

# Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen  
Highway Commissioners  
Cemetery Commissioners

October 7, 2019  
Dudley Municipal Complex  
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571  
Approved 10/21/2019

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 meeting to order at 6:35pm. In attendance were Paul Joseph, Kerry Cyganiewicz, John Marsi and Jason Johnson. Also in attendance was Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary.

## **Board Recognition:**

Christopher Lindstrom, former Shepherd Hill and Boston College football star and now NFL player for the Atlanta Falcons came before the Board while visiting in Dudley. Mr. Sullivan stated that Chris is a credit to his school, his family and his community. Mr. Lindstrom thanked all the members of the Board of Selectmen for inviting him to the meeting. He stated that he loves his town and is an ambassador to the community, even while in Atlanta. All members thanked him for visiting and wished him good luck in his career.

## **2. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**John Marsi motioned to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 5-0. Note: Mr. Marsi did not attend the meeting but reviewed the minutes.**

## **3. Appointments:**

**a. Special Municipal Employee – Carol Baron – Appoint as a Special Municipal Employee – Mrs. Baron is currently the Treasurer for the Bay Path Vocational High School and recently became Treasurer at the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District – Mr. Ruda stated that he would like a letter from her current employer on the hours she will be working along with the DCRSD. Paul Joseph motioned that the Board of Selectmen approve Carol Baron as a Special Municipal Employee contingent upon receipt of a letter based on her retirement and if she is able to work as the Treasurer for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**b. Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee (FAA) – Mark Landry – John Marsi motioned to appoint Mark Landry as a member of the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee with a term to expire 6/30/2023. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**c. Police Reservists – Mariano Conte and Elizabeth Wojnar – Chief Wojnar along with the two reservists came before the Board. They have finished their reserve training and completed all their steps. Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Mariano Cote and Elizabeth Wojnar as Reservists for the Dudley Police Department with a term to expire 12/31/2019. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**d. Election Workers – Reappointments – Steven Sullivan motioned to reappoint the following election workers with a term to expire 10/7/2020.**

Carol Antos	Maryann Armstrong	Ann Atkins
Debbie Bazydlo	Liz Beals	Josephine Bottieri
Janice Brady	Linda Brink	JoAnn Brinker
Carol Cooke	Emma Cote	Betty Dupre
Mary Devlin	James Dunne	Cathy Desrosiers
Cynthia Iwanski	Kathryn Joseph	Lauri Joseph
Judy Joy	Jean Kondek	Alice Kujawski
Evelyn Kullas	Diana Kuzawa	Alice Langlois
Margaret Macuga	Norma Mroczek	Diane Mrozinski
Joan Putney	Nancy Roy	Ann N. Stochaj
Marcia Wagner	Norma Waterhouse	Louise Williams
Donald Wilson, Jr.	Lorraine Winslow	

**Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Vote 3-0-1 with Paul Joseph abstaining.**

- e. **Election Worker – Appointment of Leonard Nicoletti – John Marsi motioned to appoint Leonard Nicoletti as an Election Worker with a term to expire 10/7/2020. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

**4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments:**

Ed Bazinet – Historical Commission – Mr. Bazinet came before the Board with the new flyer “A Walking Tour of Historic Dudley Hill”. The information in the brochure was obtained from the proposal for the Dudley Hill Historic District and there will be festivities in the Spring of 2020. The brochure was created by Pat Korch, graphic artist, and funded by the Cultural Council Grant. The Tour is a self-walking tour and lists the various historical homes, schools, and businesses that once flourished on the “Hill” in Dudley.

**5. Town Administrator’s Report:**

Mr. Ruda and Deb Thibaudeau, Town Accountant, met with National Grid this week to discuss net metering credits that we have been receiving since 2012. The town signed a 20 year agreement to purchase from WGL, a solar array facility in Orange, MA. Part of the discussion surrounding the town’s actual electric versus the surplus of net metering credits. The bottom line is that at the time we agreed to purchase far more than was justified by our electrical usage. He will be working with National Grid to ensure that all of our electric usage is accounted for, and that the credits are being fully applied to all of our bills; determine if we can apply these credits to another energy efficient project, and gain a full understanding of the contract and determine if other options may exist to sell the surplus to other users and modify the contract to better reflect our town’s actual usage.

Another potential revenue source for the town is that the bus company reached out to his office this week to see if we have any potential sites for them to rent an area to keep their Dudley buses. After meeting with the representative from the bus company, along with Chief Wojnar and Vinny Polletta, the former skateboard park shows some potential to sue that need. He will keep the board informed of any future developments.

Mr. Ruda stated that he is happy to announce that the balance of our Green Communities Grant has been released and has received an okay to be applied to our LED streetlight conversion project. The balance will service as our first payment toward the bond that was taken out to finance the project. He anticipates receiving a rebate from National Grid for approximately \$40,000 that he will apply to the following year’s bond payment.

**6. Licenses/Permits:**

7. **Public Hearings:**

8. **Old Business:**

9. **New Business:**

a. **Eagle Scout Recognition** -Zachary Cournoyer – Mr. Cournoyer came before the Board. He stated that his project of building the fire pit in the back of the Municipal Complex was a combination of his peers, leaders, his parents and family. He has been a scout since he was 6 years old and this accomplishment fulfills his goal to be an Eagle Scout. He is currently a junior at Nichols College and loves the town. All thanked him with a Proclamation. His Court of Honor will be held this upcoming weekend.

b. **Vote to approve request for new voting equipment** – Lori A. Smith, Town Clerk, came before the Board. He stated that our prior Town Clerk received the bid for the machines and she recently received an updated bid. The cost for the machines did not increase and funding is already in her budget. She will be meeting with the Capital Improvement Planning Committee tonight as well for their approval. The old machines are being phased out and needs a vote from the Board. **John Marsi motioned that as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 54 Section 34, we hereby vote the use of the ImageCast Precinct Optical (ICP) Tabulator at the Presidential Primary Election on Mary 3, 2020, and thereafter, at all primaries, preliminary elections and elections held in the Town of Dudley, until otherwise ordered by vote of the Dudley Board of Selectmen, said electronic voting system shall be used in those polling places designated by the Board of Selectmen. Further the Town will discontinue the use of the Accu-Vote Optical Scanner in any and all elections held in the Town of Dudley. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 5-0.**

c. **Trick or Treat** – Jonathan Ruda stated that due to the EEE concerns he is working with the Police Chief and Emergency Management along with the Health Agent and would like the flexibility to change the times if needed. All agreed but will vote on the same time as in the past. **Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to hold Trick or Treat on October 31, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. John Marsi seconded.** All agreed a good frost would help.

d. **Matt Abrahams – Capital Improvement Programming Grant – Plan/Presentation** – Mr. Abrahams came before the Board. He stated that the town received a Community Compact Grant for this ten (10) year plan. The file is to be used a tool; not all funding can be completed and should be updated on a yearly basis. It is the town’s responsibility for updating it. He recommends a policy with this document and should determine the needs of each department and maintaining the changes in the plan. Jonathan Ruda stated that each individual department can maintain their own tab. Paul Joseph stated that he would like limited access to maintain and make any changes regarding department heads. The Treasurer and Accountant will be in charge. Richard Carmignani, Treasurer/Collector stated that we need to take baby steps and make a copy of the master file marked and department heads can change as needed. It is a planning document. All thanked Mr. Abrahams for this presentation and look forward maintaining and working with the document.

10. **Board Member Comments:**

11. **Student Rep** – Al Salonis presented his report to the Board. All thanked him for his information.

12. **Departmental Communication;**

13. **Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Jervis  
Administrative Secretary