

February 21, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Brian Mannix, William Rooney, Carmina Fernandes, and Derek DeBarge. Mr. Silva is absent.

First order of business: The Pledge of Allegiance

First order of business is a meeting with retired Sheriff Ashe and Sheriff Cocchi. Mr. Mannix spoke about Sheriff Ashe's career and when he first ran for sheriff in 1974. Mr. Mannix offered Sheriff Cocchi a Certificate of Recognition for his accomplishments in his career and being elected as Sheriff of Hampden County as well as his coaching soccer. The Certificate offered well wishes in his career and future.

The Board offered Sheriff Ashe for his availability and guidance to the Town of Ludlow and other communities as well during his tenure as Sheriff. An Official Citation was given citing Sheriff Ashe's accomplishments during his career during his eight terms as Sheriff. His work with inmates centered on preparing them for their future such as educational, vocational and training in addition to giving a better quality of life for their time while being incarcerated.

Ms. Fernandes spoke about Sheriff Ashe's commitment to working together as a community bringing his leadership skills to all areas of his career.

Mr. DeBarge spoke about his working with Sheriff McDonald and the ELMO program and through that learned that Springfield and their programs were thought of as models to all other communities for their programs. These were, of course, led by Sheriff Ashe. He spoke about leadership and how Sheriff Ashe led as a team using 'we' and not 'I'. He feels that Sheriff Cocchi is the same type of person in the way he has led through his career so far.

Mr. Rooney spoke about Sheriff Cocchi and being proud of his graduating Ludlow High School in 1990. He was class athlete and has distinguished yourself as a citizen of Ludlow, he lives here raising his family here which says a lot about him as a person. He is now the sixth Sheriff of Hampden County and he is the only one to rise thru the ranks. That really impressed Mr. Rooney. He wished him good luck in the future.

Mr. Rooney spoke about Sheriff Ashe keeping the County safe for 46 years but going beyond that with model programs that were followed across the country. He spoke about when the jail was originally proposed and those that did not want it in Ludlow, but Sheriff Ashe made promises and kept them. Working in and with the community promising to be a good neighbor and for all these years the jail has been a good neighbor.

Mr. Mannix closed by thanking Sheriff Ashe again.

Sheriff Cocchi thanked the Town of Ludlow and the Board. He is proud of his roots in Ludlow and when the primary closed over 75% of Ludlow supported him and made him feel respected and loved. Hampden County is a big county and he is concerned about the opioid crisis and a big push will be given to this problem going forward. He promises he will serve with integrity, character and honor.

Sheriff Ashe thanked the Board for their generous comments and sincerity. He acknowledged Mr. Rooney who was helpful in the past. He is honored to be proud of working with Ludlow as a team during the building of the jail and going forward through his tenure.

Employing 800 to 1000 people from Ludlow over the years and currently having about 105 employed from Ludlow. Having good jobs is an important issue across the country. He is very proud of Nick Cocchi starting out as a part time and young correctional officer working his way up through the ranks to where he is now.

Selectmen meet with Christine Peacey for the Celebrate Ludlow to present her final report for Celebrate Ludlow 2016.

To the Ludlow Board of Selectmen

This is the final report of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee 2016. We thank you for your support in allowing us to use your offices and personnel to help keep our Town Celebration. We are looking forward to another great event in 2017.

Sincerely the 2016 Celebrate Ludlow Committee

Christine Peacey Chairman, Rebecca Paul Co-Chairman, Vicky Authier, Mary Ann Osterferrero, Sue Santos, Lisa Martin, Jim Marceau, Tina Zinzinna, Lori Smith, Leo Provo, Scott Nelson, Mark Maria, Eric Segundo, Rachael Melanson, Linsey Dempsey, Diane Walton, Trudy Line, Jim Peacey and Ken Gauthier.

Expenses: Instead of using the newspaper they used WAQY and Rock 102 Radio Station which seemed to bring in some people. They were given \$1150.00 and \$34.00 for advertising for changing the numbers on the banners.

