

# Town of Dudley

## Board of Selectmen

Highway Commissioners

Cemetery Commissioners

June 8, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Remote Participation

**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:**

Steven Sullivan called the remote meeting to order at 6:39pm. In remote attendance were John Marsi, Jason Johnson, Paul Joseph and Kerry Cyganiewicz. Also in attendance remotely were Richard Carmignani, Jr., Treasurer/Collector, Lori Smith, Town Clerk, Dean Kochanowski, Fire Chief, Steve Wojnar, Police Chief, Tom Purcell, Health Agent, Chris Starczewski, Town Moderator, George Patrinos, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Debi Thibaudeau, Town Accountant, Vinny Polletta, Highway Superintendent, Michael Mayotte, FAA, Mark Landry, FAA, Maggie Levasseur, FAA, Ann Gaudreau, FAA, Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary.

Steven Sullivan stated that per Governor Baker all meetings will have to read a disclaimer at the beginning of each meeting and each vote will be voted by roll call vote.

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Dudley Board of Selectmen and the FAA will be conducted in total or in part via remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town's website, at dudleyma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: via Facebook Live. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. A Roll Call Vote is required for all votes taken under this order.*

Steven Sullivan asked for a moment of silence for the all the Massachusetts residents and US Citizens that have died due to the COVID-19 virus.

### **2. Approve Minutes:**

John Marsi motioned to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. .

Roll Call Vote:

Steven Sullivan, Aye

Paul Joseph, Aye

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

John Marsi, Aye

### **3. Reappointments:**

**a. Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to approve the following reappointments for one year term – terms to expire 6/30/2021. Jason Johnson seconded.**

**Animal Control Officer – Jennifer FitzGerald**

**Assistant Animal Control Officer – Robert FitzGerald**

**Cable Access Director – Ted Baron**

**Cable Access Government Affairs – Fred Sugar**

**Chief Procurement Officer and MGL Chapter 40U – Municipal Hearings Officer-Jonathan Ruda**

**Electrical Inspector – Neil Piasta**

**Assistant Electrical Inspector – James Jones, Jr.**  
**Plumbing/Gas Inspector – Jay Spahl**  
**CMRPC – Delegate – William Trifone**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals – Hugh Cushing, Alternate**  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Steven Sullivan, Aye**  
**Paul Joseph, Aye**  
**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**  
**Jason Johnson, Aye**  
**John Marsi, Aye**

- b. **Jason Johnson motioned to approve the following reappointments for a three year term. Terms to expire June 30, 2023. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded.**

**Town Accountant – Deborah Thibaudeau**

**Conservation Commission:**  
**Richard Androlewicz**  
**Samantha Costello**  
**Nancy Vajcovec**

**Historical Commission:**  
**David Proulx**  
**Michael Branniff**  
**Edward Bazinet**

**Council on Aging:**  
**Donna Mandelenkis**

**Cultural Council**  
**Virginia DiDonato**  
**Mary Kunkel**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Steven Sullivan, Aye**  
**Paul Joseph, Aye**  
**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**  
**Jason Johnson, Aye**  
**John Marsi, Aye**

**4. Public Hearing – Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee – Warrant Articles**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:46pm. Michael Mayotte, Chairman of the FAA opened the Hearing and reviewed the warrant articles specifically directed to finance.

Article 3 – FY2020 Supplemental Budget Appropriation – This article is an administrative article that needs to be included in the warrant so the town can make changes to the 2020 budget.

Article 4 – Unpaid Bills for a prior year – All agreed these bills need to be paid.

Article 5 – The accounts listed in Article 5 have been previously appropriated articles and there is a surplus number in the accounts. These accounts will need to be voted on to close. After they are closed they go into Free Cash and can be designated to another source.

Article 6 – Authorize Revolving Funds – Listed accounts that get a spending limit.

Article 7 – Budget – Jon Ruda stated that he is working on the budget constantly and it is a challenge compiling a budget under a pandemic. We are going into town meeting with no local numbers and information from the schools. We are down on revenue, meal tax, building permits but optimistic about things like restaurants. We have not received a number for local aid and he heard that we might be level funded. He is hopeful on reimbursement from the State/Federal level through the CARE Act and FEMA. Chapter 70 request was reduced which was a quarter million dollar reduction. Michael Mayotte stated that the revenue projections seemed reduced and the ambulance

budget has increased. Chief Kochanowski stated that it is because there was a significant boost in ambulance billing in 2019. As far as cuts, Stabilization has not been used. Mr. Ruda stated we can use free cash according to DOR to offset the budget since we are COVID eligible. Also Fire and Police have cut their budgets. No COLA at this point, but maybe will be restored down the road. Highway Department is at a minimum staffing with summer work banned unless it falls under Chapter 80. There are very deep cuts in the new budget. All discussed these cuts in the budget. The town is running on a skeleton crew.

Article 9- Ambulance Replacement – Mr. Ruda stated that the article is to vote to debt exclude a new ambulance. If approved, it will be on the fall election ballot.

Article 11 – Codification of the bylaws by General Code. These changes would be consistent with state law.

Article 12 – Transfers from certain accounts to Unemployment Trust Account.

