



LANCASTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting Minutes
Of February 4, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stanley B. Starr, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to Order at 6:00 P.M. in the Nashaway Meeting Room, located in the Prescott Building, 701 Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts. Present were Selectmen Walter F. Sendrowski, Mark A. Grasso, Jr., Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco and Executive Assistant Kathleen Rocco.

Chairman Starr asked for a moment of reflection on the recent passing of Bill Bartlett.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

6:00 P.M. Opportunity for public to address their concerns, make comment and offer suggestions on operations or programs, except personnel matters. Complaints or criticism directed at staff, volunteers, or other officials shall not be permitted.

Jay Moody, Seven Bridge Road, came before the Selectmen to ask what the status of the appointments of members to the Council on Aging.

Chairman Starr noted that there were several letters of interest received, however there has been discussion on reducing the number of members on the Council on Aging. Town Administrator Pacheco stated that there is a request to Town Counsel to look at the current bylaw and reduce the membership from 9 to either 7 or 5 members. Chairman Starr stated that 7 members would be manageable. Mr. Pacheco commented that the drawback to 9 members is the quorum requirement. Mr. Moody stated that the COA will be meeting on February 20th and will bring this before the Council.

Mr. Moody further expressed concern for the need of a warming center; noting the recent weather. Mr. Pacheco stated that he is looking into doing another electrical upgrade at the Community Center in order to install a generator. Selectmen Grasso would like Chief Hanson to give advice on the need for a warming center.

Carol Jackson, Farnsworth Way, would like to know Mr. Pacheco's opinion on the Stop the Behemoth Group. Mr. Pacheco responded that he believes it is a group to stop an affordable housing project. Ms. Jackson countered that the group does not want to stop the 40B housing project, but have the project done in a responsible manner. After further discussion, Selectman Grasso stated that this was not the place to debate the merits on the project.

Representative from the Fire Union asked for a signed Fire Union Contract.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review and take action on Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019.

Selectman Grasso moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019. Selectman Sendrowski Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. [3-0-0]

IV. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

V. BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS REPORTS - NONE

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1) MMRHS Assessment

The projected MMRHS Assessment is up to \$2,085,501. Lancaster is projected to send 47 students in the coming year.

2) 61A Release

The Town has received notification for a 61A release for the expansion of the solar farm at Manny's Dairy Farm. The request is being circulated to the other boards and committees for comment. Mr. Pacheco reported that they are discussing a PILOT Agreement with Borrego Solar (the developer) on the addition.

3) WHEAT Statistics

The Board has received an update from WHEAT regarding Lancaster's utilization of services. While client visits to the Community café are down dramatically, most service utilization is steady with an increase in usage in children ages 0-17.

4) Lancaster Aggregation Performance

The Electric Aggregation Program has continued to provide savings for local electric rate payers. Town Administrator Pacheco noted that Q3 of 2018 had a total savings of \$21,168. The aggregation is still not performing with the utility in the commercial and industrial rate classes.

5) Thayer Field Splash Pad Update

The Splash Pad has been ordered and should be on track for spring installation. The work will be coordinated between New England Recreation Group, the DPW and their vendors to insure the work is completed in order to seek reimbursement. The Splash Pad cost is \$57,150.

6) Green Communities Work

All work from the Green Communities Award has been completed with the exception of some lighting changes in the Library. Mr. Pacheco stated that they will be submitting for the reimbursement request next week. The Town must complete its Green Communities Annual Report in order to apply for the next \$250,000 grant round.

7) Housing Production Plan

The Planning Board approved the Housing Plan at their last meeting. Planner Director, Mike Antonellis has reviewed the plan and will provide his thoughts as well. Ms. Petracca will be available to provide her presentation to the Board at the next meeting.

VII. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY

1. Conservation Restriction: Grantor- Sterling Land Trust, Inc. to Grantee: North County Land Trust, Inc. Address of Premises: Off Flanagan Hill Rd, Sterling and Jungle Rd., Lancaster and Sterling.
Selectman Sendrowski moved to grant and accept the Conservation Restriction as presented. Selectman Grasso Seconded. . Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. [3-0-0]
2. Lancaster Woods Condominiums – Private Water Supply
Selectman Sendrowski moved to allow Town Administrator Pacheco draft a letter in the positive to allow Lancaster Woods Condominiums connect to the Lunenburg waterline, as long as there is capacity. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. [3-0-0]
3. Future of Thayer Field Committee
Town Administrator Pacheco discussed the possibility of allowing the Recreation Committee to take over the Thayer Field Project and dissolving the Thayer Field Committee. Selectman Grasso stated that there should be a need to eliminate redundancy in committees and sub-committees.

Mr. Pacheco explained that the Thayer Field Committee should finish Phase I of the playground thus making an easier transition for Recreation Committee to absorb the Thayer Field project.

Win Clark, member of both the Thayer Field Committee and Recreation, noted that that after Phase I of the playground is complete there will be a reassessing period and decision making.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS - NONE

IX. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Renewals:

Modena Motor – Class I License

Selectman Sendrowski moved to approve the Class I License for Modena Motors. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. [3-0-0]

Cumberland Farms – Common Victualler

Selectman Sendrowski moved to approve the Common Victualler for Cumberland Farms. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. [3-0-0]

X. NEW BUSINESS *

**This item is included to acknowledge that there may be matters not reasonable anticipated by the Chair.*

XI. COMMUNICAITONS

Next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 2019 at 6:00pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, on Motion by Selectman Sendrowski, seconded by Selectman Grasso, it was unanimously voted the Board of Selectmen adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Rocco
Executive Assistant

Walter Sendrowski

Walter F. Sendrowski, Clerk

Approved and accepted: *Feb 19, 2019*