

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
Highway Commissioners
Cemetery Commissioners

August 21, 2017 @ 6:30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571
Veteran's Memorial Hall – Room 321A
Approved 9/25/2017

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 6:30pm. In attendance were Kerry Cyganiewicz and Paul Joseph. Also in attendance were Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Jonathan Ruda and Steven Sullivan were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017 as printed. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 3-0

Paul Joseph motioned to approve but not release the Executive Session minutes of August 21, 2017. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

3. Appointments/Resignations:

- a. **Library Trustee – Appointment** – Randi Booth - Pat Korch, Secretary for the Library Trustees, came before the Board. Ms. Booth was unable to attend the meeting but stated that there were two applications and the Trustees unanimously endorsed Ms. Booth. After **discussion Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Randi Booth as Library Trustee for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library with a term to expire June 11, 2018 (town election). Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**
- b. **Council on Aging** – Joyce Cordero – Ms. Cordero came before the Board. She moved to Dudley about a year ago and would like to get involved with the seniors. **Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Joyce Cordero as a member of the Council on Aging with a term to expire June 30, 2019. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**
- c. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Roberto Sinni – Mr. Sinni stated that he has lived in Dudley for 15 years and is now in a position to get involved. He was on Town Council in Southbridge so he knows municipal government. After discussion **Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to appoint Roberto Sinni as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 6/30/2022. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**

4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments – Informational:

5. Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Balukonis stated in regards to the dangerous dog hearing held on 8/21/2017, the owner of the dog, which is now being housed at the shelter, filed an appeal. The hearing is set for 9/21/17. At this time the court has determined that the dog must stay in our custody until that hearing. The owner's attorney has requested the dog be evaluated by a third party dog trainer, which we have agreed to do. He will inform everyone on the outcome of this appeal.

The town will be holding an auction on five (5) town owned properties on 9/14/2017 @ noon in Room 321A. Proceeds from these sales will be disbursed of which 60% will be applied to the Stablization Fund and 40% to Capital Improvement.

Mr. Balukonis was happy to inform the Board that both DCRSD and Bay Path have returned funds totaing \$30,713.00. These funds will be transferred at town meeting. Finally the school will be holding a joint meeting with Charlton, Rep. Durant and Senator Fattman on 9/19/17 @ 6pm at the school to discuss the budget. **Paul Joseph motioned that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Administrator to contact our State Senator and State Representative along with a representative from the Department of Education to discuss the Town of Dudley's catch up and education reform with regards to the school budget. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 3-0.** Mr. Joseph also suggested the meeting be open to the public and televised.

6. Licensing/Permits:

a. Nichols College – One Day Outdoor Entertainment Licenses – Paul Joseph motioned to approve the Outdoor Entertainment License for Nichols College on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 7:30pm to 10:00pm on the Guest House Lawn for Outdoor Movie Night. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

b. Marty's of Dudley – One Day All Alcohol License – Karen Landry, Manager at Marty's of Dudley, came before the Board. She stated that they would like to have a Outdoor Fall Tasting in the parking lot outside of the store. After discussion Paul Joseph motioned to grant Marty's of Dudley at 119 West Main Street, a One Day All Alcohol License for Thursday September 21, 2017 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm in the parking lot adjacent to the store for Outdoor Fall Tasting. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

7. Public Hearing:

8. Public Business:

a. Jamie Riordan – 13 Blackmere Road, -Water issues – Mr. Riordan came before the Board distributing a letter from this neighbor Charles Chickering regarding the trench dug by the Highway Department this past spring to eleviate the water problem he has been having on this property. Both residents would like to have the town provide them with a new catch basin, clean up the current trench, place crushed drainage stone, landscape paper and piping connected to a large drainage culvert, cover with loom and plant grass seed. All members agreed to meet at the site and survey the situation before the next Selectmen's meeting.

b. Dudley Grange #163 – Parking Waiver – Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to approve the request from the Dudley Grange for a parking waiver on Center Road on Saturday, October 7, 20217 for the Annual Apple Festival. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

c. Dog Licensing for Calendar Year 2018 – Town Clerk's Recommendation – Paul Joseph motioned to approve the dog licensing fees as contained in a document dated 8/17/2017 submitted by the Town Clerk, Ora Finn and for these fees to become effective January 1, 2018. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

d. Relay for Life – Request for a Toll Booth – Diana LeBlanc came before the Board with her request. After discussion Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to approve the toll booth request for Saturday,

October 14, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, October 21, 2017 for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Ribbon Rockettes. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

e. Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) – Alternate member – The Board was in receipt of a letter from CMMPO on 8/21/2017 requesting a member of the Selectboard to be an alternate on the CMMPO for the Southwest Region. Jonathan Ruda was the alternate in the past. After discussion Paul Joseph motioned to reappoint Jonathan Ruda as the alternate member of the Southwest Region of the CMMPO. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

f. Police Chief Steven Wojnar – Declare Five (5) Part Time Reservist Positions and Activate the Police Evaluation Committee – Chief Wojnar stated that he currently has about ten (10) reservists on the force. He would like to have five more. He has contacted the Town Moderator to reappoint the Police Evaluation Committee and will be moving forward with the exams. Paul Joseph motioned to activate the Police Evaluation Committee and declare five (5) reservist positions open and to fill them. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

g. Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski – Safe Trailer Repairs - Chief Kochanowski stated that he would like to discuss repairing the safe trailer. The trailer was purchased with grant money in the amount of \$63,000 in 2006 and has had approximately 50,000 people going through it. The cost to repair this trailer, which has water damage, is \$18,481.00. He received three quotes and this was the lowest. Also the company is local in Oxford. Mr. Balukonis stated that this dollar amount will need to be placed on the town warrant since it is under the Capital Improvement Planning threshold. All agreed to place this on the warrant as an article.

h. Fall Town Meeting Warrant: Paul Joseph motioned to open the warrant tonight, September 11, 2017; Close the warrant on Friday, October 6, 2017 with the last day of posting on Monday, October 23, 2017 with the town meeting being held on Monday, October 30, 2017. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

i. Jonathan Ruda – Calendar of Town Wide Events – Tabled for next meeting, September 25, 2017.

9. Departmental Communications:

Chief Wojnar informed all that Trick or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Also he is pleased to announce that three of our officers, Ryan Daniels, Keith Remillard and Tyler Smith will be receiving awards at the Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) annual awards ceremony on October 17, 2017 in Devens, MA. It is a great honor and he feels they are well deserving of the awards. Finally Drug Kick-Back Day will be held in the lobby of the police department on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

10. Adjournment/Executive Session:

Paul Joseph motioned to adjourn public session at 7:30pm and convene into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A § 21 (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;

MGL Chapter 30A § (3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and not to reconvene into public session. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

John Marsi, Aye

Paul Joseph, Aye

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary