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**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
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Present: Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas, Vice Chair
Craig Moran
Michael Suprenant
Leon Gaumond, Jr., Town Administrator

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Absent: Mary Dowling

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To enter into to Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A, §21a, Section 6 to discuss the value of real property. By: P. Gimas
2nd: C. Moran

Roll Call Vote: M. Suprenant YES, C. Moran YES, M. Blanchard YES, P. Gimas YES

The Selectmen reconvened in open session at 6:29 p.m.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Thomas Ford presented his monthly reports for July and August. He mentioned the CMLEC new motorcycle unit which includes paramedic service as well. In August he cited the National Night Out which was a good success and the Senior Citizen cookout with SALT. He thanked all those who assisted in pulling these events together. C. Moran asked how the interviews were going for his department vacancies. Chief Ford explained they are going well and should be resolved shortly.

PUBLIC HEARING – Arland Tool & Manufacturing Inc. – Three Flammable Storage 1000 Gallon Propane Tanks Underground located at 198 Charlton Road, Sturbridge

P. Gimas read the hearing notice into the record. The Selectmen heard a request from Arland Tools for three 1000 gallon liquid propane tanks for their property at 198 Charlton Road from Marlene Adamski. The application was reviewed and approved by the Fire Chief.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion: To close the public hearing. By: P. Gimas
2nd: C. Moran

All in favor: 4-0 Motion passed.

Motion: To approve the Application for License for 198 Charlton Rd. for three 1000 gallon liquid propane tanks. By: P. Gimas
2nd: M. Suprenant

All in favor: 4-0 Motion passed.

Public Service Announcements

G. Colburn of the Conservation Department announced the commencement of the Leadmine Mountain project. The parking lot at Sturbridge Village will be closed during the duration of the project.

L. Gaumond announced that he has reopened the search for members of the Affordable Housing Partnership.

PUBLIC HEARING – Sturbridge Conservation Commission – Wetlands Bylaws Regulations

P. Gimas read the hearing notice for the hearing.

E. Goodwin, D. Barnicle and G. Colburn presented themselves to the Selectmen. G. Colburn has informed the Selectmen that the ConCom has been working on the first regulation update in the last 13 years. The goal was to make the regulations easier to read and less lengthy. Much of the technical jargon has been removed. Established fines for various violations. They provided the Selectmen with a revised document.

Chapter 1 was mostly clarifications on buffer zones. Chapter 2 changed a handful of definitions and the tree removal permits. They removed the cranberry sections. M. Suprenant questioned them on the removal of the 'significant' impact clauses. He did not agree with the removal and felt that this was a significant change. It was noted that we had not received counsel's feelings on the revisions as of yet.

Charter 4 updated mailing and submission requirements as well as updated fines. Most of the fines were doubled. Questions were raised as to when these regulations would go into effect. M. Suprenant asked for a tracked change version of both documents. G. Colburn agreed to assist in preparing the document.

Chapter 5 basically reformatted the document to make it easier to read. M. Blanchard was confused about the definitions of riverfront areas and thought the existing language more difficult. Chapter 6 clarifies permitting authorities. Chapter 7 requires certificates of mailing. Chapter 8 has minor format changes. Also the Selectmen's role in forestry issues was referenced in the regulations.

L. Gaumond announced that he received the review by Counsel during the Selectmen's hearing. He recommended that the hearing be continued to 10-16 at 6:35 p.m.

Motion: To continue the public hearing to October 16, 2017 at 6:35 p.m. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: C. Moran

Vote: All in Favor Passed 4-0

Altuist Brewing Co. for Transfer of Stock & Change of Beneficiary Interest

Nancy & Robert Bixby approached the Selectmen to explain one of the initial business partners has taken a step off of the board and the documents need to be amended.

Motion: To approve the change in beneficial interest for Altruist Brewery, 559 Main Street, Fiskdale By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: M. Suprenant

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

Dock Permit Request for Justin & Amy Howard

Lenny Jalbert approached the Selectmen to explain the dock application for 172 Big Alum. It has 100 ft. frontage. It was approved by the ConCom provided it is recorded with the Registry of Deeds and approved by the Selectmen. It meets the requirements as set forth by the Town.

Motion: To approve the dock permit request for 172 Big Alum By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: C. Moran

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Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

Department Heads Reports

Nelson Burlingame informed the Board about his daily operations such as building permits, working with applicants answering both building and zoning questions for July & August. He mentioned the 110 inspections which are underway.

He provided the Board with updates on the CVS project, Holiday Inn Express for an electric vehicle charging station, the Arland Tools building which is coming along nicely, Altruist Brewery, the Charter School which recently opened, the move of the Publick House barn, the Center of Hope, and the Douty Road project. He also discussed several single family home construction starts.

Town Administrator's Update

L. Gaumond announced there has been a letter of resignation from the elected position of Board of Health Member by Robert Audet. The vacancy was publically announces and that there will be a joint meeting of the two boards to fill the vacancy on October 2nd. Letters of interest be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator by September 27th.

L. Gaumond announced that the Town will receive \$433,251 in Chapter 90 funds for FY18.

He asked that the Selectmen approve the IOD claim for Adam Szymanski.

Motion: To approve the IOD Claim for Adam Szymanski. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: By: P. Gimas

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond asked for the concurrence of Joyce Sinnott to the Cultural Council.

Motion: To concur with the appointment of Joyce Sinnot to the Cultural Council. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: By: P. Gimas

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond presented a report on the completion of goal #3 regarding the job description review process. It establishes a schedule to review all positions every 4-5 years.

Motion: To accept the report from the Town Administrator. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: M. Suprenant

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond asked for the concurrence of Rebekah DeCoursey to the Planning Department as Administrative Assistant, effective October 2, 2017 at a rate of pay of \$18.03/hour.

Motion: To concur with the appointment of Rebekah DeCoursey as Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board effective 10-2-17 at a rate of pay \$18.03/hour. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: M. Suprenant

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond asked the Selectmen to concur with the recommendation of Jean Bubon for the Wayfinding Project. The Town received quotes and the recommendation is that the Town award the bid to Brimfield Sign and to authorize the Town Planner to begin discussions with the vendor on this project.

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Motion: To authorize the Town Administrator to accept the bid from Brimfield Sign for the Wayfinding project for \$25,383. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: By: P. Gimas

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

Correspondence

P. Gimas read the correspondence.

Approval of Minutes

The Selectmen deferred the approval of minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

C. Moran informed the Board about the oil spill on Cedar Lake.

M. Blanchard announced that the Mass. Bass Alliance is seeking authorization for a 9-23-17 event in Town. L. Gaumond offered that the participants should be respectful of the private property owners.

Motion: To approve the request from the Mass. Bass Alliance. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: C. Moran

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

M. Blanchard asked for concurrence on a new proclamation for the Stourbridge Rotary Club which she read for the Board.

Motion: To approve the Stourbridge Rotary Club Proclamation. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: C. Moran

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

The Selectmen received a request for a one-day liquor license for Big Alum Lake Association on 9-30-17 and 10-1-17. It is consistent with their previous requests.

Motion: To approve the request from the Big Alum Lake Association for a One-Day Liquor License. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: M. Suprenant

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond announced that the Town has received bids for the repaving of the senior center parking lot and the public safety parking lot. G. Morse is recommending the Selectmen award the bids tonight.

Motion: To award the paving project work to Precise Paving for \$98,500. By: P. Gimas

2nd: By: C. Moran

Vote: In Favor Passed 4-0

L. Gaumond announced that the Town has received bids for the repaving of the recreation courts and the parking lot work. G. Morse is recommending the Selectmen award the bids tonight.

Motion: To award the recreation court resurfacing project to Lynch & Sons for \$278,490. By: M. Suprenant

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2nd: **By: P. Gimas**

Vote: **In Favor** **Passed 4-0**

Citizen's Forum

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: **To adjourn. By: P. Gimas**
2nd: **By: M. Blanchard**

Vote: **All in Favor** **Passed 4/0**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Leon A. Gaumond Jr. Town Administrator

BOS Clerk *Mary Daulton* Date 1/2/18