



**Town of West Boylston**  
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

## **Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b> February 13, 2019; 6:15 p.m.; Selectmen's Meeting Room, 140 Worcester Street
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<b>Members Present</b> Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman Patrick J. Crowley, Vice Chair Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman
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<b>Members NOT Present</b> John W. Hadley, Selectman
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<b>Invited Guests:</b>
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Mr. Rucho convened the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

### **Discussion with candidate for Interim DPW Director**

Gary Kellaher was introduced to the Board. Gary recently retired as DPW from the Town of Rutland. Gary explained that he has been doing this type of work for 40 years and he moved from working at the Turnpike to municipal work. He reports that he is a good public speaker and he listens to people. He had very good relations with the school district, works as a team, and he is people person. He is dedicated to what he does. Ms. Lucier previously spoke with Gary and is proposing he work three days a week at the DPW for this interim assignment. Gary suggested Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He babysits his grandchildren on Tuesdays and Fridays. He is very proactive.

Ms. Bohnson asked what would you consider something you learned in Rutland that you needed mastering in. Gary replied being so opinionated that we did not listen to input. She asked how long his drive was to West Boylston. His drive in was about 30 minutes. Ms. Bohnson asked why he would want to work in West Boylston. Gary states he loves what he does and the opportunity came up now. He has known former director Butch Jackson for a long time and he has heard good reports about the crew and the Board of Selectmen. He would like to help us get through the transition. Ms. Bohnson asked what he does in his spare time. Gary is a golfer, avid racket ball player and does ice fishing. He noted that you have to be ready for emergencies round the clock and he would be willing to attend evening meetings. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked what do you know about our DPW. Gary knows you have a small crew and would need to speak with them to get to know them. They did a good job during the storm. In Rutland he had two mechanics. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked if Cemetery was under the DPW in Rutland. Gary reports that in Rutland they had Cemetery Commissioners and the DPW did cut the lawn and clean the cemeteries.

Mr. Rucho would like Gary to come into the department and provide the Board with a report of how he thinks the department is doing. As an example if we always do something the same way, maybe there is another way to do the task. Ms. Bohnson noted that the Board would like an outside opinion on whether anything needs to be changed to run the department efficiently. Gary believes you need to observe first. Mr. Rucho suggested he attend a Parks Commission meeting.

Motion Mr. Crowley to have Ms. Lucier commence contract negotiations with Gary Kellaher for the position of interim DPW Director, second by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Motion Ms. Bohnson at 6:55 p.m. to adjourn, second by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: February 20, 2019

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Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

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Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman

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Patrick J. Crowley, Vice Chairman

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Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

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Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman