forward. He wants to get the engineer back in from Mott McDonald to get the ball rolling again. He asked Mr. Strange to see if there is any money leftover from the $100,000 grant, they received and the 40R funds.

Mr. Silva asked if the Board was waiting for the update from Mr. Brillo?

Mr. Strange stated that is part of the problem that no one really knows who is taking the lead on the project.

Mr. Goncalves feels the Selectmen should be in charge of it so the ball doesn't drop again and they end up short on money.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that the list he has states that there is $5.82 million available. But $80,000 was rescinded for the test kits and $27,000 has to be added for Tighe and Bond. He feels that the HVAC unit at the Public Safety Complex is going to be more than $525,000. He would like to leave a cushion of $500,000 additional for that. He wants to focus on the track and field only, not the concession stands or the press box etc. The biggest concern is the maintenance for this project.

Mr. DeBarge stated that they can still get donations from businesses for the other things.

Mr. Silva is stating that surrounding communities are complaining about these fields also and the cost to maintain them.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that turf can cause a lot of injuries too. He would like to look at the cost of fresh grass fields as well.

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Mr. DeBarge stated that the maintenance for a fresh grass field is much more costly and believes the turf would be better for that reason. Mr. DeBarge asked about the individual donations that have gone to the track and field project in the past.

Mr. Goncalves stated that there were very few donations, there were more pledges than donations.

Mr. Silva believes they should have Mr. Brillo and the Track and Field Committee back in to discuss this further and then move forward from there.

Mr. Goncalves stated that they can do that, however, the Selectmen needs to oversee this project and decide on use of the funds.

Mr. Strange stated that he will drive the project and keep Mr. Brillo in the loop.

Chairman to approve and sign 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.

Event Calendar:

May 27, 29 & 30 Memorial Day – Veteran's Day Activities and Parade

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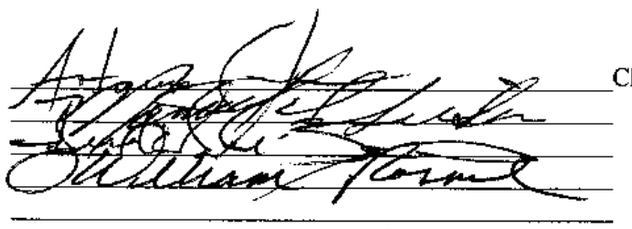
Mr. DeBarge reminded everyone about the Memorial Day festivities. On Friday at 3 p.m., there will be a wreath laying ceremony and 21-gun salute starting at Island Pond Cemetery followed by the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Memorial, Center Street Cemetery and the Civil War Memorial. On Sunday at 6 p.m., there will be a candle light vigil at War Memorial and reading names of the fallen and placing roses on the memorial with another 21-gun salute. On Monday, Memorial Day, the parade will take place again. Congratulated all of the College graduates coming up. Congratulated Jodi Zempke on her 20th anniversary with the Senior Center. He also stated the staff and volunteers are incredible. Mr. DeBarge stated that he received a call from Mr. Harrington regarding the signs coming into town that need to be redone. Businesses can sponsor a sign and have them replaced. He said to look at other towns and see how their roads, sidewalks and signs look and encouraged Ludlow to do better!

Mr. Rosenblum congratulated all the graduates. His oldest daughter is graduating on the 26th and will be off to college. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, it has been a tough year. He encouraged everyone to come out and celebrate the Town on Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Silva congratulated his two children that graduated from college as well as everyone else. He reminded everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Goncalves congratulated Jodi Zempke also and what a great job she does at the senior center. Mr. Goncalves also thanked Mr. DeBarge for his clean up crew, the town looks great. He congratulated all of the graduates this year. He reminded everyone that in March the town had 60 COVID cases, in April they had 206 cases and in the first 15 days of this month they have had 240. Please be careful.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 p.m., not return to open session, seconded by Mr. Silva. Vote 4-0. All in favor.



Chairman

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