Set up and cleanup – United Rentals \$450.00 for spotlight

Michaels Party Rental \$3639.11 for tents, tables, guest chairs, vendor chairs, table clothes for venting and seating areas.

Ricky's Port a Potty was \$594.00

Lower Pioneer Educational Collaborative \$126.71 for the bus for transportation to the Fish & Game Club

Gomes Construction did not charge us for the generator needed for the food area

Jim Marceau was reimbursed \$10.00 for the State Lottery raffle

Nunes Construction \$120.00 for a dumpster

Hampden County Sheriff's Department ground cleanup for free

Ludlow Venture Crew is a donation given to crew for cleaning grounds

Westover Golf Course was no charge for use of golf carts

Dave Wilson, Electrician did a great job

DPW set up, did barrels, made banners they were so helpful, they picked up the spotlight

United Rentals did a lot this year

Ludlow Police Department patrol and safety – no charge – very thankful for them

Ludlow Fire Department – inspections, fire fences set up, firework safety on site – all the men who came on their days off to set up – on the day there was an ambulance there near the fireworks

Building Department – Permits at no charge

Fireworks \$7500.00 they generously kept their price the same as last year

Ludlow Girl Scouts - \$61.00 reimbursement for volunteer food vouchers / food truck use fee \$20.00 our use for strawberry shortcake

VFW – reimbursed for soda vouchers \$16.00

Rebecca Paul - \$12.04 for cleaning supplies reimbursement

Performance Foods - \$105.36 napkins / \$32.53 whipped topping / \$59.40 strawberries / \$35.89 biscuits / \$11.45 spoons / \$27.19 food trays from cheerleaders total of \$271.82

Entertainment Ludlow Community Band -0-

Noah Liss \$ 200.00

Wildcat OharaLin Band \$300.00

Chris Arno and the Lowdowns \$ 150.00

Soundman for all bands - \$600.00 total \$1250.00

Income –

Donations - \$11,767.95

Balance from last year \$565.25

Town Meeting Allowance \$3000.00

Gate Donation box \$584.95

Strawberry Shortcake \$ 210.00

Chug a Lug \$84.00 total \$16212.15

\*total does not have the percentage from KC – unknown- did speak to Town Accountant

This does not include a Ludlow Youth Hockey balance outstanding from 2015 (\$400.00)

Total Income \$ 17535.77

Total Expenses \$ 17370.52

Balance \$ 165.25 with \$400.00 owed

Adjusted relating to the following – the donation money was deposited according to the last accountant's process with one donation not specific names. Current Town Accountant was unable to tell her if there was a check from Ludlow Youth Hockey or any money given from KC. There are also other groups within this account not only Celebrate Ludlow. Ms. Peacey questioned how the Town differentiates when a donation is given where to allocate the funds. Ms. Villano stated that the Town has a copy of each check and listing of where the donation will be given. There was still some question of the payable from Ludlow Hockey. If a bill comes into the Selectmen's office it would be tracked and listed as paid. Mr. Rooney asked if there was any contact from the Selectmen's office to Ludlow Hockey and if not we should send a letter to them to try to resolve this issue. Her suggestion regarding using fiscal years as opposed to when the payments come in and that may be an issue. Ms. Villano notes that this is a revolving account. If this event is to go forward she suggests that Celebrate Ludlow cut down on what they provide to the vendors such as tents, tablecloths, napkins etc. They suggest that the vendors and groups who participate provide two tables and four folding tables and purchase the table covers from the committee to assure continuity. She said that the tables cost \$680 and chairs at \$108 plus set up for each chair and covers at \$268 for a total of \$1013 which could be a good savings for us. Vendors should split the cost of napkins and have vendors charge only their cost on food and drink for the volunteers.

Also, any items paid by the vendors or non-profits should be pre-paid the prior week to Celebrate Ludlow so there is no question of not getting paid. There is a group, the Venture Group that cleans and that has not been paid from a prior year and she asks that they be paid from the 2017 donations. She thanked all involved who supported and volunteered during the 2016 event.

Mr. Rooney questioned a date received on two donations. He went over some of her suggestions and noted that it is up to the Celebrate Ludlow Committee and not the Board. He asked where are the numbers of what the non-profit groups made.

Ms. Peacey said that they have not responded with their numbers and did not show up to the after-event meeting. If they are not making money this may be something they do not make money on and if that is the case then this makes it difficult to decide if this should continue. Mr. Rooney asked if there have been any fundraising activities for 2017 (No). He asked if it makes sense to even continue. Ms. Peacey said that from what she has heard they want to continue. Mr. Rooney suggested that they call for a non-profit meeting to see if there is interest.

Mr. Mannix would want to see this continue and he thanked everyone for their efforts. He agreed to the changes she suggested for cost sharing.

Ms. Fernandes spoke about how difficult it is to bring an event like this to fruition. She agreed with the cost sharing ideas with vendors.

Mr. DeBarge agreed with the Board and suggested she delegate to her committee.

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Visit from Beth and Bill Wallace for "Junk Collection License for Max's Whatnot Shop. At 6 Chestnut Street with household items, pictures and other items. They have a business license and need a Junk Collection License and that is why they are here. They do not want a pawn license. They have another shop and the one in Ludlow is for smaller items.

Mr. Rooney asked Ms. Villano if all items have been done to obtain this license, she said yes.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve the applicants Junk Collection License for Max's Whatnot Shop on 6 Chestnut Street.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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The Board met with Sgt. Shameklis – Safety Committee to discuss the recommendations for signs to be installed on Stebbins Street and for the recommendation for additional street light on McLean Parkway.

Mr. Mannix stated that stopping parking on Stebbins Street for 80-100 feet would not allow the homeowner to have the ability to park or any visitors to have a place to park. Perhaps if there was a one or two-hour parking limit which could be enforced it may solve the problems.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that he watched the last meeting and there seems to be some confusion on how the Safety Committee handles complaints and issues. Initially as his position in the Police Department he gets the complaints and typically he will contact the person and go down to the site and look at what the concern is within the complaint. A lot of times it is simply something he can inform patrol and can handle on an enforcement level like speeding or parking in front of the driveway. The other complaints he checks the stats for that area and see if there is a problem and look at the area separately from the stats such as accidents don't necessarily mean there is a problem. Then he brings it to the Safety Committee to be put on the agenda and everyone on the Safety Committee usually does the same. The Committee looks at the issue and some time it is tabled until everyone can get out to the area and take a look and then solutions are discussed to recommend to the Board. A lot of times there it is simply an issue that cannot be fixed. And then it is up to the Board to decide. In all of that there is no special favors or considerations given.

With regard to Stebbins the process was followed and he has some pictures which he passed out to the Board. These are from the new crash program the Police have. It is difficult for an emergency vehicles to get in and out. The cars that are here are either residents or patrons or workers from across the street. The committee feels that they would need to clear a lane so the corner can be traversed by cars and emergency vehicles. The 75 feet represents three cars. Mr. Mannix is concerned about where these cars will go to park.

Mr. DeBarge trusts Sgt. Shameklis and the committee's judgement but he is also concerned about customers and residents.

Recommendation of Safety Committee: Off of West Avenue – No Parking Here to Corner  
75 feet from current sign – No Parking

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mr. DeBarge for the Board to approve the Safety Committee's recommendation for parking on Stebbins Street as outlined on item # 24.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Regarding McLean Parkway, the Safety Committee recommended that the Board ask Eversource to conduct a light study in that area to see if it warrants adding additional lighting. The Committee recommended to the resident to possibly add lighting at the end of their driveways but he felt it would not be sufficient.

Mr. Mannix does not feel there is a lack of lighting, every other pole has a light on it. Sgt. Shameklis complained to Town Hall and he went out there at night and he found that the cul de sac was dark but the requests from the resident did not seem to be viable. The Committee thought that there may be a lighting adjustment to the current light may solve the problem.

Mr. DeBarge feels that there are a lot of streets that are that dark if not darker at night and doesn't feel that McLean is an issue at this time.

Ms. Fernandes agrees with Mr. DeBarge that there are very dark areas in Town.

