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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 19, 2020

Present: Thomas Wickham, Chairman, Patty Carlino and David Consolati, Chairman, Board of Selectmen and Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Thomas Wickham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes***: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of May 5, 2020.*

2. **Public Hearings**: None.

3. **General Business**: a) Berkshire Gas Permits - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to Berkshire Gas to install new gas services at 25 Margerie St., and 1 Stockbridge Road.*

4. **Pending Business:** None

5. **Chief Administrative Officer:**  a) Discussion of Draft Town Meeting Warrant - CAO, Christopher Ketchen presented a draft of the Town Meeting Warrant which includes the following: Town Report, Salaries, Outstanding Debt, Supplemental Appropriations, Omnibus (operating budget, Capital Budget (2 projects for FY21) Water & Wastewater, Blanket Grant Authorization, Chapter 90 (paving projects, Debt Service, DPW trucks (2 notes), Salaries, Outstanding Debt, Supplemental Appropriations (not needed), Omnibus ( general fund-operating budget), Capital Budget (2 projects for FY2021), Water & Wastewater Enterprise Fund, Blanket Grant Authorization, Acceptance of Chapter 90 money, Debt Service, Middle & High School Boiler & DPW trucks (2 notes), Laurel Lake Preservation Council, Brownfields, Fireworks, Authorization of Special Legislation (Charter Review Committee), Zoning By-law amendments, 5 citizen petitions (by statute) which include – withdraw support for R.O.R. (Rest of River) settlement, Expand members of Select Board from three to five members, $25,000.00 to be applied to a Technical Information Center for PCB Research, $50,000.00 – to train citizen scientist to study PCBs in the river and R.O.R. and to adopt the Community Preservation Act. There also needs to be a Warrant Article regarding the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and Christopher Ketchen.

After a brief discussion regarding the logistics of having a Baby Town Meeting (BTM), the Board members concurred that it would probably not be feasible to have a BTM prior to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM). They also discussed how they would be able to have a Town Meeting, meeting the requirements of a quorum of the Town Representatives.

b) Memorial Day Discussion – After a brief discussion regarding the logistics and taking into consideration everyone’s safety, (due to Covid-19) *and by a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to cancel the annual Memorial Day Parade. They talked about having a “wave parade” in its stead at 10:00 AM with the Fire Dept. to end with a Selectmen reading on Town Square to acknowledge our veterans and at 1:00 PM there will be a long fire whistle (30 seconds) moment of silence and to reflect and ending with a second whistle.*

The Board commented on the DPW's job of painting the crosswalk by the Chamber Information Booth in Red, White & Blue with Stars and the letters "USA". They said it looked great. And the flags are at the cemetery and the cemetery. Good job by our DPW guys!

Christopher Ketchen read 2 commendation letters by the Acting Chief of Police, Craig Desantis that were presented; one to Officer Richard Roy and one to Office Benjamin Towne for their actions that helped save the life of a person. (See copies of letters attached to these minutes)

b) Board Re-organization: As they do yearly, the Board reorganized themselves as follows: *By motions duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to reorganize their Board (effective today – 5-19-2020) as follows: Chairman – David Consolati / Vice Chair – Patricia Carlino / Clerk – Thomas Wickham.*

6. **Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board and mentioned that the Veteran’s have put up the flags in town and they look beautiful. She then thanked the Select Board for doing a wonderful job!

Sean Regnier came before the Board with a couple a suggestion regarding Town Meeting, stating that he read that some towns were doing “temperature check points” before entering. And secondly, he stated that he understands that the town is strained as a community to do repairs and what will be taken care of as far as roads, park maintenance, etc. David Consolati replied that we do have Chapter 90 money, which may be in limbo, but repairs will be taken care of the best we can. Parks and other town properties will be taken care of and mowed.

Patty Carlino asked the other Board members if they had any thoughts about doing the meetings on ZOOM. David Consolati replied that he had no interest in that and Tom Wickham stated that because we’re a pretty small Board that he preferred it to stay the same. Patty explained that she does want people to feel constrained.

Patty Carlino congratulated our 2020 Senior Graduates!!

**7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Bigelow,

Administrative Assistant

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