



LANCASTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016

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 Lancaster Community Center, 39 Harvard Road, Lancaster, Massachusetts. Present were Selectmen Walter F. Sendrowski, Mark A. Grasso, Jr., Town Administrator Ryan McNutt and Executive Assistant Kathleen Rocco.

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.

David James, 504 Blue Heron Drive, came before the Board to request that the Prescott Building Renovations' page on the Town's Website be updated on a regular basis. He noted that at this time there are items on the this page that should be removed.

Ken Repoza, 294 Brockelman Road, came before the Board to voice his concerns about several trash haulers that are going back and forth on many of the smaller roads in Lancaster. He asked the Selectmen if there is a way to coordinate with the Town on the days the Trash Haulers should be pick up trash and preferably 2-3 days a week versus several days a week. His concern is about safety, and would like to see it managed.

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Ryan McNutt updated the Board on the status of current projects pending before the Board:

1. Massworks Grant Meeting:

Town Administrator McNutt reported on the Massworks Grant, which the Town intends to put in for this September regarding the water infrastructure for North Lancaster. He spoke about looking for water sources in North Lancaster to provide public water supply.

Mr. McNutt spoke of a few options, but the closest availability to receive water is from the Lunenburg Water District. However, there is no infrastructure in North Lancaster to receive the water. The Town has engaged a consultant to do a cost analysis of what the infrastructure would cost be. Once they have a couple of different scenarios with various cost items, the Town Planner, himself and other Town Officials will evaluate those and incorporate them into a Massworks Infrastructure Grant; very similar to the one received for the Sterling Road Project.

Mr. McNutt stated the Massworks Grant will either be in one shot or in a multiyear approach to begin to install the infrastructure to transport the water, and eventually will have an integrated system with multiple redundancy in North Lancaster.

2. Recreation Director Interviews:

Town Administrator McNutt and Recreation Committee Chair, Johnna Doyle interviewed 5 candidates for the position of Recreation Director. Mr. McNutt noted that they had received very strong applicants for this position. The Recreation Commission will be meeting with some of those applicants at their next meeting, and will make their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting in August.

3. Surplus of Furniture

The Superintendent of the Clinton School District, Terry Ingano, reached out to Board of Selectman Chair, Stan Starr about the potential to get some surplus building furniture. The Intel plant in Hudson closed and they donated office furniture and office supplies to the Clinton School District. Superintendent Ingano asked if the Town of Lancaster was interested in some of the items for the Prescott Building. Mr. McNutt stated that he and some other employees did go to the warehouse and get some office furniture for the Prescott Building. Mr. McNutt thanked Mr. Ingano and the Clinton School District for their generosity and foresight to reach out to Lancaster.

4. Nashoba Regional School District

Mr. McNutt reported that he had a meeting with the new Superintendent Brooke Clenchy, and had a very important discussion about having better communication with the Towns in the School District, specifically as it relates to the building conditions within the Schools. Bolton, Stow and Lancaster effectively own the buildings within their towns and are subject to repairs and maintenance of those buildings.

Going forward, Mr. McNutt stated that the three Town Administrators and the Superintendent will meet on a weekly basis until these issues are fully vetted and clear plans of action can be addressed.

5. Regional Veterans Agent Services

Town Administrator McNutt wanted to clarify an article he read in The Clinton Item, regarding the Veteran's Agent Services. The Article did not mention that Lancaster will also be included in the regionalization with the towns of Lunenburg and Sterling with the City of Leominster. The Veteran's Agent Services main office will be in Leominster, but will have a satellite office in the Lancaster Community Center, in the same office as it has had in the past. There will be an assistant Veteran's Agent who will ride the circuit between the Towns of Lancaster and Lunenburg, if the Veteran's Agent, Richard Voultour cannot make it. Mr. McNutt stated this will be much more stable Veteran's Office, which Lancaster has not had in the past 10 years.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sendrowski moved to approve and accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016. Mr. Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr., vote Aye. 3-0

VI. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS -

Appointments

Planning Board

- *Don Chaisson, 710 George Hill Road, term to expire 5/8/2017 – appointment is filling remained of term until next annual town election of permanent member*

