

**Board of Selectmen
August 6, 2018
Town Hall**

Present:

(Absent) Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas, Vice-Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Michael Suprenant
Chase Kaitbenski
Leon Gaumond, Town Administrator
Jeneé Lacy, Admin Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gimas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

P. Gimas read agenda and asked for announcements from Selectman, there were no additional announcements.

Public Service Announcements

P. Gimas read the public service announcements from agenda.

- There is a voluntary water ban in the Town of Sturbridge effective 7/24/2018 until further notice. Non-essential outside water use is not allowed, except that sprinklers may be used for lawn watering outside the hours of 9 AM to 5PM one day a week.
- National Night Out put on by the Sturbridge Police will be held Tuesday August 7th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on the Sturbridge Town Common. A family event to bring folks together, meet your police officers & firetrucks, family friendly events and demonstrations, music and food.
- Invite from the Danielson USDA Service Center for the “Celebrating Agriculture” event on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT.
- A road race is being put on by the OSACPS PTSA from 7 – 10:30 Am, location is the Old Sturbridge Village parking lot and roads/Stallion Hill Rd and Water Works Drive. Date is not known at this time but will be provided.
- L. Gaumond announced Jeneé Lacy as the new administrative assistant to the Board of Selectman and Town Administrator.
- L. Gaumond announced that the Town Hall will be shut down on Wednesday 8/8/18 morning until noon for special safety training for employees.

Town Administrator’s Updates

L. Gaumond asked for the Board of Selectman to consider a vote to create a Sustainability Committee. Given the towns pending application for the Green Communities program, L. Gaumond anticipates that funds will soon be available to the Town to complete sustainability-related projects in the Community around clean energy. In addition the committee would be charged with the following mission: The Sustainability Committee is established to advise the Town Administrator, Board of Selectman and Town Meeting on policies, programs, and issues promoting environmental

sustainability in the Town of Sturbridge. C. Kaitbenski brought up a concern that the committee will be another process for builders and new business to go through. M. Suprenant thought the creation of the sustainability committee would be able to help advise boards that permit builders and new business but wouldn't hinder the process. M. Dowling thought the creation of the committee would be an excellent idea and would provide research and information to the board. Asked if this type of committee was created in other municipalities. L. Gaumond responded that he created a sustainability committee in another town. P. Gimás brought up the concern that the residents selected for the committee would have to have specific backgrounds. P. Gimás would like more information regarding what the committee members will be asked to do and doesn't want to support the creation of committee without more information. Would like to also interview those who would apply for the committee. C. Kaitbenski thinks the committee is a good idea but would also like more information. M. Dowling thinks mission statement is specific enough and that the committee wouldn't require members with any type of specific background. P. Gimás suggested the proposed sustainability committee be instead a subcommittee of the planning board. M. Suprenant didn't think the committee should report to the planning board, instead it would support the Board of Selectman but would also like a clearer mission statement and goals of committee. M. Dowling stated that the Planning Board had a full plate and that the proposed sustainability committee would encompass more than what the planning board does, including items pertaining to the Recycling Center. Would like this proposal brought back to the Board of Selectman when the Chariman M. Blanchard is present.

Motion: To direct L. Gaumond to better define the mission statement and goals of the Sustainability Committee and bring back to the Board of Selectman on August 20, 2018.

By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: 3-1 in favor (P. Gimás voted no)

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to consider a vote to sign the Election Warrant for the 2018 State Primary.

Motion: To approve to sign the Election Warrant for the 2018 State Primary. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to consider a vote to approve Sturbridge Taxi to remove a 2007 dodge minivan from use and add a 2004 Mercury Sedan and a 2001 Lincoln Towncar Limo, application for change of vehicles has been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief.

Motion: To approve Sturbridge Taxi to remove dodge minivan from use and add a sedan and limo to service. By: M. Dowling.

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to consider a vote to approve a new taxi driver for Sturbridge Taxi, request has been approved by the Police Chief.

Motion: To approve the addition of a new taxi driver, Keith Sauvageau, to Sturbridge Taxi.

By: M. Dowling.

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond informed the Board of Selectman that a request for a 1-day liquor license was received from the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club for an event on August 25, 2018. The Town Administrator has been informed that the event has been cancelled and the license is no longer needed.

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to consider a vote to approve a 1-day liquor license to Hardwick Winery for sales at the Harvest Festival on October 13th and 14th. The request was reviewed and approved by the Police Chief. The applicant John Samok was in attendance. C. Kaitbenski stated that the Board of Selectman have been discussing the need for a policy regarding farmers markets and harvest festivals for the sale of ciders and wines on the Town Common. Asked if other town commons allow the sale of liquor. Mr. Samok answered C. Kaitbenski's question stating that he knows N. Brookfield allows the sale of wines and ciders on the town common. Mr. Samok stated that his distribution at the Harvest Festival would be for tastings and the sale of bottles to be consumed off premise. M. Suprenant requested that the Town Administrator look into a liquor policy for Town Common events like the farmers market and Harvest Festival. Mr. Samok stated that every town has a different policy regarding the distribution of wines and ciders and town common events. M. Suprenant suggested that this vote for approval wait until a policy is created. C. Kaitbenski agreed to wait for a policy. M. Dowling agreed to wait for policy, stated that there are many questions regarding carding people, how many tastings is a person allowed to have and what guidelines other towns have. M. Dowling stated she is not prepared to say yes to request without policy. Mr. Samok stated that police are involved with events and asked if there is a town bylaw that prohibits liquor licenses for the town common. M. Dowling stated that there wasn't a bylaw but doesn't think they have ever allowed liquor license for the town common. P. Gimás asked Town Administrator if there has ever been a liquor license permitted for the town common. L. Gaumond stated that he hasn't seen one since he has been with the Town of Sturbridge. M. Suprenant stated that the Chief of police has signed off and approved license. C. Kaitbenski asked if the permit is granted now and the policy is made later would the permit still be honored. P. Gimás agreed.

Motion: To approve a 1-day liquor license to Hardwick Winery for October 13th and 14th for Harvest Festival pending a new policy created regarding liquor sales on the Town Common.

By: C. Kaitbenski

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: 3-0-1 in favor (M. Dowling abstained)

C. Kaitbenski requested Town Administrator make the discussion of the liquor license policy and item at the next Board of Selectman meeting on August 20, 2018.

L. Gaumond asked for the Board of Selectman's concurrence regarding the appointment of Dane LaBonte to fill a vacancy on the Master Plan Implementation Committee to expire on June 30, 2020.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Dane LaBonte to the Master Plan Implementation Committee to expire on June 30, 2020. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond asked for the Board of Selectman's concurrence regarding the appointment of Frances Clark to fill an unexpired term on the Council On Aging to expire on June 30, 2019.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Frances Clark to the Council On Aging to expire on June 30, 2019. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond requested that the Board of Selectman name a Second Delegate & Alternate to the CMRPC (Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission). The Second Delegate position is currently held by M. Suprenant with M. Dowling as the Alternate.

Motion: To name M. Suprenant as the Second Delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. By: M. Dowling

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Motion: To name M. Dowling as the Alternate Delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to accept a \$50 donation to the Senior Center Gift Account from the TOPS program.

Motion: To accept a donation of \$50 to the Senior Center Gift Account from the TOPS program. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Old Business

- L. Gaumond stated that the old business on the agenda regarding further discussion on request from Firefighter Gordon Holstrom will be moved to the next Board of Selectman meeting, August 20, 2018, so that the Board will have all Selectman present.
- P. Gimás asked if Judy Knowles had been contacted regarding additional support for new Administrative Assistant. L. Gaumond responded stating that Judy would not be able to provide additional support.
- P. Gimás asked about the 7 Main Street demolition. L. Gaumond responded stating he will get an update for the Board.
- P. Gimás asked about Police and Fire Dept. negotiations. L. Gaumond responded stating that he has negotiation meetings with both the Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. this week and he will be able to provide an update at the August 20, 2018 Board of Selectman meeting.

New Business

M. Dowling suggested a certificate of appreciation for Rick Hoyt regarding the Half Marathon. L. Gaumond suggested a day dedicated to Rick Hoyt in appreciation to be announced at the next Board of Selectman's meeting, August 20, 2018.

L. Gaumond asked Board of Selectman to approve a letter to the Town of Brookfield in support of the MassWorks Funds for Gay Road and Molasses Hill Road.

Motion: To send letter in support to the Town of Brookfield regarding the MassWorks Funds for Gay Road and Molasses Hill Road. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to accept the resignation of Robert Anderson from the DPW due to his pending retirement. Robert Anderson is thanked for his service to the Town of Sturbridge.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Robert Anderson from the Sturbridge DPW. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

M. Dowling thanked everyone that participated in the Pan Mass Challenge and commended them on doing an outstanding job working with local law enforcement and commends all of the racers.

Correspondence

M. Dowling read The Correspondence to the Board of Selectman.

Approval of Minutes

L. Gaumond asked the Board of Selectman to approve the meeting minutes from July 17, 2018. P. Gimás stated that there are no requested changes to the minutes.

Motion: To approve Board of Selectman minutes from July 17, 2018. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

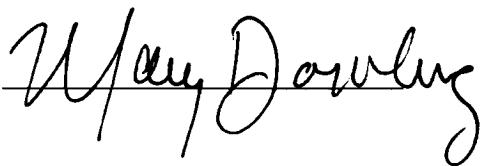
Motion: To adjourn at 7:15 PM. By: C. Kaitbenski

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board:



Date approved:

