

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

**July 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian at 7:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. Selectman James Athanas and Town Manager Adam D. Gaudette were absent, and it is duly noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 1) **April 12, 2021.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve the April 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. 2) **July 6, 2021 [Special Meeting].** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the July 6, 2021 [Special Meeting] minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins, and Melia. 3) **July 6, 2021 [Executive Session].** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve but not release the July 6, 2021, Executive Session meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Cannon, Collins and Melia. Abstain: Chairman Ampagoomian.

**PUBLIC HEARING/7:05 pm - Robert Garrigan / Application for a Class II (Used Car Dealers License) [Robert Garrigan, Mgr.], 909 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588/Present: Robert Garrigan.** Chairman Ampagoomian read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. Mr. Garrigan explained that he is working with Matthew Reynolds at Valley Transmission doing mechanic work for him and thus he is looking to buy and sell cars from space on this lot where his repair shop is. Chairman Ampagoomian asked how many vehicles he intends to have. Mr. Garrigan replied that he was told he can only have a max of six cars at one time. Selectman Melia clarified that the Building Inspector's comments notes that the maximum is six vehicles. No abutters were present. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to close the public hearing. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon, to approve Robert Garrigan's request for a Class II – Used Car Dealers License at 909 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA with a restriction noting a maximum of six (6) vehicles on the lot. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen (Vote to appoint): 1) Chloe Mawn, Conservation Commission.** Ms. McNamee, Cons. Comm. Chair, explained that there were two openings on the Conservation Commission, one of which was filled at the previous meeting. Tonight, she said Ms. Mawn is present as an applicant applying for the remaining vacancy. Ms. McNamee explained that Ms. Mawn's background is very unique and feels that her knowledge and skill will add something good to this Commission and the community. Ms. Mawn added that she is very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Northbridge. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Chloe Mawn to the Conservation Commission. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

2) **Wendy Timmons, Historical Commission (Reappointment).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to reappoint Wendy Timmons to the Historical Commission. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. 3) **David Potty, Zoning Board of Appeals.** Mr. Potty stated that he is semi-retired and was looking to volunteer some of his time to the Town. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint David Potty to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. 4) **Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to appoint the Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled) as provided in the agenda packet. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**Donation of 3 framed paintings of Northbridge/Whitinsville. Present: Mr. James Whitin and Mr. Itsuo Kiritani.** This item was deferred to a future agenda as the attendees were unable to attend.

**Northbridge Firefighters (IAFF Local 3338) / Application for a one-day weekday Entertainment License for the Fireworks event to be held at 6 PM on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Lasell Field (Middle School) / Present: Anthony Genga, President Local 3338 and Event Organizer.** Mr. Genga stated that the Fireworks event will be the same as it was last year with food trucks, vendors and a stage with a live band. He explained that the fireworks are usually held at the end of June, however, they had to be postponed this year since no one was sure about the COVID situation and if there would be restrictions. With the restrictions lifted, the firefighters are looking to hold the Fireworks event in August. Mr. Genga added that there will not be any carnival rides this year. Selectman Cannon asked if there were any concerns about the turf field. Mr. Genga replied that he has been in contact with Superintendent McKinstry and the only request was no food or drink allowed on the field, so they may just close the new turf field off. Selectman Melia asked if there was any concern of fireworks ruining the field. Mr. Genga explained that when the fireworks are lit, they are angled up and towards the cemetery and there is a 300-foot boundary, which typically no debris goes past. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve the above request for a one-day weekday entertainment license for the Fireworks Event to be held at 6 PM on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Lasell Field (Middle School). Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church/Request for a One-Day Weekday Entertainment License for a Drive-in Movie event on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM [Rain date: Friday, September 24]/Present: Brandon Hehn.** Mr. Hehn explained that the Church is looking to host a drive-in movie again this year as last year's event turned out great. Selectman Melia asked how big the crowd was last year. Mr. Hehn replied they had about 50 people show up. He also stated that Chief Labrie provided vests for safety and it worked out great. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church's request for a One-Day Weekday Entertainment License for a Drive-in Movie event to be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM [Rain date: Friday, September 24] Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health/1) Vote to sign and approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Health Services, and 2) Vote to accept the Intermunicipal Agreements for Regional Public Health Services from the Towns of Uxbridge, Mendon, Millville, Hopedale, Blackstone, Douglas, and Upton. Present: Jeanne Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator and Connor Robichaud, CMRPC.** Mr. Robichaud explained that the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, on behalf of 8 towns, is receiving a 3-year grant with an annual award of \$277,000 dollars from the Department of Public Health as part of the newly expanded Public Health Excellence Grant (shared services). The IMA before the Board tonight was drafted in cooperation with representatives from each town's Boards of Health and has been under legal review from the Mass Association of Health Boards, who provides level support for DPH. The IMA lays out the shared governance for the shared public health services with Northbridge being the host agency. The IMA serves as the participating towns contract with Northbridge for the new services and would establish an oversight board with representative from each town. Mr. Robichaud explained that the grant funding would include all costs associated with one and a half full time-shared Public Health Inspectors and a part time community health coordinator. The inspector would provide routine public health inspectional services to participating towns and the community health coordinators would draft public health educational and messaging materials to write grants for community health programs and help connect individuals with resources at the direction of each Board of Health. The regional coordinator will help fill gaps and enhance public health programs to better serve residents moving

