

July 25, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

First order of business: The Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 p.m. Visitation - Sheena Santolini interview for the Council on Aging.

Ms. Satolini: I have lived in Ludlow for thirty two years and I am trying to get involved more with the community. I was asked to visit the Senior Center and I went to a number of meetings to see which committee I would be most helpful on and I decided on the Council on Aging and friends of the Seniors.

The Board voted to appoint her to the Council on Aging for a three year term with an expiration of 2020.

6:15 p.m. Visitation from Celebrate Ludlow with Rebecca Paul the Chair and Laurie Smith

Ms. Paul: Celebrate Ludlow is happening on Saturday the 29th of July at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club which has been the venue for the event for twenty years they have donated there grounds for this event. It is all volunteer driven and we have been working hard this year to try and incorporate some new things and it goes to benefit the non-profits in Ludlow. The donations are low compared to previous years. There will be story in the Republican and there will be a story on Masslive this week, it is a community effort on all sides from planning to volunteer for this event.

Correspondence

185. Ludlow Fire Department Social Club request for a Music and Dance permit for "Rock the Boot" Benefit concert to be held at Ludlow Fish & Game on August 19, 2017. Board to waive the fee if approved.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Fernandes to allow the Fire Department Social to hold their Music and Dance permit for the Rock the Boot Benefit Concert and to waive any fees associated with the event.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

186. Louise Gilli, Environmental Engineer informing the Board that MMWEC will be performing routine brush clearing and mowing operations on its natural gas pipeline right-of-way, the work will begin the first week of August.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to fill item #186.

Vote: 4-0 in favor.

187. Celebrate Ludlow donations Baystate Bookkeeping Service \$100.00, Stephen Orlik \$50.00, Big Y \$100.00 gift certificate, AJE Financial services \$100.00, Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy \$500.00, Joes Auto Body \$50.00, Mills Tavern & Grille \$100.00. Grand Total \$8,685.00.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Fernandes to accept the donations for Celebrate Ludlow, post on cable and send a letter of thanks. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

188. Janice Grimaldi request to be considered for the position on the Ludlow Council on Aging.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Fernandes to schedule an interview for Ms. Grimaldi.

Vote: 5-0 in favor.

189. Ludlow Youth Football Association inviting the Board to a commemoration ceremony to be held at Nick Silva Field on July 30, 2017 at noon. They will be rededicating the area around the flag pole to Nick Silva.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #189.
Vote: 5-0 in favor.

190. Walter Stewart informing the Board that he will be resigning from the Council on Aging and as a Town Meeting member.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Stewart for his service. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

191. Diane Broulliard member of the Grassroots Committee for the Ludlow Senior Center requesting permission to place signs on town property for the kick off campaign for new Senior Center.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded Mr. Silva by that we would allow one banner at the bridge and one banner at the turnpike and Ms. Villano will notify them and not and other place on town property to be placed. Vote: 3-2. Mr. DeBarge and Mr. Rooney were not in favor.

192. Melanson Heath Audit Statement Letter.

Moved by Ms. Fernandes and seconded by Mr. Mannix to schedule a meeting with Melanson and Heath to review the reports and to file the letter.
Vote: 5-0 in favor.

193. Sara Clark, Secretary of the Department informing the Board that the Department of Telecommunications and Cable will hold a public hearing on August 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA regarding a petition of Charter Communication to establish and adjust the basic service tier programming, equipment and installation rates in Massachusetts served by Charter Communication.

Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Mannix to file and also request that a phone call or a letter be sent out to our legislatures to consider having these type of meetings in Western Mass were Charter has most of its cliental. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Mr. Rooney requested that a friendly reminder be sent to Charter Communications as a reminder that they were to get back to us with certain information and they have not.

Unfinished Business

Board to approve and sign the Selectmen Minutes of April 11, 2017 and March 7, 2017.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Mr. Mannix to accept the Selectmen Minutes of March 7, 2017 with all members present. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Mr. Mannix to accept the Selectmen Minutes of April 11, 2017 with all members present. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve the Chairman signing additional consulting services between the Town and Mt. Vernon Group for additional estimating services for the proposed new elementary school in Ludlow.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to approve the Chairman signing the additional consulting services between the Town and Mt. Vernon Group for additional estimating services for the proposed. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

There are three applicants for the open position on the Golf Commission does the Board wish to interview.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to schedule the interviews for the Golf Commission at the August 22nd meeting.
Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve and sign three copies of the Traffic Control Agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Town of Ludlow revised.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve and sign three copies of the Traffic Control Agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Town of Ludlow revised. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

New Business

The Board to open the Warrant for the August 16th Special Town Meeting Warrant, insert the Articles for the Center Street project and close the Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to open the Warrant for the August 16th Special Town Meeting and insert the articles for the Center Street project. Vote: 4-0-1 in favor, Mr. Silva has abstained.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to close the Warrant for the August 16, 2017 Special Town Meeting. Vote: 4-0-1 in favor, Mr. Silva abstained.

Board to sign ten copies of the August 16th Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Board to open the October Special Town Meeting Warrant, articles will be accepted until August 17, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by to open the October Special Town Meeting Warrant until August 17, 2017. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Selectmen Mannix to discuss Meadowlark Circle. A situation has been taken up on Meadowlark Circle that probably the easiest and most satisfying would be if I would like to make a motion.

Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. DeBarge would like to make a motion that we instruct the Building Department and the Police Department to diligently look into the matter taking place up there and report back to the Board. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

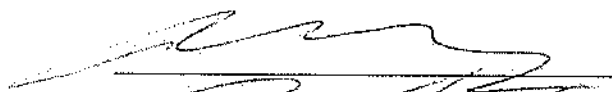
Board to peruse the Executive Session of July 11, 2017.

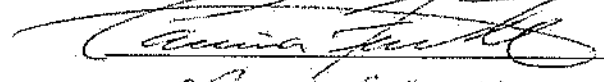
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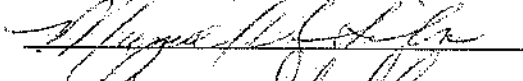
Board to enter in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel non-union contracts and collective bargaining for LATOS union and strategy for collective bargaining with unions. As the Chairman I declare that open session could cause a detrimental effect on the strategy of the bargaining negotiations and request that we enter into Executive Session.

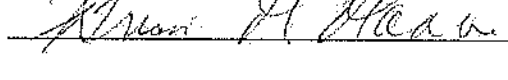
Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to enter into Executive session and not to come back to the public session at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Mannix yes, Ms. Fernandes yes, Mr. Silva yes, Mr. DeBarge yes and Mr. Rooney yes.



Chairman






Ludlow Board of Selectmen

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