Ms. Villano asked if the Board wanted a study to put more polls in or to look and see if adjustments could be made to the existing lighting. The Board felt that an adjustment request should be made to Eversource.

Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Rooney to table this until there is a response from Eversource.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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Meeting with Brian Regnier from Duro-last Company to introduce the new business to the town and a hiring event. The company is Duro-Last Roofing located out of Saganau Michigan with plants in Oregon, Texas, Iowa, Mississippi and the sixth location is Ludlow at 84 Westover

Road, and received our CO today. We manufacture commercial roofing there, light manufacturing with the main plant in Michigan manufactures the single ply roofing and they ship it here to be formed. These are commercial flat roofing with local management. They had the hiring fair, took an ad out in the papers and want to promote and hire as many Ludlow people as will fit. This plant will service everything from Maine to Virginia, pretty much a central hub. We were started in 1978 and still family owned, privately owned. The raw material is made in Michigan and the rolled goods will be sent here and take those into custom fit or accessories. They work directly with contractors. This is light grade manufacturing. There will be one more hiring event and wanted to introduce ourselves. We will have a soft opening date of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will be setting things up next week and full operational mode by mid-June.

Mr. Mannix thanked them for bringing the business here and wished them well.

Ms. Fernandes asked what type of jobs will be offered, entry level jobs, machinists and they would be trained as they go. Assembly and hot air welding. They left information and business cards with the board. There is a good benefits packages with the company. They will do more outreach in Ludlow.

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31. Letter from Maryellen Knapp requesting to be an unenrolled Poll worker

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve Maryellen Knapp as an unenrolled Poll worker.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

32. Notification from the Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021 noting their proposed Amendments, January 2017 increased cost of (605011) Ludlow Center Street Reconstruction from \$ 5,485,350 to \$ 5,845,350.

Mr. Rooney asked what this meant and Ms. Villano stated that the State will be giving us more money for that project.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file item #32.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

33. Letter from Anne L. Kosel, District Chief of Real Estate, Department of the Army requesting to allow the US Government to access the Town of Ludlow property adjacent to Westover Air Reserve Base for a twelve-month period to conduct a metes and bounds survey. Board to approve and chairman to sign two copies of the Right of Entry Forms.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to approve and the Chairman to sign two copies of the Right of Entry Forms as requested by the Dept. of the Army.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

34. Letter from Chief Madera, Police Dept. requesting to charge off medical bills and lost wages to Chapter 41, Section 111F for injuries sustained by a Police Officer on February 8, 2017.

35. Letter from Chief Madera, Police Dept. requesting to charge off medical bills and lost wages to Chapter 41, Section 111F for injuries sustained by a Police Officer on February 9, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to authorize charging off medical bills and lost wages to Chapter 41, Section 111F for injuries sustained by Police Officers as outlined in items # 34 & #35.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

36. One Day Permit Application from Knights of Columbus for a Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner to be held on March 11, 2017 at St. Johns Pastoral Center and does the Board wish to waive the fees?

Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to approve the One Day Permit Application for Knights of Columbus, March 11, 2017 event and to waive the fees.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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Board to sign the Junk Collectors License for Max's Whatnot Shop.

Board to discuss Frank's Diner Wine & Malt License, as his license process has not been completed. Ms. Villano noted that all changes and violations had not been completed but that he stopped in tonight to give Ms. Villano a new phone number so that the inspector can make an appointment to come out because he has made the changes and completed all necessary documents. In order for the license to be given an inspection by the Fire Chief and Building Inspector must be signed off. Currently he does not have his license.

This can come back to the Board when these inspections are complete. No action required.

Board to sign the One Day Permit for the Knights of Columbus.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to accept and sign the Executive Session minutes of January 24, 2017 held in the Board of Selectmen's Room will all members present.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to accept and sign the Selectmen's minutes of December 21, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. held in the Ludlow High School Auditorium with all members present.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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Board to review the Warrant Articles for the May town Meeting. In the past, there have been several articles put on for revolving funds under chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for on-site sewage disposals, vaccines, consultant and wetlands fees. Now with the Modernization Bill it has been recommended that the Town adopt a bylaw that would prevent having to put a Warrant Article each and every year for these same articles to reestablish these revolving accounts. All we would have to do is approve the money through the motion for each fund annually. Town Counsel will look over the article we will need to conform to this requirement. So, if you could vote to include those five plus the bylaw change that would be helpful.