forward. Mr. Robichaud stated the other 7 towns would be voting and signing at their respective Selectmen's meetings and tonight he is looking for a blanket approval. Selectman Melia asked if the Northbridge Board of Health has backed it. Mrs. Gniadek replied they do and they signed the letter of commitment, but they have not yet voted on the IMA, which is on their next agenda. Selectman Collins thanked Mrs. Gniadek for all her hard work she put in over the last year and stated it is greatly appreciated. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to sign and approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Health Services. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to accept the Intermunicipal Agreements for Regional Public Health Services from the Towns of Uxbridge, Mendon, Millville, Hopedale, Blackstone, Douglas, and Upton. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Safety Committee Minutes of June 16, 2021 / Shining Rock Jersey Barrier Issue/Present: Ken Marino, Resident.** Mr. Marino stated that it was his understanding that the Safety Committee's recommendation would be presented to the Board. Selectman Melia stated that it has not been and asked Mr. Shuris if the minutes have been approved. Mr. Shuris stated that one of the items the Safety Committee discussed was the replacement of the Jersey Barriers and they also voted in favor of removing the concrete barriers and reopening the parking lot. Selectman Melia, who was present at the June 16, 2021 Safety Committee Meeting for a different reason, added that the Conservation Commission and David Pickart, Conservation Agent both wrote letters supporting the parking area be reopened as it was designed for conservation use. As a result, there has been a lot of conversation about two issues: 1) whether or not to open it, and 2) the safety issue of no parking signs in the area. Selectman Melia suggested that the Safety Committee and Highway Department work together on the signage. He also asked that Ms. McNamee come forward to discuss. Ms. McNamee indicated that the Conservation Commission was preparing to come before the Board of Selectmen to request the lot be reopened, which opened the conversation. She added that they are mindful of the neighbors and understand their concerns but feel there are ways to manage it to make it safe. She also mentioned that they would like to see the area cleaned up and kept in a decent looking condition. Another concern is the streetlight that has been out of order. Ms. McNamee indicated that they would like to put up signage with regulations and the possibility of a security camera to act as a deterrent. Selectman Cannon asked if there has been any follow up on the previous discussion about the possibility of the DPW installing a gate. Mr. Shuris replied that the Safety Committee felt that it should be open for public use with no gate. Selectman Melia pointed out that the Fire Chief had commented on the importance of the lot being accessible for safety reasons and asked Chief White to elaborate on that. Chief White explained that if someone gets hurt on the trail, the stones prevent the EMTs from getting to the trail forcing them to go through the golf course. He also added that if there were a brush fire, they would need to block the road. Mr. Shuris noted that the DPW plans to treat it as a pocket park and cutting the grass, providing trash receptacles, and keeping it clean. They are working on getting the streetlight repaired. Mr. Marino urged the Board to vote against the Safety Committee's recommendation for reopening the pocket park. Mr. Marino explained that two years ago 63 residents signed a petition to close the lot and the police did their best to resolve the problems, but it was decided it was best to shut the lot down. Mr. Marino added that two months ago he requested the barriers be replaced with something more aesthetically appealing and now the Police Department, Conservation Commission and Fire Department have all raised concerns with the lot being closed and questioned why these entities did not raise their concerns before. He added that one of their main concerns is cars parking on the street, which was a problem when the lot was open. Mr. Marino went on to say that there was a brush fire there years ago and they chose to come in through the golf course as opposed to the lot, which was open. Mr. Marino stated that if the lot is reopened it will require a proactive approach that would require valuable Police resources needed elsewhere in town. He said with Shining Rock being located on the Upton town line, the NFD would have an increased response time for emergency calls. Mr. William Labarge, 402 Shining Rock Drive, agreed with Mr. Marino and mentioned that he has had hikers in his back yard. Mr. Raymond Albert, 362 Shining Rock Drive, said that he knows how challenging a situation like this can be and added that he has reported individuals to the Police Department saying it is very disconcerting to have young kids stumbling through the woods and onto your property at

all hours of the night, especially if something were to happen. He indicated that the key problem comes down to enforcement and if the hours were enforced, it should eliminate any issues and individuals could still enjoy the park. Until that enforcement is in place it is going to circle back to the same issues of the past. Mr. Albert said that he is happy to help with devising a plan that would resolve the issue. Selectman Melia questioned if it would be better to not have cars parking on the curve due to the narrowness of the road. He also pointed out that when the properties were purchased, folks should have been told that the developer had to give some property to the Town of Northbridge for conservation purposes. Mr. Albert and Mr. Marino concurred with that comment. Mr. Marino made a comment that was inaudible, as he was not seated at the microphone. Selectman Melia asked Police Chief Labrie if there were many arrests at this location prior to the lot closing. Mr. Labrie replied no but said that there were some calls. Mr. Marino added that the last thing they want is retaliation from the kids leaving the residents with no recourse. Selectman Melia reasoned that if this conservation area is closed then they should all be closed. With respect to an earlier comment about the road being too narrow, Mr. Albert suggested not to commingle the two problems (opening the lot and the narrowness of the road). Selectman Collins expressed that people are still going to use the path whether the parking lot is open or not. In response, Chief Labrie stated that parking on the street is an issue and is unsafe, and he believes the lot should be opened to eliminate people from creating an unsafe situation by parking in the street. He also addressed a concern about kids drinking in the lot and using the trails after hours, saying, if the Police Department gets a call, their job is to find the problem and handle the situation. Chief Labrie added that the option to close the lot could be made just as easy as deciding to open it if problems persist and cannot be addressed. Selectman Cannon agreed with opening the lot but expressed her concern for the lack of a solid plan regarding lighting and signage and feels those items should be addressed prior to reopening the lot. Chairman Ampagoomian asked Ms. McNamee about when the Shining Rock development conveyed that land to the Conservation Commission, were there any restrictions as far as the use or non-use of the property. Ms. McNamee was unsure but said there were no restrictions that she was aware of. The Chairman then voiced his opinion that this matter should be investigated. Ms. McNamee added that the Conservation Commission is ready to move forward with signage for that lot but would like to consult with other departments. Mr. Albert objected saying if the lot is opened it will not stop people from parking in the street when the lot is full. He then proposed the possibility of adding a parking area at the other end of the trail. Ms. McNamee notes that there is parking for one car and the remainder of that area is proposed to be a farm stand. Mr. Marino proposed a phased approach by adding "No Parking" signage along the street to see if the police can control and enforce it and then open the lot for the police to enforce those issues. Peter Bedigian, 305 Shining Rock Drive, member of the Northbridge Safety Committee, explained that the Safety Committee identified the safety concerns and recommended removal of the barriers, cleaning up the area, and then see what happens over the next six months. He added that the lot can be used by police to monitor speed and other issues in or around the area. After six months, the town can reassess the situation and act accordingly. Selectman Melia closed the discussion by reminding everyone that this was something the Town voted for when the Shining Rock development was established and the lot was given to the Town for Conservation use. He agreed with opening the lot for six months with a plan in place to have signage posted with regulations and hours and having the streetlight repaired. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to remove the barriers for six months, have the lot cleared and cleaned, the streetlight repaired, and posting no parking signage on the street. Selectman Cannon supported the opening of the lot but not as presented and would prefer to see a plan in place with timelines. Selectman Collins amended the motion to open the lot once the streetlight is repaired and turned on, the area is cleaned, and the internal signs are available. Mr. Shuris replied that they will add these topics to the next Safety Committee for approval. Vote yes/Mr. Collins, Mr. Melia and Mr. Ampagoomian. Abstain: Selectman Cannon.

