



LANCASTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF February 21, 2017

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 Selectman Walter F. Sendrowski, and Executive Assistant Kathleen Rocco. Selectman Mark A. Grasso was not able to attend.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

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.

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARING

6:05 P.M. Public Hearing for Verizon and National Grid's Petition for Joint Pole Location on Lawson Road, Lancaster.

Selectman Sendrowski moved to open the public hearing at 6:05pm, Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 2-0

Selectman Sendrowski read the legal notice in to the minutes:

WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AS INTERESTED PARTY OR AN ABUTTER OF RECORD:

Under the provisions of Chapter 166, Section 22 of the General Laws, and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, 6:05 pm on February 21, 2017 in the Lancaster Community Center Meeting Room, 39 Harvard Road, Lancaster, MA to consider a petition submitted by Verizon New England Inc., and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGrid), requesting permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustain and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

LAWSON AVENUE: Place one (1) jointly owned pole numbered T.12-4/E on the southwesterly side of Lawson Avenue at a point approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) feet southeasterly from the center line of Beach Avenue.
1 JO Pole to be placed.

Also permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire and police telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

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Verizon Representative, Bill Wallace came before the Board to answer any questions they might have regarding Joint Pole Petition. He stated that a tree will be coming down and will be replacing with a pole guy and adding another pole for service to Lawson Avenue.

Paul Benoit, 20 Lawson Avenue, said he had requested several months ago that two poles be placed on his property to prevent wires crossing over other properties. Mr. Wallace noted that this current project is not related to the Mr. Benoit's request.

Chairman Starr asked what the time frame would be for the installation of the pole. Mr. Wallace stated that this project will most likely start sometime in the Spring.

Selectman Sendrowski moved to hereby grant Verizon New England, Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGRID) joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and their respective wire and cable to be placed thereon, together with anchors, guys and other sustain and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways as requested in petition of said Company dated 9th of January, 2017 for Lawson Avenue: place one (1) jointly owned pole numbered T.12-4/E.12-4 on the southwesterly side of Lawson Avenue at a point approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) feet southeasterly from the center line of Beach Avenue. Chairman Starr Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 2-0

6:10 P.M. Finance Director Cheryl Gariepy will update the Board on Finance Department. **Tabled**

6:15 P.M. Fire Chief Michael Hanson will update the Board on the Fire Department.

Chief Hanson updated the Selectmen on the current Status of the Department. He noted that at the end of 2016 there were 908 incidents that the department responded to. That 908 number included fire as well as ambulance calls. Chief Hanson stated there were 5 structure fires and 17 carbon dioxide incidences. He noted that the Town of Lancaster had 73 mutual aid calls, in which Lancaster provided mutual aid to the surrounding communities. Chief reported in 2016 there were 2 fire fighter injuries, (which were minor), and 2 citizen fatalities.

Currently in 2017, there have been 104 incidents to date. He further noted that Captain Manning received 40 carbon dioxide detectors from the state and will distributor the Seniors Citizens in the community. Chief noted that they are looking at a Fire Prevention Program in which they will receive a Safe Grant in the amount of \$4500 and a Senior Safe Grant in the amount of \$2700. Chief stated that training is a priority in his department and will be applying for a FEMA Grant which will be used to purchase bullet proof vests for the ambulance. He has reported that he has applied for a Federal Grant for a ladder truck.

Chairman Starr noted that Chief gave a good summary of what his department is doing.

6:20 P.M. MRPC Brian Keating will update the Board on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Mr. Keating and Planning Director Noreen Piazza came before Board to update them on the application for the Community Development Block Grant. They stated that currently there are 15 people that are on the waiting list for their homes to be repaired. Mr. Keating stated that people have until March 5th for their pre-appointment regarding the housing rehab.

Noreen Piazza stated that the second project under the CDBG is the ADA access to the Town Beach. They would like to see the Town Beach completely ADA complaint down to the beach edge. She noted that the bath house will be more handicap accessible.

Mr. Keating summarized the CDBG will be in 3 parts:

- 1) housing rehab
- 2) Public Infrastructure – ADA for Town Beach
- 3) Social Services

Mrs. Piazza stated that she has a sub-committee with the COA Director and the Outreach Liaison regarding the social services component.

Mr. Keating stated that this is a very competitive grant and noted that the grant award will be handed out in August with November/December being the start date of housing rehab.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - None

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Sendrowski moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017 and February 6, 2017. Chairman Starr Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye and Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye. 2-0

VI. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS - None

VII. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY - None

VIII. LICENSES AND PERMITS - NONE
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IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017 in the Meeting Room of the Lancaster Community Center, 34 Harvard Road, Lancaster.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

OPEB

Chairman Starr noted the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB), which was funded twice at \$500,000 each time, has grown 11.1% in interest. He noted that this was a good start on a long term project.

North Lancaster LLC

Chairman Starr stated that as agreed upon at a meeting among several town boards at the February 13th meeting, to sign a letter of support to state environmental officials for proposed Dunkin' Donuts and gas station projects on Lunenburg Road/Route 70 in North Lancaster. The letter is to the Deputy Regional Director of the state Department of Environmental Protection and stated that all town offices involved, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and Planning Board are unanimous in support of the projects.

Selectmen Sendrowski moved to ratify the letter of February 15th to Marielle Stone, Deputy Regional Director of the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding North Lancaster LLC, Dunkin' Donuts and Gas Station on Lunenburg Road.. Chairman Starr Seconded. Walter F. Sendrowski vote Aye, Stanley B. Starr, Jr. vote Aye 2-0


XI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, on Motion by Selectman. Sendrowski, seconded by Chairman Starr, it was unanimously voted the Board of Selectmen adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Rocco
Executive Assistant


Walter F. Sendrowski, Clerk
Approved and accepted: 2/16/17