In prior years if a department wanted to reclassify or add personnel they were required to have an article to establish the addition or change and another article to fund that change. Now with the Personnel Polity Manuel and the Classification and Compensation Plan that was voted out of the Town Meeting; the departments now must come before the Board of Selectmen for any additions or changes and the money would be added to the regular budget process.

The Veterans Services/ Human Resources combined want to increase the clerical hours in the Veteran's Office by 28 and they would split the hours between the two departments. The Board of Health is looking for a classification change from LATOS II to III. The IT Department is looking for a full-time person to be added to the Classification Plan.

Ms. Villano's suggestion would be to invite those department heads in to discuss those changes. Most of the articles under the Selectmen are standard. There is a moratorium on the sale of Marijuana and there are four zone changes. There is also background information enclosed.

Mr. Rooney asked if there was a price tag associated with the DPW Article for Center Street land taking. Ms. Villano said no they do not. It is understood that some of the temporary easements have changed. The Board will sign tonight the contract with the appraisers who would be doing the work. Ms. Villano isn't sure there will be a final number by the May Town Meeting. Each of those permanent takings will have to be voted upon at Town Meeting and this may require another town meeting in June to complete that whole process. Within two or three weeks we will have some idea of the cost of this.

Mr. Mannix asked if the Board would like to vote on the standard articles.

Mr. Rooney asked about the Board having to go out and retain outside counsel for the 40B should the Board have an article in the warrant. Ms. Villano noted that through the Mass Housing Partnership the ZBA would apply for consultant fees for an attorney and \$10,000 grants

will be provided to the Town for the comprehensive application. Mr. Rooney asked who selects the attorney and Ms. Villano stated that the MHP picks the attorney. Mr. Rooney stated that if that is the way the Town would like to proceed. If the Board would like to hire private counsel they would have to decide tonight. We did receive notification from our Town Counsel that the MHP will assign someone to the Town.

Mr. Rooney asked if the Board was going to be meeting with the ZBA but the comprehensive application came in and has a time limit and the dates have not coincided. Mr. Rooney asked about the public hearing – all boards, committees and commissions must meet and a public hearing must be scheduled within 30 days of receipt and he asked if there is a way to ask for an extension and who would we ask for this extension. Mr. Mannix noted that that 30-day meeting would open and take place but would not be able to be concluded with all participants at that one meeting. The town must respond within 40 days after the completion of that 30 day meeting and more information has come in today and we need to get a meeting with the ZBA to at least have someone walk all of us through the whole process. It is important for the Town to get a consultant on board as soon as possible. Does it make sense to have an attorney assigned to us and also look for another attorney for interview if we go that way? Mr. Rooney asked if the Town Counsel was supposed to suggest someone for us. He gave us one name and that was all he could give. Mr. Rooney feels we are grasping and this will steamroll over us and he doesn't know what the answer is. At this point we don't know what we are doing and we need to get some help. Mr. Mannix wanted to know if we could find out who the State would be assigning us. Mr. Rooney is skeptical about someone assigned to us by a State Agency. The consensus is to look for an independent attorney and also see who will be assigned to us.

Ms. Fernandes noted that Winchester MA seemed to have the same experience as we are experiencing and maybe we could call them and also look for more communities that could give us an advice. Ms. Villano stated that she would call them tomorrow. Mr. Rooney suggested we call the MMA to see other communities (Easthampton had two projects and they recommended a person who has since retired). Mr. Rooney suggested we could call this person to see if they are interested in taking something on.

Mr. DeBarge noted that before we leave here tonight with some clear line of what we can do. Ms. Villano noted that the Board cannot 'do' anything – the ZBA must officially do what needs to be done also we should get an advisor as soon as possible who will help us determine what can and should be done with the extension. Mr. DeBarge stated that yes, we should determine that we are going to get in touch with the person currently in business as well as the person who retired and get moving not speculating.

