

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Chairman Kiley called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:04PM on September 3, 2019 at the Senior Center, Mr. Tripp also present. Mr. Petraitis absent.

APPROVAL of MINUTES-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 8/20/19 and 8/27/19. So voted.

APPROVAL of WARRANTS-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant#5 \$271,757.55, General Fund Warrant#1010 \$96,485.22 and School Warrant#1011 \$228,776.76. So voted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve a one-day liquor license request for Still Hart's Café on September 21, 2019. So voted. Mr. Bennett was present; the one-day liquor license is to allow the café to pour outside for a playground fundraiser.

-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the new annual appointments for fiscal year 2020. So moved. A few changes were: The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was reduced to 3 members and the Downtown Development Committee was added. There are vacancies that need to be filled and talks are in place to form a Park's and Recreation Committee.

### NEW BUSINESS:

-Peter Peloquin from CMRPC spoke about the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is not a disaster response plan but a plan to lessen the impact of potential disaster. For example, instead of waiting for a storm to knock trees down, trees should be trimmed regularly. This plan also included infrastructure projects, response strategies and local plans and regulations. MEME has approved the plan and FEMA will be next to approve. Mr. Tripp asked Mr. Peloquin if they have specific areas of focus as discussed in a previous meeting, Mr. Peloquin assured everyone that all areas of concern have been addressed, some areas include beaver dams, culverts, road flooding ect. There is more information on the town's and CMRPC's websites. Sue Lewandowski asked Mr. Peloquin if he could attend a meeting of the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency to which Mr. Peloquin agreed. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan as written. So voted.

-Hardwick Winery did not come to the meeting to have their one-day liquor license approved.

-Chief Joe Holway requested the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of a generator for the new rescue vehicle from the Spencer Fire Department. Mr. Tripp read aloud the email and description of generator. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept the donation. So voted.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Danielle Whitestone (unclear on last name) whom lives in the Chestnut St/Mt. Pleasant St. area heard a rumor of a transitional living house being opened in her neighborhood. There was an uproar on Facebook and within the neighborhood as no one was informed and there are a lot of children in the area. Danielle wants to make sure everyone is kept informed of what's going on. Sue Lyons spoke to give some clarity on the situation: A church group based in Barre came to the Planning Board meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing a home on Mt. Pleasant St to open as a women only transitional

home. The women would have a jobs and this would be a home for them to stay while they get back on their feet after recovering from addiction. The church as not purchased the home but was questioning the process. John Couture was at the Planning Board meeting and explained that they'd need to meet building codes such as: sprinkler system, fire alarms, handicap accessible, as well as the process of notifying abutters and having public meetings to address any concerns from the residents. Mr. Kiley also explained that the town's by-laws would only allow specified use buildings in certain areas of town, so if the building doesn't meet the specified use for that area it wouldn't get approval. At this time there is no plan in place, the group is simply getting information. Sue Lyons and John Tripp told everyone that they should keep up to date with agendas which are ALWAYS posted in the Town Offices window and should be posted online, they should attend meetings if they are concerned, and if the transitional home moves forward abutters will be notified.

-Sue Lewandowski spoke briefly about being a survivor of abuse and addiction and offered her help with the town's website in January if needed.

-Brandon Avery wanted to remind everyone that the Historical Museum would be open on Saturday from 10-1 and should be open every Saturday through December. Mr. Kiley encouraged residents to go see Mr. Avery's historical collection as it is quite impressive.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Mr. Kiley read Charter lineup change notices.

-Mr. Tripp read a notice from National Grid about a new alert system for power outages.

At 6:40PM, there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre