

Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on August 8, 2017 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

RECEIVED  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
2017 NOV 29 P 3:11  
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Members present: William Rooney, Chairman; Carmina Fernandes; Manuel Silva

Members absent: Brian Mannix; Derek DeBarge

First order of business: Pledge of Allegiance

### Visitations

The Board held a public meeting to address the closing of Howard Street at Center Street.

Members of the Safety Committee present were Sergeant Brian Shameklis, Chairman; Penny Lebel, Vice Chair; Barry Linton and Alex Simao.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that they have been looking at different intersections that may need upgrading and this intersection is first on their list. He stated there have been 23 crashes in this area in the last two and a half years. He stated there was a pedestrian fatality in the last two years. The Committee has been working on solutions for the last 3-4 meetings. We feel that the best solution is to make Howard Street a dead end where it intersects with Center Street, preventing vehicles from making a left turn onto Howard Street. This will be for a six month period. He feels that putting jersey barriers on Howard Street will be a good test to see if this will alleviate the traffic issues. Howard Street will also become a two-way street. He stated that the Safety Committee has received complaints about vehicles speeding down Howard Street so this will help alleviate that problem as well. Mr. Linton stated that this will push the traffic down to Hubbard Street so there will have to be no parking allowed on Center across from Hubbard so traffic can get by on the right hand side to keep traffic flowing. He feels this will alleviate people from cutting down Motyka Street to Joy Street trying to avoid the intersection. Ms. Lebel stated that the Fire Chief said that they would need 50 feet of No Parking on Sewall Street to get the tower truck onto Howard Street. Mr. Silva stated that his preference is to make Howard Street a one-way going the opposite direction of what it currently is and making it a right turn only onto Center Street. He feels that closing Howard Street will make the Hubbard and Windsor Street intersections an issue. Ms. Lebel stated there will be signage at the Sewall Street end letting people know it is a dead end. Sgt. Shameklis stated that if they see that this has created a much worse situation before the six month period comes to an end, the jersey barriers can easily be removed. Mr. Rooney asked how this will be monitored for success or failure. Sgt. Shameklis stated he will monitor the stats from the Police Department. Mr. Silva suggested that possibly a Patrol Officer could monitor the area during the peak traffic times. Sgt. Shameklis stated that the Traffic Officer could on the 4-8 shift could monitor the area. Mr. Simao stated maybe after two or three months the Safety Committee could invite the residents of Howard Street and the businesses in that area to a meeting to get their opinion of whether the changes are working.

Several residents expressed their opposition to this change and offered suggestions.

Mr. Silva made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to go with the recommendations of the Safety Committee for a trial period put the barriers there and have it commence at the next available opportunity, going through all the channels that we have to go through for six months or less. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

---

### Correspondence

194. Celebrate Ludlow Donations – Chenier's Gravel Bank \$224.00 (sponsored a traffic light); Pioneer Valley Financial Group \$200.00; Ludlow Funeral Home \$100.00; Ludlow Construction Company \$350.00; Ideal Insurance \$200.00; Duro-Last Roofing \$500.00; Celebrate Ludlow Event donations \$921.19; Ice Cream Sales \$450.00; Luso Federal Credit Union \$2,000.00. Grand Total \$13,630.19

Moved by Mr., Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to accept the donations for Celebrate Ludlow with a letter of thank you and advertise on cable. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

195. Anna Lucey, Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications - informing the Board of price adjustments to the Broadcast TV Surcharge and the Spectrum Receivers.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
196. Joe Alves, Assistant Assessor – informing the Board that the Board of Assessors has voted to release \$50,000 to the Overlay Surplus Account.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
197. Anna Lucey, Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications – Annual Balance Sheet (Form 200) and Statement of Ownership (Form 400) for Charter Communications for calendar year 2016.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
198. Leonard Robbins – request for a One Day Wine and Malt Beverage permit for Christ the King Men’s Guild Annual Harvest Roast to be held on September 11, 2017. Board to waive the fee if approved.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to grant the One Day Wine and Malt Beverage permit for Christ the King Men’s Guild Annual Harvest Roast to be held on September 11, 2017 and waive any fee. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
199. The Grass Roots Committee for the support of a new Ludlow Senior Center – inviting the Board to attend their Kick Off Event on Friday, August 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
200. Micheline Turgeon, Chair – inviting the Board to participate in the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the Town of Granby, the celebration and parade will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
201. David Arcangelo, Director, Massachusetts Office on Disability - informing the Board of the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program application and selection process for FY18.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
202. Massachusetts Municipal Association announcing the Annual MMA Statewide Essay Contest for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and the inaugural Annual Poster Contest for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to raise awareness and promote the attributes of good local government and encourage future leaders.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
204. Chester Giza – request to be considered as the alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to have Chester Giza meet with the Board. Vote 3-0 all in favor.
205. Our Lady of Fatima – applications for Beer & Wine One Day permits for September 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017 and a Sunday Music & Dance permit for the Annual Festa and request to place banners at the Turnpike entrance and at the Ludlow Bridge.
- Moved by Mr., Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to grant the applications for Beer & Wine One Day permits for September 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017 and a Sunday Music & Dance

permit for the Annual Festa and the request to place banners at the Turnpike entrance and at the Ludlow Bridge and waive any fees. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