Mr. Rooney followed up and agreed with Mr. DeBarge however the Board appoints the ZBA and we should be working hand in hand with them and it won't be the ZBA members that will get inquiries from the citizens so we need to work in concert with the ZBA to see if an extension is possible.

Mr. Mannix asked if the ZBA secretary could get the Chairman's approval for them to call and get an extension, if it could be as simple as that.

Mr. Rooney asked how was the application transmitted to the Town. It was hand delivered with a date/time stamp. Mr. Rooney was very bothered by this. For an applicant, HAP, to drop this off at 4:00 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon at the Clerk's office with no 'heads up' to the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Mannix suggested we get an attorney to come in to be interviewed by us and also get in the Housing Authority in who is working for us for free and it would be his job to go out and get some answers for us – let's put the guy to work. If we could stay with those three things. Mr. Rooney asked if we are going to need a placeholder article from the Board of Selectmen if we are going to hire outside council for 40B. Ms. Villano stated that it would not hurt to put a placeholder. If you determine you don't need it you can pull it off.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes to put a placeholder article in the May Town Meeting for possible funds for legal consultation for Chapter 40B  
Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Mr. Mannix noted they needed to get back to the Warrant.

Mr. Rooney wanted to have a list of just the non-regular articles.

Ms. Villano said the Fire Department amending the ambulance subscription fund wording it is just a wording change. Matching funds for a 50/50 State contribution for Preservation. Remaining land takings for the Center Street Project. Planning Board – moratorium for recreational use of marijuana. The Zone changes you have already discussed. Veterans Services establishing a Ludlow Veterans Assistance Fund. Police Department establishing a 'Radio Advisory Committee'. Under Selectmen the Police detail deficit – that is \$120,000 that has been showing up in the audit for two or three years and it could well be less. \$40,000 deposit to hold property for a future Senior Center. Remove section 4 Town physicals and section 22, travel reimbursements from the Town Bylaws. (they are now in the Personnel Policy Manual). Bylaw change allowing the Board to enter into a 5 year or more contract for the purposes of the RECC Dispatch. Local 98 negotiations for the new contract, which we will be starting. All the revolving funds and then the items that we spoke about to add the department managers in, they are not articles but they are budgetary items.

Mr. Mannix noted the rest are basic regular articles. Under DPW, the Chapter 90 money the contract with DOT, enterprise fund, closure for the landfill, those are standard. Under Selectmen- reports of the town officers, reports of outstanding committees, printing of the Town Report, annual Town Audit, the budget article, Celebrate Ludlow, rescinding debt not expended from previous borrowing, Capital improvement, building infrastructure, reserve fund, stabilization and unreserved fund and the LCTV Chapter 44 budget.

You can take these home and determine if you would like anyone to come in and vote at the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes that based on the two page handout as part of the Board's information packet we approve all articles on the two page listing to be put on the Town Meeting warrant with the exception of the Fire Department – amend Article 5, of the October 4, 2010 meeting, Ambulance subscription Fund; under DPW the matching State 50/50 funds for preservation grant; under the Veteran's Services establishing a veterans assistant; Police Department establishing a radio communications advisory committee; Selectmen, the Police detail deficit; the \$40,000 to hold property for use of the possible Senior Center; remove section 4; Town Physicals and section 22 for reimbursements from Town Bylaws; the Bylaw change allowing Selectmen to enter into a 5 year or more contract for the RECC dispatch; and under the Department Managers request for a veterans' services/human resources additional clerical hours; Board of Health classification change from LATOS 2 to LATOS 3; and the IT Manager requesting one full time employee be added to the classification plan and those that were just noted would require further action from the Board of Selectmen or bring in the appropriate department head personnel to explain those proposed articles.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to approve and sign the contract between the Town and Crowley & Associates for the appraisal work required for the Center Street Project.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Mr. Mannix noted that he favors having a Dog Park in the Town and thinks there should be a Committee. Ms. Fernandes suggested that there was a Police Officer who has a dog who is very involved and that person could be one of the citizens.