Discussion:

Selectman Grasso would like to table this appointment. He noted that he did reach out to Mr. McNutt and after having some concern about how this was handled, and from his understanding under Mass General Law (MGL), those questions still remain relatively up in the air. Mr. Grasso stated that out of abundance of caution and not wanting the Planning Board's decisions in the coming months be affected by the appointment not following the letter of the law. He explained that when a vacancy occurs on an elected board; the elected board has 30 days to meet in joint session with the Board of Selectmen to fill that vacancy. Once it goes past the 30 days, it becomes the complete discretion of the Selectmen. He further stated that it has gone beyond 30 days and made the Motion as follows:

Selectman Grasso moved that this appointment be tabled and send it back to the Planning Board and reopen the application process through the Board of Selectmen's office. Selectman Sendrowski Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye 3-0

Commission on Disability:

- *Lorry Doucet, 93 Poulin Drive, Lancaster, term to expire 6/30/19*
- *Daryl E. Blaney, 125 Narrow Lane, Lancaster, term to expire 6/30/19*

Selectman Sendrowski moved to reappoint Lorry Doucet, 93 Poulin Drive and Daryl E. Blaney, 125 Narrow Lane to the Commission on Disability, terms to expire June 30, 2019. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 3-0

VII. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY

1. Refer Request of Road Acceptance of Devonshire Way to Planning Board for public hearing.

Selectman Grasso moved to refer the request of Road Acceptance of Devonshire Way to the Planning Board for Public Hearing. Selectman Sendrowski seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr., vote Aye. 3-0

2. Review and take action on rescinding the notice of award for the solar lease proposal submitted by MassAmerican Energy, LLC

Selectman Sendrowski moved to rescind the Notice of Award for the Solar Lease Proposal submitted by MassAmerican Energy, LLC. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr., vote Aye. 3-0

VIII. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Bolton Fairgrounds, Inc. – Application for Special (One-Day) Liquor License to serve Wine/Beer at the Bolton Fair, 8/12/16 to 8/14/16

Selectman Sendrowski moved to approve the Special (One-Day) Liquor License to serve Wine/Beer to Bolton Fairgrounds, Inc., to be held at the 134th Bolton Fair on August 12, 2016 to August 14, 2016. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr., vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr., vote Aye. 3-0

2. Still River Winery, Wade Holtzman, 104 Bolton Road, Harvard, MA – Application for License to sell wine at the Bolton Fair, 8/12/16 to 8/14/16, from 9 AM to 9 PM

Selectman Grasso moved to approve the License to Sell Wine to Still River Winery, to be held at the 134th Bolton Fair, August 12, 2016 to August 14, 2016 from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Selectman Sendrowski Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr., vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 3-0

3. Dean & Flynn, dba Fiesta Shows – Application for Public Amusement (Weekdays) and Sundays at the Bolton Fair, 8/11/16 – 8/13/16 from Noon to 10:00pm & 8/14/16 from Noon to 7pm.

Selectman Sendrowski moved to approve the License for Public Amusement for Weekdays and Sundays for Dean & Flynn, dba Fiesta Shows, to be held at the 134th Bolton Fair, August 11, 2016 to August 13, 2016 from Noon to 10:00pm and Sunday, August 14, 2016 from Noon to 7:00pm. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Mark A. Grasso, Jr., vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 3-0

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2016 in the Meeting Room of the Lancaster Community Center, 34 Harvard Road, Lancaster.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Selectman Sendrowski made the Motion to go into Executive Session M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a) #6 To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and not to reconvene in open session. Selectman Grasso Seconded. Roll call vote:

Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Yes
Walter F. Sendrowski vote Yes
Mark S. Grasso, Jr. vote Aye

XI. NEW BUSINESS -


Chairman Starr announced that the Farmer's Market will not be in operation this summer due to lack of customer interest. He thanked past Market Masters Steve Piazza and Hank Pasko for their involvement with the Farmer's Market.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, on Motion by Mr. Sendrowski, seconded by Mr. Grasso, it was unanimously voted the Board of Selectmen adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Rocco
Executive Assistant


Walter F. Sendrowski, Clerk
Approved and accepted: 8/1/16