

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
Highway Commissioners
Cemetery Commissioners

June 26, 2017 @ 6; 30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571
Veteran's Memorial Hall – Room 321A
Approved 7/10/2017

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 6:35pm. In attendance were Kerry Cyganiewicz and Paul Joseph. Also in attendance were Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Steven Sullivan and Jonathan Ruda were absent.

2. Appointments/Resignations:

a. **Historical Commission – David Proulx** – Mr. Proulx came before the Board along with Ed Bazinet, Chair of the Historical Commission. He stated that he has been a resident since 1984 and has recently retired from Old Sturbridge Village where he worked for 30 years in restoring and restoration. He is quite familiar with 18th and 19th century architecture and has been a member of the Black Tavern for many years, involving himself with the restoration of the barn. Along with these roles he is proficient in grant writing and worked with Dave Butler for years on this art. After discussion **Paul Joseph motioned to appoint David Proulx to the Historical Commission immediately with a term to expire June 30, 2017. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0. Paul Joseph motioned to appoint David Proulx to the Historical Commission to a term of three years beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**

b. **Town Counsel Reappointment – Brackett and Lucas, Gary Brackett, Esquire - Paul Joseph motioned to appoint the law firm of Brackett & Lucas as Town Counsel for a term to expire June 30, 2019. This would be a two year appointment. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**

3. Public Comments/Citizens Comments – Informational:

4. Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Balukonis stated that the town beach will be opening on Saturday, July 1, 2017 with lifeguards on duty. The hours of operation will be 10am to 6pm. They have radios and will call when they arrive and when they leave. The buoys are all set and the new sand looks great. There is no fee for Dudley residents and the beach is only open to Dudley residents and their guests.

Just an FYI that the town hall will be open for business for the entire day on Monday, July 3, 2017 but will be closed on July 4th.

5. Licensing/Permits:

6. Public Business:

a. End of Year FY 2017 Budget Transfers, if necessary – Mr. Balukonis stated that we do not have any transfers at this time.

b. **Baker Pond Boat Ramp** – Mr. Balukonis stated that he met with Ken Brackley, President of the Baker Pond Association. He would like to have the boat ramp closed for a trial period for the summer and reopening it by October 15th. The Association will purchase the gate and the town officials will have control of the keys. Having discussions with Mr. Brackely, he feels the Town of Charlton will not install the gate. Paul Joseph stated that 53 pond dwellers live in Charlton and 20 live in Dudley. He stated that we must be prepared to entertain questions from people who are not Dudley residents. Mr. Cyganiewicz stated that he went down to the boat ramp and saw that there are actually two ramps, one paved and one dirt. What will happen to the dirt ramp? Mr. Balukonis stated that they might install a small jersey barrier so that small boats would be able to pass through. Paul Joseph motioned that the Board of Selectmen approve the recommendations contained in the document dated June 26, 2017 and close the boat ramp on Baker Pond Rd. with the caveat that the town provide no labor to install the gate until the such time a commitment is made in writing for full funding by a second party, not the town. Kerry Cyganiewicz stated that he has a problem putting up the gate on public property and Mr. Marsi concurred. He feels uncomfortable about this closure, there are too many variables. Paul Joseph withdrew the motion. Fire Chief Kochanowski is concerned about getting into the pond quickly through the gate if there is a water rescue. Police Chief Wojnar is concerned having residents of the pond calling the police to open the gate if there is an issue with a boat and must be removed from the pond for repair. Mr. Joseph withdrew his motion. After discussion **Paul Joseph motioned to instruct the Town Administrator to work with the BPA to drain the lake by October 1, 2017 to attempt to decrease the fanwort by freezing it and that the Association file a report to the Board showing how they intend to eliminate the fanwort by draw down, or any other means, by October 1, 2017. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.**

6. Adjournment:

Paul Joseph motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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