Ms. Villano noted that the Town received the \$25,000 and they are ready to mobilize the design right now. They would like a dog park committee because the second phase would be approving the design and going for the second grant for the actual construction of which we have to provide 10% of the hard construction costs and the Conservation Commission has generously offered to provide that 10%. The point is to get the committee.



Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mr. DeBarge to form a Dog Park Committee with members to include the Town Administrator, Town Planner, DPW Representative, Conservation Representative and one to three citizens.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes to amend his motion to include as well a member of the Ludlow Police Department.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

The new State laws have decided that only one member of the Board need sign all the warrants and abatements. Mr. Mannix proposed the Board decide if they want to have only one member, keep all five and if only one member – who would the Board like that to be.

Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to designate the Chairman and Vice Chairman as second to sign Warrants and Abatements.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

The following are 28 people who will be appointed Special Police Officers in the Town of Ludlow as of January 1, 2017. All have completed the necessary requirements set forth in Chapter 274, Act of 1998. We reserve the right to amend the list in the future.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Mr. Rooney for the Board to appoint these names as Special Police officers in the Town of Ludlow. The following names are: Seth Beal, Nicholas Begin, Jose Bronco, Jessica Bowkowski, David Fernandes, Patrick Gagin, James Harrington, Kenin Healey, Michael Lobel, Adam Madeira, Christian Mendes, Raymond Perrilak, Norman Picard, Wendell Pryor, Fernando Robiero, Corey Rodrigues, Nelson Rodrigues, Armando Seriva, and John Weblad.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Chairman of the Board to sign Warrants and Abatements

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Mr. Mannix wanted to thank the DPW for the job they did in clearing the snow in the last snowstorms. He went to the DPW office and asked some questions and the next day all issues were taken care of and they really went above and beyond. Operation Manager and crew was fantastic.

Mr. Mannix read the following:

I would like to encourage anyone who has a question, complaint or comment to contact this Board of Selectmen. But I do expect other Board Officials in Town to know how to address each other using the proper procedure. Yes, Dr. Michael Kelleher of the Ludlow School Committee, I find that you either forgot or only wanted to address concerns of three members of this Boar. If you have all the knowledge, understanding and knowhow on topics before this Board please come in any Tuesday, when we meet, and we will have some positive dialogue. Better yet, you ought to run for the Board of Selectmen and solve the issues of the Town. Thank you, Brian Mannix

Mr. Rooney agreed with Mr. Mannix about the efficiency of the DPW with the snow. He attended two weeks ago the valentine dance and the honorary Rotarian of the year was his wife and she was very surprised. It was given to her based on her work with CARES and congratulations to her.

Mr. DeBarge asked about a nine-foot mountain of snow at the end of his driveway, but they did a very good job. He also attended the fundraiser for Sgt. Deforges, it was packed and nice to see a continuation of a town event so successful.

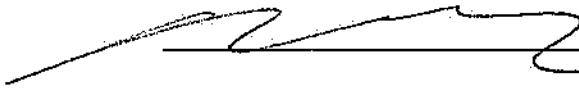
Ms. Fernandes commended the DPW for the snow and the pothole maintenance. She wants to apologize to Eddie Desilva, Eddie is my cousin who is the young man in a wheelchair that knows everyone and I thought I had given my condolences at a prior meeting when his Mother passed, she was the one involved in the accident in Palmer. So, if you are watching Eddie, my deepest condolences to you and your family and I am sorry that I forgot to mention that at my last meeting.

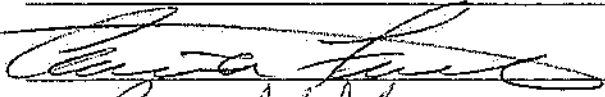


Moved by Mr. Rooney seconded by Ms. Fernandes for the Board to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of labor negotiations at 9:08 p.m. with Local 98, LATOS and Police/Police Supervisors unions.

\* To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares and not return to regular session.

Mrs. Fernandes – yes, Mr. DeBarge – yes, Mr. Rooney – yes, Mr. Mannix – yes.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

 Chairman

  
  
  
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