

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 25, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Thomas Melia at 7:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Board Members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon, Melia and Nolan. Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 17, 2018. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the December 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Board Members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia. Abstain: Nolan.

PUBLIC HEARING/None

APPOINTMENTS: Richard Steeves, Historical Commission [Present: Kenneth Warchol, Chairman]. Mr. Warchol stated they are excited to have Mr. Steeves become a member of the Historical Commission. Mr. Steeves stated he looks forward to getting involved with the Town. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to appoint Richard Steeves to the Historical Commission. Vote yes/Unanimous.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

Northbridge Firefighters/1) Request to hang a banner across Church Street from April 28, 2019 to May 12, 2019 to advertise their annual Spaghetti Supper to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 2) Request to hang a banner across Church Street from June 16, 2019 to June 30, 2019 to advertise their annual Fireworks display to be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019. A motion/Mr. Athanas seconded Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the Firefighters' request to hang a banner across Church Street from April 28, 2019 to May 12, 2019 to advertise their annual Spaghetti Supper to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and to hang a banner across Church Street from June 16, 2019 to June 30, 2019 to advertise their annual Fireworks event to be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Host Community Agreement for True Nature's Wellness [Present: Steve Croteau and Phil Silverman]. Chairman Melia explained that at the previous Selectmen's meeting of February 11, 2019, a forum was held where residents could express their concerns about the Host Agreement, and as a result of the forum, changes have been made. Chairman Melia explained that if there are no questions regarding the Host Agreement, the Board can vote to approve the agreement as provided. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the Host Community Agreement for True Nature's Wellness as presented. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Spring Annual Town Meeting [May 7, 2019]/Vote to place articles on the warrant. [Draft Warrant Article #2] Chairman Melia read the articles aloud. **ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen)/Bills of a prior year:** Chairman Melia explained that this is a regular housekeeping article. **ARTICLE 2: (Board of Selectmen) /FY19 Budget Adjustments:** Chairman Melia explained this article is for transfers within the FY19 budget. **ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectmen)/FY'20 Sewer Enterprise Operation. ARTICLE 5: (Board of Selectmen)/FY'20 Water Enterprise Operation. ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)/Chapter 90. ARTICLE 7: (Board of Selectmen)/Compensating Balance Agreements.** Authorizes the Treasurer/Collector to enter into agreements with banks. **ARTICLE 8: (Board of Selectmen)/Annual Reauthorization of the Board of Health's and Playground and Recreation's Revolving Accounts.** Chairman Melia explained there are three accounts as follows: Playground and Recreation for \$20,000, Food Health and Safety for \$20,000 and Compost Site for \$10,000. **ARTICLE 9: (Board of Selectmen)/Transfer money to the Compensated Absences Fund.** Chairman Melia explained

this is also a yearly article. **ARTICLE 10: (Board of Selectmen)/FY'20 Pine Grove Cemetery Operations.** Chairman Melia explained this article will transfer money from the Cemetery Trust to fund the operations of the Pine Grove Cemetery for FY'20. **ARTICLE 13: (Board of Selectmen)/Transfer money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to fund the 3rd segment of the CWMP and make sewer improvements and repairs.** Chairman Melia explained this article will ensure the Town remains in compliance with the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. **ARTICLE 14: (Board of Selectmen)/Transfer money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to develop a technically based metal reduction system to comply with the EPA Adm. Order.** Chairman Melia explained that the amount of the transfer will be \$360,000. **ARTICLE 15: (Board of Selectmen)/Remove Underground Storage Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Chairman Melia stated this article transfers \$52,200 from the unexpended balance of a Sewer Capital Account for the removal and replacement of an Underground Fuel Oil Storage Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **ARTICLE 16: (Board of Selectmen)/ Transfer money from the Water Enterprise Fund for infrastructure repairs /water mains on Linwood Ave., Court St., Jon Cir., and Edgemere Ave.** **ARTICLE 17: (Board of Selectmen)/Capital Projects.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) the following sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works for the following purposes: _____. Chairman Melia explained the details of the capital items/account numbers will be filled in at a later date. **ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen)/ Transfer money from the Town Building Maintenance Fund for Town Hall Slate Roof Eval; Town Hall Flooring/stairs; and floor burnishers/buffing machines for the School Department.** Chairman Melia explained this article is for maintenance of Town-owned buildings and facilities in Fiscal Year 2020. There being no further articles sponsored by the Selectmen, a motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to place all of the above articles on the May 7, 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote yes/ Unanimous.

Continuing, Chairman Melia advised that he received a letter from School Committee Chairman Michael Lebrasseur, in regard to Article 19, which is currently sponsored by the School Committee. He is requesting the Board of Selectmen to co-sponsor Article 19, which would support a turf field upgrade at Lasell Field. Chairman Melia then read aloud Article 19. **ARTICLE 19: (School Committee).** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the engineering, design and installation of turf on Lasell Field; making associated capital improvements to the Lasell Field complex, including the track, bleachers and lighting; and purchasing the necessary capital equipment to maintain the turf, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C (i½), for FY 20 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020); or take any action relative thereto. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Athanas to co-sponsor Article 19 with the School Committee. Vote yes/Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: FY2020 Initial Budget Presentation. This item was passed over as Town Manager Gaudette was not able to attend tonight's meeting to discuss this item.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: **Selectmen Athanas** asked Highway Superintendent Jamie Luchini for an update on potholes. Mr. Luchini explained that the hotbox has been out every day making repairs and will continue to be out making repairs. **Selectwoman Cannon** attended the Student of the Month Breakfast at the Middle School with Town Manager Gaudette and was impressed with the students and their hard work. **Selectman Melia** asked Mr. Luchini how the new Department of Public Works Facility is working out. Mr. Luchini replied that it is working out well. He said it's nice to get into warm trucks instead of having to wait for them to warm up; he added that having a lift to work on trucks has been a great help.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None

CORRESPONDENCE/None

EXECUTIVE SESSION/None

Chairman Melia announced that the next Board of Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019.

A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Nolan, Clerk

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LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION

February 25, 2019

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. December 17, 2018**
 - Copy of December 17, 2018 meeting minutes
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
- III. APPOINTMENTS: B. Richard Steeves, Historical Commission [Present: Kenneth Warchol, Chairman]**
 - Copy of Talent Bank Form of Richard Steeves
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT:**
- V. DECISIONS:**
 - C. Northbridge Firefighters/1) Request to hang a banner across Church Street from April 28, 2019 to May 12, 2019 to advertise their annual Spaghetti Supper to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019**
 - Copy of request to hang a banner
 - 2) Request to hang a banner across Church Street from June 16, 2019 to June 30, 2019 to advertise their annual Fireworks display to be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019**
 - Copy of request to hang a banner
 - D. Host Community Agreement for True Nature's Wellness [Present: Steve Croteau and Phil Silverman]**
 - Copy of draft Host Community Agreement with True Nature's Wellness
 - E. Spring Annual Town Meeting [May 7, 2019] / Vote to place articles on warrant**
 - Copy of draft Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - F. FY2020 Initial Budget Presentation**
 - Copy of FY 2020 Budget outlook
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE /None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**