



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Potter and Andrew Krouss and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Marie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Marie opened the meeting by requesting a motion to vote on a new Chair for the Board. Andy Potter made a motion to elect Kathleen as the Chair, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Motion Approved.

Kathleen thanked the Board for the nomination as well as past Board members, Eric Shimelonis and Roger Kavanagh for their service to the Town. She then made a statement about the structure and future function of the Board to work together with respect and with proper procedure. Kathleen mentioned that there is a Selectmen's Handbook available through the Massachusetts Municipal Association which the new Board members may want to have.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen stated that past Select Board members, Roger and Eric have already approved the Select Board minutes of April 25, 2022, she then also approved those minutes.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes
Kathleen Yes
Minutes Approved.

Town Administrator Update:

- Marie is scheduling a Special Town Meeting for Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover end of the fiscal year budget items.
- Police Chief Marc Portieri will discuss with the Board updates to his department. She then asked Marc to speak to this.

Marc explained that during past meetings with the previous Select Board, there were discussions in regards to hiring two additional full-time officers and rather than relying on using the part-time officers as frequently. Marc explained how this would help alleviate scheduling issues and benefit the Town by providing more coverage. He asked the Board for their approval, all members agreed this would be a benefit to the Town. Marc will attend their next meeting on June 21st and he will bring forth the candidates for the two full-time positions as well as a new Sergeant for appointment. He thanked the Board for their support.

Appointment of Max Lindner for Lifeguard at Card Pond – Caitlin Graham, Parks & Rec

Caitlin Graham, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, requested that the Board appoint Max Lindner as the lifeguard for Card Pond for the summer. She stated that he is a very polite, respectful and responsible young man that has been lifeguard certified. The Commissioners are very excited to have a lifeguard at the Pond again. Max introduced himself to the Board saying that he is excited for this opportunity and thanked the Board.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint Max Lindner as the lifeguard at Card Pond.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes
Motion Approved.

One Day Liquor License for Turn Park – Jared Gelomino, Turn Park Manager

Jared requested a One Day Liquor License for a TurnPark event on June 11, 2022. He stated they will hold the event from 4 PM – 10 PM with acoustic performances and a DJ from 7 PM – 9 PM.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve a One Day Liquor License for TurnnPark for their June 11, 2022 event.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

License Approved.

Housatonic Valley Association – Allison Dixon

Allison Dixon from the Housatonic Valley Association spoke to the Board and gave a slide presentation in regards to the work they have been doing for the Town. This work has been supported by a grant. It is very important work to help mitigate issues with road-stream crossings around the Town. She explained that the draft Road-Streams Crossing Inventory plan is a living document and will be updated as time goes on. Once this plan is in place it will allow the Town to become eligible for grants to help with funding of corrective/proactive actions to be completed without using Town funds. She has been working with Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works and Marie to get this document completed. This document will keep an inventory of all the road-streams crossings, a flood risk analysis and provide priority areas that need improvements. She will be requesting adoption of the final version of the plan in the future but wanted to keep the Board updated on the process and the give them information about the document. The Board thanked her for the presentation.

Williamsville Traffic Issues – Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works

Curt explained to the residents of the Williamsville section of Town that he is working on the traffic issues happening there. The Town just approved money for a traffic study for that area which will take place in July. This survey will include a large amount of information and data that will help with solutions to the traffic issues. The residents have set aside money to purchase a flashing traffic speed sign and wanted to donate it to the Town. Curt ask them to hold off and allow the survey to be completed and then they can go over the results and work together to find the proper solutions. Marc Portieri, Police Chief, recently attended a neighborhood meeting about the traffic issues there. He has set aside money, which was approved at Town Meeting, for traffic calming which will include more patrol on that section of road in Town. He feels that with the traffic calming and new signs after the survey is complete, will help with better traffic flow through that section of the Town. Resident Kristin Piasecki, stated that the residents feel like that section of the road is being used like Route 7 in Great Barrington and people just speed right through it and do not pay any attention to possible traffic entering the road from a side street or that they drive so fast that they just pass on the double lines. The residents are very concerned but are happy to hear that Curt and Marc have a plan. They look forward to working with them on solutions.

Annual Appointments of Committees and Boards and the new Community Preservation Committee – Marie

Marie read the list of Annual Appointments as well as appointments for the newly formed Community Preservation Committee.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of paid annual appointments which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

All paid annual appointments Approved.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of non-paid annual appointments which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

All non- paid annual appointments Approved.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of Community Preservation Committee members which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

All Community Preservation Committee Appointments Approved.

Discussion/Vote to hold a Special Town Meeting – Marie

Marie requested that the Board vote to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover the fiscal 2022 year-end budgets.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover the fiscal 2022 year-end budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Motion Approved.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss thanked all the voters in Town for their support. He also thanked past Select Board members, Eric Shimelonis and Roger Kavanagh for their service to the Town.

Andy Potter thanked Marie, Town Clerk Ronni Barrett, and the Registrars of Voters for all their hard work for the elections. He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Commissioners and the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a great Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at Town Hall. He was honored to participate.

Kathleen stated that she and Marie have been discussing how to proceed with the new Board members to get them up to speed and informed on what each department does at Town Hall as well as who works for the Town. Marie will begin scheduling different department heads to speak at future Select Board meetings.

Citizen Speak:

Jon Piasecki informed the Board that he plans on bringing forward a Host Community Agreement for approval from the Board in the near future. One of the requirements within this application is to hold a community outreach informational meeting which he hopes to have sooner rather than later.

Joe Roy, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, thanked the Board for a good meeting. He stated that the traffic study done a few years ago on Main street had a large amount of very useful data and he is happy to see one planned for the Williamsville area.

Roger kavanagh stated that the Town has created a process for an HCA application and hopes that Jon will be using that as he proceeds with his application.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 7:23 PM.

Roll call vote;

Andy Krouss Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Kathleen Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie U. Ryan

Town Administrator