

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**February 13, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Collins at 7:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. **Also Present:** Town Manager Gaudette. Selectman Begin is absent and it is duly noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

### **PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager [Vote to Affirm]: Caleb Kennedy, Operator In Training/Sewer Division.** Mr. Luchini explained that Mr. Kennedy interviewed for the open position at the Sewer Treatment Plant and comes with a background in excavation as well as knowledge about water and sewer lines. Mr. Kennedy stated he is looking forward to this opportunity with the Town of Northbridge. Mr. Havalotti added that he along with the Sewer Department staff welcome him and look forward to Mr. Kennedy joining the department. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to affirm the Town Manager's appointment of Caleb Kennedy as an Operator in Training with the Sewer Division. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce/1) Request permission to hold the Sidewalk Sale event along Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the Chamber's request to hold the Sidewalk Sale event along Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. **2) Request permission to close Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 9 AM to 3 PM from Park Street to the intersection of Cross Street.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the Chamber's request to close Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 9 AM to 3 PM from Park Street to the intersection of Cross Street. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. **3) Request for a one-day entertainment license for June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM for a DJ.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the Chamber's request for a one-day entertainment license for June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM for a DJ. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. **4) Request permission to hang a banner across Church Street from June 4, 2023 to June 18, 2023 to advertise the Sidewalk Sale Event to be held June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the Chamber's request to hang a banner across Church Street from June 4, 2023 to June 18, 2023 to advertise the Sidewalk Sale Event to be held on June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: Draft Warrant for May 2, 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting.** Selectman Ampagoomian asked if articles 18-20 are place holders. Town Manager Gaudette replied that is correct they are place holders awaiting draft language from Town Counsel. Selectman Melia asked if there will be a zoning article coming forward. The Town Manager responded that there could be as we have had some interest in the purchasing of land from the town and they are currently working with the Planning Board for a zoning change. We are not sure at this time if it will be a petition article or a zoning change from the Planning Board. Mr. Gaudette stated that he would like to have the Board vote tonight to add just the Board of Selectmen's articles to the warrant. Selectman Collins noted that articles 22 and 23, which are sponsored by the Bylaw Review Committee, are not ready because the committee is unable to complete its

review of all bylaws in time to meet the Spring Town Meeting deadlines. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to move the Draft Warrant for May 2, 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting from the Town Manager's Report to Decisions. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to place the Board of Selectmen's articles on the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant [May 2, 2023]. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. Selectman Melia asked about the former Rockdale Fire Station. Town Manager Gaudette explained that they have had discussions with designers for the TIPS projects regarding the loss of space on Sutton Street and Providence Road to meet the requirements of DOT, which we are holding off on that property because we initially envisioned making a municipal parking lot out of it. Selectman Collins asked what a ride-on scrubber is. Town Manager Gaudette replied that it is floor cleaning equipment for interior use.

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS:** Selectmen Paulhus reported that he was asked to be a part of a pledge at the Middle School for their National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, which he accepted and attended. He noted that it was wonderful event with all the young kids participating in such a great program. Selectman Melia reported that a resident located in the Benson Road area saw a Verizon vehicle and the individual spoke to the Verizon worker who indicated that he was measuring for FIOS. Selectman Melia asked if the Town Manager could look into this matter further and questioned if they should hold off on the cable agreement. Town Manager Gaudette explained that if someone files a permit with a franchise agreement you typically would approve it unless there was some major reason not to approve it, but there are multiple towns that have more than one franchise agreement.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023.

A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to adjourn the meeting. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brian Paulhus, Clerk**

/mjc

**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

**II. PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/A. By the Town Manager [Vote to Affirm]: Caleb Kennedy, Operator In Training/Sewer Division**  
-Copy of offer letter  
-Copy of application

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**IV. DECISIONS:**  
**B. Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce/1) request permission to hold the Sidewalk Sale event on Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM; 2) request permission to close Church Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 9 AM to 3 PM beginning at Park Street to the intersection of Cross Street; 3) request for a one-day entertainment license for June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM for a DJ; 4) request permission to hang a banner across Church Street from June 4, 2023 to June 18, 2023 to advertise the Sidewalk Sale on June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM**  
-Copy of letter requesting to host the event, road closure and banner  
-Copy of email from DPW and Police for approval  
-Copy of one-day entertainment license application  
-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation  
-Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit

**VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**C. Draft Warrant for May 2, 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting**  
-Copy of draft warrant

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**