

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
Highway Commissioners
Cemetery Commissioners

May 21, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
68 Dudley-Oxford Road
Dudley, MA
Approved June 4, 2018

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

John Marsi opened the meeting at 6:09pm. In attendance were Steven Sullivan, Kerry Cyganiewicz and Jonathan Ruda. Also in attendance were Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator, Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary and Attorney Jeff Blake from KP Law. Paul Joseph was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to approve the minutes of 5/7/18 as printed. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

3. Appointments:

4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments – Informational:

5. Town Administrator's Report:

6. Around the Town – Focusing on Local Businesses:

7. Public Hearing:

8. Licenses/Permits:

Nichols College – Request for a One Day Entertainment License – Jonathan Ruda motioned to approve the request from Nichols College for a One Day Entertainment License on June 14th, June 15th, June 19th, June 20th, June 23rd and June 24th located at the Copper Beech Quad and Shamie Lawn from 9:00am to 7:00pm for Orientation Activities with Music. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

9. Public Business:

a. Dudley Grange #163 – Jonathan Ruda motioned to approve the Parking Waiver for the Dudley Grange #163 on Center Road on Thursday, June 21, 2018 for the Annual Strawberry Festival. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

b. Town Hall Closure Request – Steven Sullivan motioned to close the town hall at 4:30pm on Thursday, June 21, 2018 so that employees may attend the Annual Strawberry Festival. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

c. Board of Health – Clarinda Wood Fund – Jonathan Ruda motioned to approve the request from the Board of Health to use the Clarinda Wood Fund in the amount of \$291.00 to pay Harrington

Memorial Hospital for Health Services in April 2018. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

d. Fire Station Building Committee – Steven Sullivan motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the General Contractor contract subject to the Fire Station Building Committee bid recommendations. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

e. Town Meeting Warrant – All agreed to go through each article and place a hold for discussion. Hold on Article 4, 20, 23 and 26. Article 4 is the FY18 Supplemental Budget Appropriations- Mr. Balukonis stated that this will be addressed at the Fall Town Meeting. Article 20- Center Road – Declare Disposition of Property – Mr. Balukonis stated that the Town Treasurer recently had a title search on the property and found it was tax title property since 1954. Since this is the case the town can sell the property without town meeting approval. All agreed to pass over this article. Article 23 – Establish Agricultural Commission – This Article is sponsored by the Economic Development Committee. Article 26 – Local Marijuana Tax – Mr. Balukonis stated that the State has increased the percentage cities and towns can collect by an excise tax on the retail sale of marijuana from 2% to 3%. This article should be passed in the event the town is approached to open a recreational marijuana facility.

f. FY18 Year End Transfers – Mr. Balukonis stated that we received a timely bill for the South Worcester County Dispatch Center but the account has a shortfall. Transferred money from the Bay Path Assessment and the Floater Account for this shortfall. The ambulance had a water pump and cooling system repair that the bill needed to be paid so he recommending we transfer funds from the Bay Path Assessment to pay the invoice. Finally a shortfall in the Planning Clerk’s account so a transfer of funds from the Floater account needs to be approved. After discussion **Steven Sullivan motioned to transfer \$8,032.91 from the various accounts. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

G. Partridge Hill Road – Discussion – Eric Durrschmidt, representing his parents Kurt and Jean Durrschmidt, came before the Board. Steven Sullivan opened the discussion stating that if the solar overlay district is approved he has concerns Kurt and Jean Durrschmidt will not repair the road if the cost is significant. Eric Durrschmidt stated that he is willing to do anything to get the road repaired. His parents did not follow through with their agreement years ago and the solar company is willing to work with us as well. Dan Gion, Highway Superintendent stated that the section of the road has deteriorated significantly and is beginning to undermine the town’s portion of the road. Regarding the Agreement to Amend and Restate Option to Lease Agreement set forth by Mr. Durrschmidt, our town counsel stated that the Agreement is not applicable and there are a number of unknowns. He suggested we postpone indefinitely. Mr. Durrschmidt stated that is is willing to do what needs to be done to get the solar array district approved. After discussion **Jonathan Ruda motioned that the Chairman direct the Town Administrator to work with Town Counsel, the Durrschmidts and the solar company to achieve the discussion tonight through a Special Town Meeting and to craft an Agreement in advance of a Special Town Meeting to accept the solar overlay district. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

h. Highway Superintendent – Action Steps and Timetable for New Hiring – tabled to June 4, 2018.

i. Tentative Meeting Dates – Jonathan Ruda motioned to approve the tentative dates for Board of Selectmen meetings as follows:

July 2, 2018

July 16, 2018

July 30, 2018

August 13, 2018

August 27, 2018

September 10, 2018

September 24, 2018

October 1, 2018

October 15, 2018

October 29, 2018 (prior to Fall Town Meeting @ 6:00pm)

November 5, 2018
November 19, 2018
December 3, 2018
December 17, 2018

Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

10. Board Member Comments:

11. Departmental Communication:

12. Adjournment:

Steven Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Jervis
Administrative Secretary