

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – July 7, 2020

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

David Consolati 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 June 2, 2020.*

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:** a) Berkshire Gas Permits: 270 E. Center Street – install new gas service. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to install new gas service.*

170 Stockbridge Road – gas repair. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit for a gas repair and for Berkshire Gas to try to bore under the road.*

407 Greylock Street – install new gas service – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to install new gas service.*

b) Canna Provisions – One Year Anniversary Update – The parties were not present, so this agenda item was put off until our next meeting.

c) Spirtas Global LLC – Host Community Agreement - Maureen Daury Corcoran, representative for Spirtas Global LLC came before the Board stating they are anxious to get going with their project and presented our standard executed Host Community Agreement for the Select Board's signature.

d) Election Officials Appointments - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint, Maggie Sorrentino, Emma Sorrentino, William Consolati, Mary Brittain & Samuel Sorrentino, as extras to be used as needed for COVID-19 accommodations for the July 22, 2020 Municipal Elections.*

e) Harsh Patel – Green Theory Cultivation, LLC – Status Update - The parties were a no-show, therefore there was no discussion.

f) Pete D'Agostino – Forest Wilde, LLC – Status Update - Pete D'Agostino came before the Board on behalf of Forest Wilde, LLC to provide the Board with a status update regarding where the stand in the special permitting process: He stated that they have procured their property at 735 Laurel Street (Cork N' Hearth), and are ready to go forward with the intermunicipal departments for their Site Plan, etc. and to then move forward with the Special Permit. The Board had asked them to come back after due diligence to look at the location, traffic conditions, etc. Tom Wickham stated that he is concerned about the traffic on a difficult corner, especially during peak hours. He suggested that they contact Mass DOT and have conversations with them regarding the traffic. Mr. D'Agostino agreed that there are issues and is aware that these issues would need to be addressed. He mentioned that they could possibly hire a traffic detail during Tanglewood Traffic. They may need to clean up the site line. He will reach out and meet with Department Heads at Town Hall and speak with the State regarding a traffic study. Kathy Hall came before the Board and discussed her concerns which are the kids at the beach. The "Spirit of the Law" is to protect children. Sean Regnier asked what was so desirable about that location in the first place? Mr. D'Agostino replied that there were two reasons: one, the property had a "local feel" and "opportunity". Mr. D'Agostino said that he would be back before the Board once that have completed their traffic study.

4. Pending Business: None

5. Town Administrator: a. FY 2020 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended May 31, 2020. The reports are on the Selectmen's Table for their reviews.

b. Annual Town Meeting Discussion: CAO, Christopher Ketchen came before the Board to discuss the Annual Town Meeting (Draft) Warrant and the 32 Articles as follows:

1-5 – Typical budget items / 6- Capital Budget pared down / 7-8 – Water & Wastewater Enterprise (Operating) / 9- Blanket Grant Authorization / 10-Chapter 90 Receipts / 11- Outstanding Notes Due / 12-13 – Budget Debt Service / 14-15 – Percentage of Rooms Tax / 16- Annual ROR Assessment / 17 – 2,500 – Laurel Lake Preservation Fund / 18- Berkshire Brownfields / 19- Fireworks funding / 20-Shared CAO / 21-Town Meeting – report on Charter Review / 22-Ratiff TIFF to Berkshire Sterile / 23- Disposition of Real Property / 24 - 27 – Zoning Bylaws / 28-32 - Citizen Petitions.

The Board discussed the scheduling of a town meeting, how to make people aware of the warrant Information without a Baby Town Meeting and how they would like to be notified. After a discussion, the Board decided to go with a 1/12 budget at this time and go with a bare operating budget. *After a brief discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to reschedule the town Meeting until either July or August depending on where we stand with the COVID-19.*

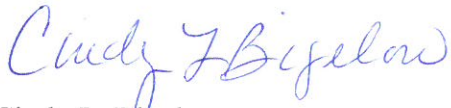
6. Public Comments: Kathy Hall came before the Board to talk about the Athletic Field. She stated that there are five (5) pieces of fitness equipment installed. The Class of 2020 "Class Night" is not "in person" but by ZOOM. Graduation is in process. Each person can have three guests. It will be held on June 11th or June 12th (rain date). She also wanted to state that everyone needs to be in compliance, because if not, the ceremony will stop. Congratulations to the Class of 2020.

The Board extended prayers for cities that are in crisis right now. We are thankful we live in the Berkshires. "Thank you" to VFW for the nice event for Memorial Day.

7. Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 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 8:15 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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