Article 16 – 20 – Water Sewer Infrastructure Projects – Jon Ruda requested approval from the FAA on these articles. George Patrinos, Richard Carmignani and Jeff Falkner from Tighe & Bond explained the projects and the impact they will have on the town and water/sewer users. Regarding Article 18 – this article will be deleted since it has been already voted on. Regarding Article 19 – Water Department PFAS Improvement Phase 1, Michael Mayotte voiced his concerns about the amount of money requested (\$1,000,000.00) to pay for blending water from Station 1 to Station 3 to remediate the chemical compound PFAS, which is such a small amount. He would like to get additional information. The Public Hearing closed at 8:25pm.

**Mark Landry motioned that the FAA approve the town meeting articles except for Article 18 and 24 as written. Maggie Levasseur seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Michael Mayotte, Aye**

**Maggie Levasseur, Aye**

**Mark Landry, Aye**

**Ann Gaudreau, Aye**

**Mark Landry motioned to accept Articles 19 and 20 as written as a recommendation for Town Meeting. Maggie Levasseur seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Michael Mayotte, Nay**

**Maggie Levasseur, Aye**

**Mark Landry, Aye**

**Ann Gaudreau, Aye**

## **5. Town Administrator's Report:**

### **6. New Business:**

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Vote** – The Board reviewed the warrant with two articles that need to be removed. One was already voted on at a prior meeting and the other was a duplicate of Article 4. **Jason Johnson motioned to accept the warrant as presented. John Marsi seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote;**

**John Marsi, Aye**

**Steven Sullivan, Aye**

**Paul Joseph, Aye**

**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**

**Jason Johnson, Aye**

**Chris Starczewski – Moderator – Third Notice of Intent to Declare Recess and Continuance of Special Town Meeting** – Mr. Starczewski stated that given the circumstances of the State of Emergency he prepared the Third Notice of Intent to hold the Special Town Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting on June 22, 2020. All thanked him for this information.

**Board of Health/COVID-19 Committee – Permission to authorize Town Administrator to approve COVID-19 modifications to restaurants, outdoor seating upon successful review by Board of Health, Building Department,**

**Fire Department and Police Department.** Mr. Ruda stated that Phase II of Governor Baker's reopening of the State will begin on Monday. Restaurants can now open under certain guidelines and only outside dining. We have contacted all of the restaurants and next week we will have them come in to fill out an Outdoor Seating Application. **John Marsi motioned to grant authorization for the Town Administrator to sign off on the restaurant applications on their behalf. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**John Marsi, Aye**

**Steven Sullivan, Aye**

**Paul Joseph, Aye**

**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**

**Jason Johnson, Aye**

**Recycling Center – Vote** - Jonathan Ruda stated that he has included \$213,000 in the budget for FY21 to accommodate the Recycling Center without a model or direction. There are four models to choose: Plan A- SMART – Pay as your Throw; Plan B - Senior SMART – Pay As You Throw; Plan C- Stay with same model – unlimited trash; Plan D – Resident stickers will increase to \$360.00/year and you can bring 6-13 gallon or 3 – 30 gallon bags a week. Senior permit will increase to \$235.00/year, Veterans and First Responders \$320.00 and non-residents \$396.00. These are the options. Paul Joseph stated that he is not in favor of straying from the model we currently use, there is a rush to judgement. He requested information on what do we charge and what it costs us to have those costs? There are a lot of people that do not want a change but are willing to pay more for a permit fee. Kerry Cyganiewicz stated that in the past three years costs have gone up 100% and he suggests we eliminate the non-resident stickers. Also our current model must be limited. We cannot support unlimited trash. Paul Joseph suggested we increase our rates for one year and conduct a survey. Jason Johnson stated that the variables are not there. John Marsi stated that we need to limit the amount of variables and manage the amount of bags in a week. Whatever we choose we need better control, management and policing. All agreed Plan B looks good on paper but this is not what the people want. Steven Sullivan stated that it is tough to swallow to put variables out there when we have people furloughed. After discussion **Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned that the Board of Selectmen adopt Plan D and that we assign financial control as well as technology control items to the Town Administrator and that a second person be hired for Saturdays and to take out non-residents. Paul Joseph added to the motion that this model be reviewed in six (6) months along with a full financial review. Paul Joseph seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Steven Sullivan, Nay**

**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**

**Paul Joseph, Aye**

**John Marsi, Aye**

**Jason Johnson, Nay.**

John Marsi stated that this is the best balance as possible and we should be able to give good service to our residents. He will be requesting data and if we need to adjust and go down another road we can do so.

#### **7. Board Member Comments:**

Paul Joseph informed everyone that the Blessed Backpack Brigade is serving meals outside on Davis Street in Webster every other Sunday. At their last meal they served 133 people free meals.

Jonathan Ruda wanted to state publicly that the town is accepting applications for reopening on Wednesday morning so that restaurants can get back to business.

#### **8. Departmental Communication:**

Lori Smith, Town Clerk, reminded the Board of the election taking place on June 15, 2020 from 8am to 8pm here in the town hall. Also our town meeting is set for June 22, 202 at Shepherd Hill. Social distancing and wearing masks is strongly suggested.

Tom Purcell, Health Agent, reminded the Board that he is making sure abandoned pools are taken care of which is a magnet for mosquitos carrying EEE.

#### **9. Adjournment:**

**Jason Johnson motioned to adjourn at 10:34pm. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Steven Sullivan, Aye**  
**John Marsi, Aye**  
**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**  
**Paul Joseph, Aye**  
**Jason Johnson, Aye**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Jervis  
Administrative Secretary