



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

Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting October 2, 2019; 6:00 p.m.; Selectmen's Meeting Room, 140 Worcester Street
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Members Present Patrick J. Crowley, Chairman Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chair John W. Hadley, Clerk Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Members NOT Present

Invited Guests:

Mr. Crowley convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All members are present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erin Palumbo, 184 Malden Street joined the Board. She has lived in West Boylston for over ten years. She requests that the Board immediately act to fill the vacant position of Recreation Director and states that there is significant and wide support for the position as evidenced in the Open Space Plan and the 2019 Community Survey as well as many conversations she has had with residents. Parents were upset to hear that we do not plan to hire a Recreational Director. She began a petition to request an immediate hiring of a Recreation Director and feels we have gone on long enough without the position and is disappointed that we have gone on this long without a recreation director. She would like the Board to make it their number one priority to hire a recreational director by January 1, 2020. Mr. Rucho suggested she reach out to the Parks Commission on this. Mr. Crowley thinks the Parks Commission should discuss this and then we could put this on a future Selectmen's agenda. Ms. Palumbo voiced concern about this being on a future agenda as it is too far out and the demand is now. She feels it is a position that every town around us has and it is upsetting to her that the Board of Selectmen has not funded this as the homework was done through the Community Survey of the recreation department. Mr. Crowley explained that items brought up forth under Public Comment are included on a future agenda and the only way we can address this is to have a conversation with the Parks Commission and including it on the next agenda or the one after that. We do not discuss this at a public forum as it is not on the agenda and the position has not been filled for three years.

Ms. Palumbo is upset we do not have a full-time position and parents thought the town was supposed to fill it. It is a need gone unfilled for a long time. The parents are upset about this and they do not know who to complain to. Mr. Crowley noted that when we are ready to discuss this we will have it on the agenda. Ms. Palumbo asked why it hasn't been filled. Mr. Crowley is not sure, we will

discuss it at a future agenda. Ms. Palumbo feels it is a top priority for town residents and it is an immediate actionable item.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

1. September 25, 2019, regular session

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to approve, second by Mr. Kittredge, all in favor.

REVIEW AND VOTE TO APPROVE WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 TO OCTOBER 2, 2019: Town Payable Warrants FY2020-14; Municipal Light Plant #10 and School Warrant FY2020-S6

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to approve the warrants as noted, second Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Lucas Rinker & Doug Horka – update on Eagle Scout Project

Lucas Rinker joined the Board with Doug Horka. He distributed an informational packet on the monument he intends to install for his Eagle Scout Project. It is a generic memorial marker that recognizes those lost in combat. He raised the money to have the statue cast and mounted. It will be located across the street from the Congregational Church near the Revolutionary War memorial. It is all set for installation by November 11th. Mr. Hadley congratulated him on getting the money raised in such a short time. Jack McCormick states that he was involved and agrees on the proposed location. It can be seen by the road. The DPW will begin the preparation for the site and complete it after the winter. The Board congratulated him on his project.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.Update on Police Department signs – (Route 12 & driveway)

Ms. Lucier reports that the DPW Director has looked at the site and feels he can purchase the additional signs for a couple hundred dollars. The suggestion was to install a police department sign with an arrow across the street from the driveway as there are currently signs north and south of the station on Route 12. The Board would also like a lighted driveway sign similar to the one at Cumberland Farms.

6:15 p.m. Public Hearing: Application for a Wines and Malt Beverages Package Store License for KC Brothers, LLC d/b/a Wachusett Farms, 106 Worcester Street

Mr. Hadley recused himself as he owns an abutting property. Mr. Crowley opened the public hearing and Mr. Hadley read the following notice. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Boylston will hold a public hearing on the Application for a Wines and Malt Beverages Package Store License for KC Brothers, LLC d/b/a Wachusett Farms, 106 Worcester Street. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, #210, of town hall, 140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, MA. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend. Patrick J. Crowley, Chairman, advertised September 19, 2019.