206. Mark Fanielli, Mark Fanielli's Traveling Amusement Park, Inc. – request for Sunday Entertainment License for carnival rides at Festa.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to grant the request for a Sunday Entertainment License for carnival rides at Festa. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

207. Anna Lucey, Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications – informing the Board of changes to the channel lineup.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

208. MMWEC, News Release - Consumer Advocates seek rejection of “unlawful rate increase”.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

209. John S. Ziemba, Ombudsman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission – requesting any updated information for the Local Community Mitigation Advisory (“LCMAC”) Representative.

The Board tabled this item.

210. Anthony Leroux, Race Director – The Cyclonaut Sprint Triathlon is being held on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, they are requesting permission to utilize West Street and Old West Street for the bike portion of the race. Also they are requesting Police support be donated for this portion of the race course. *(The Police Department has determined that this is not a simple 2 man patrol. Last year there was a team of 4/5 Officers assigned to the event. Last year's event created concern due to the large number of cyclists in the roadway with regular traffic flow. The Officers and/or Special Police assigned were paid by the PD as the departments in other communities were paid for the event.)*

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. Silva, that we approve the utilization of West Street and Old West Street for the bike portion of the Cyclonaut Sprint Triathlon and that we do not waive or donate the police portion of the race and further move that we allow the placement of signs along the route and that four to five Officers including Special Police as determined by the Police Department be assigned. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

#### Visitations (Continued)

The Board met with Eric Nelson from Westmass Development. Mr. Nelson gave an update regarding the Mills Redevelopment project.

Correspondence #203. Westmass Development – Final Environmental Impact Report for the Ludlow Mills Preservation and Redevelopment Project. Copy available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Nelson stated this report has been filed.

Mr. Nelson stated that it has been six years since Westmass acquired the mills and they have accomplished a lot. There is a purchase and sale agreement between Westmass and Winn Development for the clock tower building. They have filed for historic tax credits. It will be a mixed-use project. Riverside Drive, which will run from the Sewall Street end to First Avenue, will provide much needed access for emergency vehicles and will open up section 4 which is 60+ acres of light industrial land in the eastern portion of the redevelopment project. It will also extend phase 2 of the Riverwalk. The Riverwalk phases 1 and 1A have been completed. They have applied for grants from MassWorks and the EDA on behalf of the Town. This is the largest brownfields redevelopment in New England. This project has won a national brownfields award for the Ludlow Mills and HealthSouth. He believes Mill 10 will be another good candidate for a national award.

Mr. Rooney asked if the clock tower will be working once the development of that building is complete. Mr. Nelson stated yes it will be repaired as part of the development.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Wilbraham Board of Selectmen wrote a letter of support of this project and it was included in the MassWorks grant application.

Unfinished Business

The Board signed the One Day Wine and Malt Beverage permit for the Christ the King Men's Guild Harvest Roast.

---

The Board signed the One Day permits for September 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017 for Our Lady of Fatima Festa.

---

The Board signed the Sunday License for Music and Dance for Our Lady of Fatima Festa.

---

The Board signed the Sunday License for Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park, Inc.

---

Board to approve and sign the Executive Session minutes of July 11, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, that we approve the executive session minutes of July 11, 2017 with all members present. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

New Business

Board to approve and sign four copies of the Agreement between the Town of Ludlow and Automated Logic for the Ludlow Community Center HVAC system.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to sign the Agreement between the Town of Ludlow and Automated Logic for the Ludlow Community Center HVAC system. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

---

The Board perused the Selectmen minutes of July 25, 2017.

Closing Comments

Mr. Silva stated that he attended Celebrate Ludlow and it was a very nice event. He thinks every booth ran out of food and some people were upset. Fireworks were beautiful.


Mrs. Fernandes stated that she couldn't attend Celebrate Ludlow. She wished Mr. Mannix well with his surgery. She stated that she congratulated the Police Department on dealing with the older gentlemen who was panhandling on Center Street.

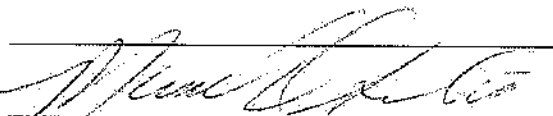
Mr. Rooney stated that he attended Celebrate Ludlow, the fireworks were fantastic. He also wished Mr. Mannix well.

Mr. Rooney: The Board is to enter into executive session for the purpose of strategy for labor negotiations with LATOS and Police Supervisor Unions and pending litigation. As Chairman I have determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of this public body.

Moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, that we go into executive session at 7:48 and not to return back to open session.

Mrs. Fernandes, yes; Mr. Silva, yes; Mr. Rooney, yes. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

  
Chairman

  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen

All related documents can be viewed at the Board of Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.

