

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, October 19, 2020
Zoom Video Teleconferencing

The Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Russo at 6:10 p.m. Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.

In Attendance:

Board of Selectmen (BOS): Selectwoman Christine Joy (CJ), Mark E. Russo (MR), Chair, John A. Traynor, Jr. (JT), Clerk. Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA), and Selectmen's Assistant: Brigitte Martins.

Participants added to the call: Finance Committee Chair Nathaniel Sides, Dennett School Representative Jon Wilhelmsen, and Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

2020 State Election Warrant:

The Town Clerk Patricia Detterman submitted the Warrant for the 2020 State Election for the Board of Selectmen to approve and sign. MR made a motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the 2020 State Election. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Finance Committee Discussion:

Nathaniel Sides, Chair of the Finance Committee (Fin-Com) joined the BOS meeting. Fin-Com is requesting each Department, Board & Committee submit a more detailed report of their expenses on a more regular basis. This would help to monitor the departments budgets and get a better hold on overages and shortfalls. The Town Accountant will supply the expenditure reports to each department. TA will draft a memo and send to all Department Heads and Committee Chairs.

Highway Department Update:

Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte updated the Board of his departments progress and projects. They are currently working on the new implemented speed zones, heavy traffic reports, and the design of the Ring Road and Main Street intersection. The department is also preparing for the upcoming winter season.

Appointments to Silver Lake Regional School Committee:

Silver Lake School Committee member Michael Antoine joined the meeting. Jon Wilhelmsen and Michael Antoine recommended the BOS appoint Lukasz Kowalski to the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. MR made motion to appoint Lukasz Kowalski to the Silver Lake Regional School Committee to fill the vacant seat until 6/30/21. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote of 3 Selectmen and Silver Lake Committee member Michael Antoine: 4/0.**

School District:

Jon Wilhelmsen informed the Board that laptops have been distributed to the teachers. This will help in working with students and their assignments. The teachers were working on Chrome books. Jon will reach out to Ann Walker, President of the Teacher's Association, in joining the 11/2/20 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Council on Aging:

John Traynor is working with members of the COA. The Brown-Bag program is still running. There are currently 10 residents and 30+ from Woodlands receiving this benefit. The next newsletter will inform seniors of what programs are available.

Use of Town Property Request:

Amy Hempel from P.A.Y.S group submitted a request to use the track at the Dennett Elementary School for "Track o' Treat on 10/26/2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. The request was submitted to the Board of Health prior for review and was approved. MR made a motion to approve the request contingent upon Fire, Police, Highway and School approval. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen will invite members of the Dennett Staff and School Committee to the next meeting on 11/02/20.

Town Administrator:

The Town House Staff will be working remotely on November 3rd & 4th. The town House will be closed for Election Day and will be disinfected the following day by Serv-Pro. The Clerk's Office has secured the new ballot box outside for early voting. TA is working with Fire Chief Steve Silva on CARES Act reimbursement. The reimbursements are estimated at \$175,000.

Correspondence:

Department of Public Utilities Notice of Public Comment Hearing via Zoom
10/27/2020 at 7:00p.m.

Minutes:

The Minutes of October 5, 2020 were approved as amended.

Motion made by (CJ), Seconded (CJ). **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0**

The meeting concluded with a “Rave” by each member of the Select Board.

6:45 PM Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by (MR). Seconded (CJ). **Vote: 3/0**

Respectfully Submitted,
Briggette D. Martins