

**Board of Selectmen
March 4, 2019
Town Hall**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Carol Campbell
David Campbell
Matt Maselli

Absent:

Mary Blanchard, Chairman

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

P. Gimas read the agenda.

Motion: To move into Executive Session – Pursuant to MGL c. 30A s.21(a)(2) to discuss contract negotiations for new Town Administrator, 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 By: M. Dowling

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

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

6:40 pm. The Board of Selectmen reconvened in open session.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Service Announcements

- M. Suprenant stated that there will be a showing of Unbounded at Tantasqua March 8th at 7pm

Pole Hearing – National Grid Summit Ridge & Intersection of Fiske Hill Road

M. Dowling read the legal ad that was placed in the Southbridge Evening News for the public hearing.

Due to the weather the representative from National Grid was unable to attend the hearing.

Motion: To have a continuance of the Pole Hearing to March 18, 2019 at 6:35. By: C. Kaitbenski

2nd: M. Suprenant

Discussion: M. Suprenant brought up that the plan that was included with the pole petition from National Grid was not near Submit Ridge and that it should be verified with National Grid. Carol Campbell and David Campbell came forward stating that the pole in question was damaged during the tornado in 2012 and the pole needs to be repaired but no one is really sure whose property the pole is on. D. Campbell and M. Suprenant discussed the lot the pole was on in regards to an easement.

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Housing Partnership Matt Maselli - Update Request 5 Leaves Development

Matt Maselli from the Housing Partnership came forward and gave a background on the 5 Leaves Development project. He stated he thought it was important for the Board of Selectmen to have updates from the Housing Partnership and specifically regarding this development and stated that he would be back to give more updates when they arise.

Vote to Send Zoning Petition to Zoning Board

Motion: To forward petition for a zone change from residential to commercial submitted by Porchlight investments III LLC. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Vote to Approve Running Out of Summer 5k Race

Motion: To approve Running Out of Summer 5k Race as set forth in memo to the Board. By: M. Dowling

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Vote to Sign Fire Department Union Contract

Motion: To sign the Fire Department Union Contract. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Town Administrator Contract Discussion

P. Gimás gave an update on what was discussed during Executive Session. It was decided by the Board that instead of a Police Background Check, that they will conduct a Nation Wide Cori, which will be requested by the Police Chief.

Motion: To sign TA contract pending Nation Wide Cori in lieu of a Police Background Check done by the Police Chief. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Discussion: P. Gimás stated that she wanted a complete background check completed due to the reasoning that would need to stay in Executive Session. P. Gimás stated that she thinks it's

important to have complete background checks.

Vote: 3-1 (P. Gimas opposed) (M. Blanchard absent)

Town Administrator's Updates

T. Kozak gave updates regarding, the Complete Streets meeting and the Personnel Committee meeting.

P. Gimas asked if the Board would have the budget book a week before the meeting, T. Kozak stated that he would find out when it would be ready.

Old Business

M. Suprenant gave an update regarding the WRTA Board meeting, a Solid Waste Association meeting and the Central Mass Transportation meeting.

New Business

None

Correspondence

None

Approval of Minutes

- February 25, 2019

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2019 as amended. By: C. Kaitbenski

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Adjourn

Motion: To Adjourn at 7:09 pm. By: C. Kaitbenski

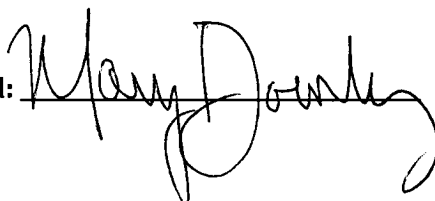
2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (M. Blanchard absent)

Adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board:



Date signed:

