

**Board of Selectmen
April 1, 2019
Town Hall**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas, Vice-Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Michael Suprenant
Chase Kaitbenski
Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator
Ted Kozak, Interim Town Administrator
Jeneé Lacy, Admin Assistant

Also Present:

Jeff Silva, National Grid
Jody Ameden, Dileo Gas, Inc.
John Grenier, Dileo Gas, Inc.

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Blanchard read the agenda.

Motion: To move into executive session, pursuant to MGL c. 30A s.21(a)(3) to discuss DPW Union negotiations, where the Chair of the Board of Selectmen declares that discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Town AND the approval of minutes. By: M. Dowling

2nd: P. Gimas

Roll Call Vote: M. Suprenant – Yes, C. Kaitbenski – Yes, P. Gimas – Yes, M. Dowling – Yes, M. Blanchard – Yes (All in Favor 5-0)

The Selectmen convened in Executive Session at 6:03 pm.

The Selectmen reconvened in Open Session at 6:20 pm.

M. Dowling thanked all the residents of Sturbridge for her time as a Selectmen since this meeting would be the last BOS meeting before the Annual Town Elections.

Public Service Announcements

M. Blanchard read the public service announcements

- Sturbridge Community Blood Drive – Friday April 26, 2019 10am – 3pm Sturbridge Senior Center
- Earth Day Trash Clean Up – April 27th & 28th – Conservation Department
- Route 15 Charrette – April 29th 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Public House – To examine potential changes to the zoning bylaws for the Route 15/Haynes Street corridor

M. Dowling discussed the Donate Life Flag that was raised at the Town Common by the New England Organ Bank supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Vote to Approve 1-Day License Brimfield Winery – Farmers Market & Community Bonfire

The Board discussed that there were no hours and/or dates on the applications and that they would need that distinguished.

Motion: To Approve 1-Day Liquor License for the Brimfield Winery for Farmers Market contingent on knowing the hours of operation. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-1 (M. Dowling Abstained)

Motion: To approve 1-Day Liquor License for the Brimfield Winery for the Community Bonfire contingent on knowing the hours of operation. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-1 (M. Dowling Abstained)

Vote to Approve 1-Day License Bay State Brewing - Sturbridge Farmers Market

Motion: To approve 1-Day Liquor License for Bay State Brewing for the Sturbridge Farmers Market. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-1 (M. Dowling Abstained)

Vote to Sign Arbor Day Proclamation

M. Blanchard read the 2019 Arbor Day proclamation.

Motion: To sign the 2019 Arbor Day proclamation. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Approve Special Use Permit for Alum Pond Bass Fishing Event

Motion: To approve the Special Use Permit for Alum Pond Bass Fishing Event. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Accept Resignation of Taylor Plumley as a Part-Time Dispatcher

Motion: To accept the resignation of Taylor Plumley as a Part-Time Dispatcher. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Accept Resignation of Ashley Piascik from Conservation Department

Motion: To accept the resignation of Ashley Piascik from the Conservation Department. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Vote to Sign the Fire Department Union Contract

Motion: To sign the Fire Department Union Contract with amendments. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Concur with Appointment of Jeneé Lacy to the Planning Department Administrative Assistant Position

Motion: To accept the appointment of Jeneé Lacy to the Planning Department Administrative Assistant Position. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Pole Hearing – National Grid Ridge Way and Glenridge Road

M. Dowling read the newspaper public hearing ad.

Jeff Silva, the National Grid Engineer came forward and explained the reasoning for the work that needed to be done on the pole. M. Suprenant asked how many feet away from the road the pole would be placed. J. Silva discussed some issues pertaining to a wall near the pole and the distances between the pole and the pavement. M. Suprenant stated that there is a required minimum distance from pole to pavement.

A resident that lives on property where the pole is located stood up and stated that National Grid could go as far onto his property as needed.

Motion: To close the public hearing. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion: To approve pole installation provided that the pole be located at least four (4) feet from the edge of the pavement. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Town Administrator Updates

T. Kozak discussed the budget meeting that he and the Board attended, the two host community retail marijuana companies that are interested in coming to Sturbridge, and the Appellate Tax Hearing regarding Fred Kopez,

Old Business

P. Gimas inquired as to how many retail marijuana licenses the Town has. The Board discussed that there were two retail licenses but that the medical facility already in town would be turning into

retail so in the end there will be three licenses.

M. Suprenant discussed that he met with Matt Maselli of the Housing Partnership and the Five Leaves Project. M. Blanchard stated that the Housing Partnership didn't want individuals making decisions without the consensus of the whole board. M. Suprenant stated that at the time didn't know M. Maselli was acting on his own and as of now the Housing Partnership is having a meeting regarding Five Leaves and he wanted to bring the Board up to date regarding the status of the project.

M. Blanchard discussed with the rest of the Board changing the next BOS meeting on the 4/16 to 4/22. P. Gimás stated that she probably wouldn't be able to be there because of Holy Week, M. Dowling agreed. The Board decided to move the 4/16 meeting to 5/6. M. Blanchard stated that the Board also needs to set up a meeting to review the Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting and the Line-Item Budgets. The Board decided on April 10th at 5pm.

Correspondence

M. Dowling read the correspondence.

P. Gimás brought up an email sent to the Board by Steve Chojnicki.

The Board discussed the Charrette that took place in Palmer, MA.

T. Kozak reminded the Board of the Worcester County Selectmen's Association meeting in Sturbridge on April 17th at 6pm.

Public Hearing: Fuel Storage Permit – Dileo Gas Inc.

M. Dowling read the newspaper public hearing ad.

Jody Ameden (Energy Consultant) and John Grenier (Engineer) from Dileo Gas, Inc. came forward and discussed what the proposed plan is regarding the fuel storage.

M. Suprenant asked if 30,000 gallons was the normal size for an underground storage tank, J. Ameden confirmed that it was.

Motion: To close public hearing. By: P. Gimás

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

M. Dowling asked J. Ameden and J. Grenier how long this type of installation usually takes. J. Ameden stated that it would take about three weeks from start to finish.

M. Suprenant stated that there was a school in the area of the tank installation and asked if there was a contingency plan in case there was ever a leak in the area. J. Ameden stated that they had already worked with the Sturbridge FD to put a plan in place.

Motion: To approve the fuel storage application. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Approval of Minutes

- March 18, 2019

Motion: To approve minutes as amended. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 7:12 PM. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board:



Date signed: 05-20-19