Matthew Porter, attorney for KC Brothers, Inc., joined the Board with Kalpesh Patel, proposed manager for the license. He explained that Mr. Patel owns 100% of the ownership. He has experience in the sale of alcohol and has had no issues. He is TIPS certified, his employees are TIP certified and he is looking into purchasing a scanning, They would like the ability to house additional products.

Mr. Rajeshkumar questioned the location of the cooler. He noted that there are a lot of small children that go there and he would like it in the back of the store. Mr. Porter explained that the cooler is an existing cooler and they are concerned about sight lines. Mr. Rucho noted that the Board has done many hearings and we have not had any say over where the alcohol should be located. Mr. Porter suggesting setting it up as proposed and if there is an issue they could adjust it after. Mr. Rucho is concerned about parking. Mr. Porter estimates a 10-15% increase in traffic. Mr. Rucho wants to make sure that everyone working behind the counter is over the age of 21 and able to sell alcohol products. Mr. Porter noted that all counter help is TIPS certified.

All departments have replied and they do not have an issue with the request, with the exception of the building inspector who has a concern about signage covering the windows. He wants to make sure that there is compliance with the sign bylaw, which allows for a certain percentage of the window being covered by advertisements. There is no one present who wishes to speak on this agenda item.

Motion Mr. Hadley to close the public hearing, second Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Kittredge to approve the license request, second Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

1.Crescent Street Sidewalk Project Update

We just received word from MassDOT that they have extended the deadline for the town's Crescent Street Sidewalk Project until December 31, 2020. This will give the town sufficient time to bid the project out this early winter and get bids in well in advance of the 2020 construction season.

2.Board Retreat

Ms. Lucier has an email into Holy Cross and awaiting a response. She did contact the Publick House as we have used that venue in the past for our retreats. The following Saturday dates are available for an 8:30 a.m. arrival and a 1:00 p.m. departure: October 26, November 2, November 16 and November 23. The Board agreed to wait and see if Holy Cross is available and their preferred date is October 26th.

3.Request for digital sign at Edwards School

We have received a request from the Vice President of the Major Edwards PTA who is trying to get permission to install a digital sign at Major Edwards. The Zoning Bylaws do not allow for digital signs within any Residential District, except at the Middle/High School. The mechanism to do so would be an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws, which requires town meeting approval. She is present this evening should the Board have any questions.

Motion Mr. Hadley to send the request to the Planning Board for the required public hearing, second Mr. Kittredge. It was noted that it is a free standing one-sided sign, you will have to pull into the school to see it and it is near the blue bench. The sign will be used to post school information pertinent to the elementary school. It can be educational as well. The PTA raised the funds for the sign. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Consider voting to recognize the acceptance of the following donations for the Bandstand Committee and to approve expenditure of these funds for general purpose: \$113.50 in Free Will donations from the September 1 concert

Motion Mr. Hadley to recognize and accept, second Mr. Rucho, all in favor.
2. Review and approve Town Meeting Mailer
Motion Mr. Rucho to approve, second Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

FISP UPDATE:

1. General Update on Senior Center

Mr. Hadley reports that they are watering the grass for the senior center and there is no update on the parking lines. Mr. Rucho reports that he did see the photo hanging system and it is great. The Director has two or three events planned to use them.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS:

1. Concurrence on the appointment of Jay Givan, 107 Pierce Street, to the PEG Board effective October 7, 2019 for a term to expire on June 30, 2020

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, second Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Saturday, October 6, 10-2 Fire Department Open House
2. Wednesday, October 9, 1:00 p.m. Holiday Fraud Prevention Program at the Senior Center
3. Friday, October 18, 7 p.m. Country Line Dancing at Senior Center
4. Monday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. Semi-Annual Town Meeting
5. Thursday, October 31, 5-8 p.m. Trick or Treating
6. West Boylston's Senior Center is partnering with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to be a drop off location for the Sheriff's Annual Coat Drive. Donations will be taken until December 1.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SELECTMENS REPORTS:

Mr. Rajeshkumar encouraged residents to attend town meeting so we can have a quorum to do business.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 6:45 p.m. to adjourn, second by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 16, 2019

Nancy E. Lucier, Town Administrator

Patrick J. Crowley, Chairman

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chairman

John W. Hadley, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman