

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 23, 2023

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Collins at 7:00 PM, using Zoom Meeting software. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian Begin, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. **Also present:** Town Manager Gaudette.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

The Chairman read aloud the following statement: On July 16, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, which, among other things, extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2023. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The Act does not make any new changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from July 15, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85712906976?pwd=SXIxWFBmOUdkNHdSQy9wR3ZvbndPQT09>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

**PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager (Vote to Affirm): Marc Bessette, DPW Laborer/Present: Jamie Luchini, DPW Director.** Mr. Luchini introduced Mr. Bessette noting that if appointed tonight he will be a fourth generation Highway employee. He added that he is very mechanically inclined, that he interviewed well and he feels he will be a great addition to the Highway Department. Mr. Bessette stated that he is looking forward to this opportunity. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to affirm the Town Manager's appointment of Marc Bessette as a DPW Laborer. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**By the Board of Selectmen (Vote to Approve): Anthony Genga, Deputy Chief / Safety Committee Alternate.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Anthony Genga, Deputy Chief, as a Safety Committee Alternate. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

**Tri-Valley Front Runners / Request to hold the Frank Nealon Boston Tune Up 15K Road Race on Saturday, April 1, 2023.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the request from Tri-Valley Front Runners to hold the Frank Nealon Boston Tune Up 15K Road Race on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**Moon Management dba The Neighborhood Kitchen, 125 Church Street, Whitinsville/Request for a one-day Wines and Malts license from February 10, 2023 to February 12, 2023 from 4 PM to 11 PM /Present: Mark Moon.** Mrs. Moon explained that those interested in attending will purchase tickets in advance and they will also choose their meal in advance. To make it special, they wanted to offer beer, wine, and champagne. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the request for a one-

day Wines and Malts license from February 10, 2023 to February 12, 2023 from 4 PM to 11 PM. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**Spring Annual Town Meeting [May 2, 2023] / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to close the warrant on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM Noon. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Vote to approve the sale of Lot No. 41A, one grave, Elm Ave. (North) to Steven Crosby.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the sale of Lot No. 41A, one grave, Elm Ave. (North) to Steven Crosby. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes [December 21, 2022]/Vote to accept the recommendations.** Selectman Paulhus commented about a remark made by Chief Labrie concerning the installation of cameras at the courts, asked if that was something that should be included in the design. Mr. Luchini indicated that they included it in the bid as an Alternate and it is in the design. If it cannot be included, they can look into it after the fact. Selectman Melia asked where the set up would be and who would manage it. Mr. Luchini replied that the set up would be onsite inside the concession stand and hold footage from one to two weeks. Chief Labrie noted that depending on the quality, there is a chance that the Police Department can dial into the system from the station. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the minutes of December 21, 2022. Vote yes/Melia, Ampagoomian, Begin, Paulhus, and Collins.

**DISCUSSIONS/None**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** Reminder: Tomorrow January 24, 2023 at 7 PM there will be a public hearing for the Cable contract renewal.

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS:** Selectman Ampagoomian attended the pinning ceremony for Deputy Chief Genga and Captain Thomas Valdivia.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

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

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brian Paulhus, Clerk**

/mjc

**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION**

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**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

**II. PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager (Vote to Affirm): A. Marc Bessette, DPW Laborer/Present: Jamie Luchini, DPW Director**

- Copy of appointment letter
- Copy of application

**B. By the Board of Selectmen: Anthony Genga, Deputy Chief, Safety Committee Alternate**  
-Copy of email request

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

**V. DECISIONS:**

**C. Tri-Valley Front Runners/Frank Nealon Boston Tune Up – 15K [Saturday, April 1, 2023]**

- Copy of Hold Harmless Agreement
- Copy of map for the Frank Nealon Boston Tune Up
- Copy of email approval from the Highway Department
- Copy of email approval from the Police Department

**D. Moon Management dba The Neighborhood Kitchen, 125 Church Street, Whitinsville/Request for a one-day wine and malt license from February 10, 2023 to February 12, 2023 from 4 PM to 11 PM /Present: Mark Moon**

- Copy of application for a Special License
- Copy of Revenue Attestation and Protection Attestation
- Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit
- Copy of Hold Harmless
- Copy of Certificate of Insurance
- Copy of License Routing Slip

**E. Spring Annual Town Meeting [May 2, 2023] / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 12:00 Noon/No documentation**

**F. Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Vote to approve the sale of lot No. 41A, one grave, Elm Ave. (North) to Steven Crosby**

- Copy of Pine Grove Cemetery Deed

**G. Safety Committee Meeting Minutes [December 21, 2022]/Vote to accept the recommendations**

- Copy of Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

**VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**

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

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

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

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**