**REPM [Stone Hill Condominiums]/Vote to accept monetary donations in the amount of 1) \$50,000 to be designated for design/construction of a pocket-park (parklet/community garden) at the site of the former Rockdale Youth Center (2217 Providence Road).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to accept the monetary donation in the amount of \$50,000 designated for design/construction of a pocket-

park (parklet/community garden) at the site of the former Rockdale Youth Center (2217 Providence Road). Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. **2) \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located on Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located on Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Historical Commission/Request approval of the proposed locations for the National Park Service Interpretive Signs. Present: Leonard Smith, Chairman.** Mr. Smith explained that the National Park Service created some interpretive signs (photos of which are included in the agenda packet) to be installed in specific locations around town. That said, the Commission is looking to have the Board approve the locations of the signs, which were already voted and approved by the Historical Commission. Continuing, he advised the Board that the installation of the signs will be done in phases. As an example, he said sign #4, which will be located in Memorial Park (on the Church Street side) was created by Blackstone Valley Tech, but with school out of session, they are unable to complete it. The National Park Service (NPS) hopes to have all signs up by August 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the anniversary of the NPS. The photo labeled sign #1 (in the packet) will be placed in front of the Aldrich School (on Hill Street), sign #2 will be placed in front of the Fletcher Forge on Douglas Road (after the Douglas Road Bridge), and sign #3 will be placed in Memorial Park (on the Linwood Avenue side). In closing, Mr. Smith reiterated that there is no cost to the town to do this project. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the Historical Commission's request regarding the proposed locations of the National Park Service Interpretive Signs as shown above. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Town of Northbridge's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Vote to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Present: Leonard Smith.** Mr. Smith acknowledged the importance of having a celebration in honor of the town's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday for everyone in town to have a chance to celebrate and to be able to do it safely now with the pandemic slowing. Mr. Warchol added that if we wait to celebrate the town's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, an entire generation will miss out and likely not continue the tradition. He then outlined the various options like a parade or a ball, but it would be up to the committee. Mr. Warchol reiterated the importance of such a celebration for the older population because it would probably be the last one for them in their lifetime. Mr. Smith proposed that the makeup of the committee be 7 members as follows: 1 member of the Board of Selectmen, 1 member of the Historical Commission, 1 member of the Historical Society, and 4 members at large and all to serve for a term that will expire at the conclusion of the anniversary celebration in 2022. Mr. Warchol added that Unibank would like to get involved as it is their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary too. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Melia to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as presented. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Tri-Valley Front Runners, Inc. [Matthew Kellogg]/Request permission to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve Tri-Valley's request to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Clean Earth Presentation/Present: Attorney Henry Lane.** Mr. Lane introduced Nicholas Mousey, Scott Miller and Kip Foley who are proposing to redo the Quaker Street landfill. He stated the landfill has some issues and funds have been spent to provide upgrades, but some rather large upgrades will need to be completed in the near future. Mr. Lane expressed that he felt this was a good opportunity for the town to take advantage of the program and take the town out of that process and create a permanent solution. He further explained that there is no need to make a decision tonight as they will still need to go to the Planning



Board, Board of Health and it will be some months before the official approval, which will be necessary for the State requirements. Mr. Foley indicated he was approached by the owner of the Quaker Street property, who inquired about working with the Town and a contractor to come up with a plan that is acceptable to the Town. In speaking with the Town Manager, he was directed to speak with the Planning Board and from there they met with Conservation, Board of Health and Building Inspector. The conclusion is that it is an unfunded liability and now there is an opportunity for remediation and post-closure uses of the site. Mr. Miller, Regional General Manager of Clean Earth, explained the purpose of the Clean Earth Company as a beneficial reuse company. He summarized that the project would consist of relocating the solid waste that is in the floodplain currently, working with the Conservation Commission for permitting, and restore the floodplain with vegetation and provide access to the community. Proper grades would need to be established, a cap system would be installed to reduce future ground water impacts and the establishment of a thirty-year fund for maintenance and monitoring. Benefits to the town would be eliminating the unfunded liability and environmental monitoring, adding green space, a host community fund, and reducing the impacts of ground water. Mr. Miller reiterated that this presentation tonight is informational only and down the road they would have agreements for the Board to approve. He reviewed the existing conditions as laid out in the packet. Selectman Collins questioned where the funding comes from. Mr. Miller replied that the grading and shaping material is extra from construction sites, which they are required to properly dispose of and the tipping fee covers the prep work, placing of the material, the host community fee, as well as consultants and lawyer fees. Selectman Cannon asked what the typical timeline is for a project like this. Mr. Miller answered under the Administrative Consent Order, the State will make sure it is closed within a certain period of time. He said a project of this size will probably be completed within 3 years. Selectman Melia asked what type of areas could replace a landfill. Mr. Miller replied that it would be open space and community access to the Blackstone River. He added that there is a parcel in between the State Park that they would try to create access to that park. Chairman Ampagoomian questioned whether registered soil samples would be provided per truck to the Board of Health. Mr. Miller advised that they have specific quality controls in place and disposing of the soils has acceptance criteria, which requires a sample based off tons, depending on what the permit requires. The soil scientists will check the test against the criteria to be sure it meets what is needed. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the membrane liner would be heat-sealed. Mr. Miller replied yes and most are, adding that the sealing will be created in the design and specifications, which will go to a sub-contractor. Chairman Ampagoomian further asked if the testing results from the monitor wells would be sent to the Board of Health. Mr. Miller explained that it is public record so they would be happy to supply them with that information. Chairman Ampagoomian asked who would oversee the maintenance of the site. Mr. Miller advised that it would either be a subcontractor through the property owner, which the funds would be available and withdrawn. Mr. Foley added that there would be two bonds that would be built into the consent order with the DEP; one to cover the cost of the capping that is not released until the post-closure bond, once the landfill is completed, to monitor and maintain, and will be accessible to the DEP. Mr. McKeon, Board of Health member, acknowledged that DEP is not going to release the Town from the landfill until 2027, and was capped by DEP rules years ago. He also stated he is not sure why they are looking to move forward with this now and pointed out that the previous landfill across from Osterman Gas, was not capped correctly and he personally went back and forth with the DEP. Mr. Miller advised that there is a distinction between non-hazardous soil and hazardous soil, and low grade can be a hazardous component, which water could be at some point. Mr. Miller further advised that the obligation to 2027 would end with the capping of the landfill and there would be no further obligation to maintain the landfill. Chief Labrie mentioned the possibility of a radio tower going in depending on the elevation. Mr. Miller replied that they absolutely could do something like that and they would be looking to collaborate with the Town on any opportunities to improve and make use of the area.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021) / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon.** A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to close the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 12:00 Noon. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Leonard Sampson [No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South].** A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the sale of lots No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Board of Health Appointments/Present: Lani Criasia, Chair, Board of Health & Paul McKeon, member.** Ms. Criasia and Mr. McKeon were asked to attend the meeting due to a member's attendance record. Mr. McKeon explained that the member had a medical issue and that was the reason for the lack of attendance. Selectman Melia informed Mr. McKeon and Ms. Criasia that every year the attendance records are sent to the Board of Selectmen for those Board and Committee members that are up for reappointment. This year there were two Board of Health members' whose attendance records were red flags, one of which withdrew his name from being reappointed. Next, Mr. Melia pointed out that he has an issue with low meeting attendance by BOH members as well as support from the Health Board at Town Meeting, especially when the Board has an article on the warrant. Per the Town Charter, if any Board or Committee has an article on the Spring or Fall Town Meeting, the chairperson is to be in attendance, and if they are unable to attend, then a member of the Board or Committee will attend in their place. Mr. McKeon explained that the last Town Meeting was during the pandemic and due to his being high risk, he chose not to attend. Selectman Melia questioned why he didn't designate someone else to go in his place. Ms. Criasia advised that going forward they will have a better plan to make sure someone is in attendance at town meetings. Ms. Criasia queried that since they are down two members what happens now. Chairman Ampagoomian mentioned that the position is now open so residents may apply for membership. Selectman Melia mentioned that the Charter also states that if a member is not able to attend meetings as a result of medical issues it is not to be held against their attendance record for the member to be removed from the Board or Committee. Selectman Melia requested that the member attend a future meeting if he is interested in staying on the Board.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: Selectman Melia 1)** reminded the Board that the Elementary School tour will be Wednesday at 4 PM.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

