

Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on April 10, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

Members absent: Brian Mannix

First order of business: Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Visitations

The Board met with the Budget Subcommittee to discuss the fiscal year 2019 budget. Members present were Kim Downing, Kim Collins, and Eric Gregoire.

Ms. Downing stated the process this year was that the Budget Subcommittee started in December with recommendations for the Departments. When those numbers came through, it was a huge difference to what was recommended and we find it unacceptable.

Ms. Collins stated that the recommended parameters were a 53 cent effect on the tax rate; after the Departments came in, we're looking at well over 1.25. There are increases to salaries due to contract requirements. There were several one-time items submitted that could be covered by Finance so those were pulled out giving a \$600,000 reduction, bringing the effect on the tax rate to under \$1.00.

Mr. Silva stated that as the budgets came in it's an impossibility because it's over the levy limit by two hundred and something thousand dollars.

Ms. Downing stated that even with the recommended budget with the cuts, they felt uncomfortable with it and were working on other ideas, one of which is about trash, possibly changing the trash program.

Ms. Villano stated that she sent a memo to the Departments informing them that the budgets submitted were above parameters and that they need to review their budgets because there will be cuts made.

Mr. Rooney stated that he doesn't understand why we go through the exercise of setting parameters when every year the Departments come in above them. Ms. Collins stated that this year the salaries were done differently, you can't just say 2% to salaries because that doesn't include step increases and increases mandated by union contracts. She suggested that Departments give what their actual salaries are and go from there. Then you can look at general expenses and either cut or add based on salary budgets.

Mr. Rooney stated looking at these numbers we either have to reduce expenditures or increase revenue or both. In terms of increasing revenue we don't have a lot of options.

Mr. DeBarge stated that if there are so many departments that go over the parameters, then they don't care about the repercussions. If they continue to go over parameters, then changes need to be made to the process. Ms. Downing responded that parameters are just a starting point, you have to allow the Departments to make a case for what they want or what they need. Once we realized where everything was falling, we all said this is too much, it can't be done and started towards cutting it. It is up to you, but this is where we are.

Mr. Silva stated that we do need to understand that every \$100,000 is five cents on the tax rate. No one likes increases to the tax rate but it's almost impossible to have decreases unless you really cut deeply or find revenue sources. He suggests having the Assessors look at the assessments. Ms. Collins stated that she did speak with the Assessor and he recently stated that it probably will be more in line with last year.

Mr. Rooney stated he is not comfortable with raising the tax rate more than 50 cents. Ms. Collins stated that the only way is for the Departments to absorb the increases in general debt and fringe benefits.



Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to have the Board of Public Works in for our next meeting on April 24, 2018. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Ms. Villano stated that when it comes to salary cuts, you may not see the savings that you think you will see because it will go over to the unemployment side because all of those individuals will be entitled to unemployment.

Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mr. DeBarge, that we notify the Departments that their budget is to at, for the time being, to be no greater than the numbers listed in the column FY19 Adjusted/Recommended as recommended by the Budget Subcommittee. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

### Correspondence

91. Eric Segundo, Director of Veterans Services – request to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and request approval for all permits for the Memorial Day activities

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, that we approve the request for the Memorial Day Parade for Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and approve the permits as well.

After discussing the changing of the route of the parade due to Howard Street being closed off, Mr. DeBarge withdrew his motion so that the Department of Public Works can be contacted to see if Howard Street can be opened up for the parade.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mr. Rooney to approve the parade regardless of the route and to waive the permits. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

92. Department of Environmental Protection – Ludlow Country Club Gasoline UST Release, 1 Tony Lema Drive Release Tracking #1-20500 Release Notification and Notice of Responsibility; M.G.L. c.21E and 310 CMR 40.000

Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

93. Albert Bessette, Jr. Right of Way Manager - Petition for Joint Pole Location Verizon Job No. 4A0E8XB Miller Street-Pole T.13½/E.44M. Board to schedule a hearing

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to schedule a hearing for the petition for Joint Pole Location Verizon Job No. 4A0E8XB Miller Street-Pole T.13½/E.44M. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

94. Louis Gilli, EH&S Engineer – informing the Board that MMWEC will be conducting the quarterly inspection of its natural gas pipeline during the first week of April, 2018

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

95. John Kopinsky, P.E. – abutter notification of a hearing being held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Health for a proposed well at 598 Alden Street

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

96. Tracy Bauduccio - Common Victualler License Application for Joyful Juice & Shakes located at 658 Center Street

Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mr. DeBarge, to approve the Common Victualler License for Joyful Juice & Shakes at 658 Center Street. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

97. Board reorganizations – Conservation Commission, Board of Public Works, Hubbard Memorial Board of Trustees and Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.



98. Application for a Liquor License Transfer and Change of Manager from Tony & Penny's Luncheonette, Inc. DBA Tony & Penny's Restaurant & Catering Service to Maria Fatima Barroso, Flor Do Campo Inc., DBA Tony & Penny's Restaurant & Catering Service. Board to schedule a hearing

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Moved by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to schedule a hearing for the liquor license transfer and Change of Manager as set out in correspondence #98. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

99. Sgt. Shameklis, Chairman Safety Committee – informing the Board the faded 30 MPH signs located on Kendall Street will be replaced

Moved by Mr. DeBarge, seconded by Mrs. Fernandes, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

100. Mary Cassidy, The Community Survival Center – requesting permission to designate the Ludlow Town Hall Parking Lot as a drop off point for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 12, 2018

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. DeBarge, that we approve the designation of the Ludlow Town Hall parking lot as a drop off point for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 12, 2018. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

101. Derek DeBarge, Chairman Capital Planning Improvement Committee - Radio Communication Replacement Report

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

#### Unfinished Business

Board to sign the Common Victualler License for Joyful Juice & Shakes if approved

The Board signed the Common Victualler License for Joyful Juice & Shakes.

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Board to approve and sign the contract for B-G Mechanical Service, Inc., and the Town for the replacement of a Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank for the Ludlow Community Center

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#### New Business

Board to discuss the liaison positions

Mr. DeBarge stated he would like to stay with the Capital Planning Improvement Committee. Mr. Rooney asked Mr. DeBarge if he would like to continue as the Department of Public Works' liaison; he stated he would. Mr. Rooney stated he is on the Board of the WMDC so he would like to remain the liaison. Mr. Mannix and Mrs. Fernandes remain the same.

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For the Board's Information:

Our web page and email provider will be upgrading our servers over this Holiday weekend, in case you encounter any issues.

#### Closing Comments

Mrs. Fernandes congratulated the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club on the hiring of their new CEO and they have a fundraising auction coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rooney stated that this Saturday is the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at the Ludlow Elks. Mr. Silva stated that the Selectmen will be meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup>.

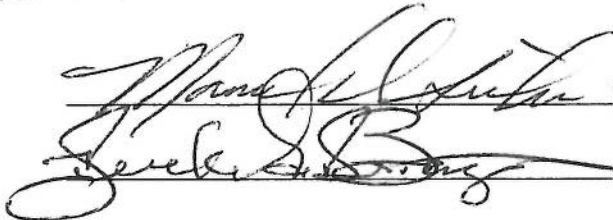
Mr. DeBarge stated that his thoughts and prayers go out to Billy and Linda Koss for the loss of their son.

Mr. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

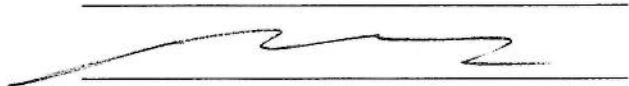
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