**A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:18 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Russell D. Collins, Clerk**

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## **LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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#### **3) July 6, 2021 [Executive Session]**

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-Copy of public hearing notice

-Copy of Class II used car dealers' application

-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation

-Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit

-Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance

-Copy of Surety bond

-Copy of map/layout

-Copy of emergency contact information

-Copy of business certificate application

-Copy of lease agreement

-Copy of sign off memo from the Chief of Police

-Copy of sign off memo from the Building Inspector

-Copy of abutters list request

-Copy of license routing slip

#### **III. APPOINTMENTS/ C. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Chloe Mawn, Conservation Commission**

-Copy of talent bank application of Chloe Mawn

-Copy of resume of Chloe Mawn

#### **2) Wendy Timmons, Historical Commission (Reappointment)/No documentation**

#### **3) David Potty, Zoning Board of Appeals**

-Copy of talent bank form of David Potty

#### **4) Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled)**

-Copy of memo and list of election officers

#### **IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

**D. Donation of 3 framed paintings of Northbridge/Whitinsville. Present: Mr. James Whitin and Mr. Itsuo Kiritani .** This item was deferred to a future agenda as the attendees were unable to attend.



**V. DECISIONS:**

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- Copy of Inter-Municipal Agreement for Local Public Health Services

**H. Safety Committee Minutes of June 16, 2021 / Shining Rock Jersey Barrier Issue/Present: Ken Marino, Resident**

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**2) \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located off Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works**

- Copy of memo from R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner in regard details of the monetary donation

**J. Historical Commission/Request approval of proposed signage for National Park Service Interpretive Signs/Present: Leonard Smith**

- Copy of map showing locations of signs
- Copy of sign number one
- Copy of sign number two
- Copy of sign number three
- Copy of sign number four

**K. Town of Northbridge's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Vote to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee/ Present: Leonard Smith**

- Copy of memo requesting the formation of a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the makeup of the committee

**L. Tri-Valley Front Runners, Inc. [Matthew Kellogg]/Request permission to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department**

- Copy of email requesting to hold a road race
- Copy of Hold Harmless Agreement
- Copy of Map
- Copy of certificate of insurance

**M. Clean Earth Presentation/Present: Attorney Henry Lane**

- Copy of email from the Board of Health regarding the Clean Earth Presentation
- Copy of PowerPoint presentation

**N. Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021) / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon/No documentation**

**O. Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Leonard Sampson [ No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South]**

- Copy of Pine Grove Cemetery Deed

**VI. DISCUSSIONS:**

**P. Board of Health Appointments/Present: Lani Criasia, Board of Health, Chair & Paul McKeon, member/No documentation**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

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

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/No documentation**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/No documentation**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**