



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

Select Board/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting April 21, 2021; 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom

Members Present John W. Hadley, Chairman Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chair Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Selectman Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman
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Members NOT Present

Invited Guests: Nancy Lucier, Town Administrator Faye Zukowski, Municipal Assistant Fire Chief Tom Welsh Gary Kellaher, DPW Director

Others Present: (names taken from the Zoom login list): Jan Gottsman, Kevin Bostrom, David Femia, Skell, Steve Flagg, Mike Himmer, Caraline, Eric Matta, David Carr, and 270-781-2718.

Mr. Hadley convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. roll call taken.

Chairman's statement:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 31A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of West Boylston Select Board is being conducted via remote participation. 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 as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by:

- Join Zoom Meeting

If despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, and we will post a record of this meeting on the town's website as soon as we are able.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Immediately after executive session concludes): This fifteen-minute period is an opportunity for the public to address their concerns and questions regarding town operations and programs to the Board. Except in urgent circumstances, any matter presented for consideration by the Board shall not be discussed in detail nor acted upon by the Board at this meeting. A scheduled time on a future agenda may be set at the Board's discretion. Complaints or criticism directed at staff, volunteers, or other town officials shall not be permitted. If we do not have Open Session items to discuss, other agenda items may be brought forward earlier.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- **April 7, 2021 Regular Session:**

***Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rajeshkumar second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

- **April 7, 2021 Executive Session:**

***Motion** Mr. Kittredge moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

- **April 14, 2021 Regular Session:**

***Motion** Mr. Rucho moved to approve; Mr. Kittredge second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

**REVIEW AND VOTE TO APPROVE WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD COVERING
APRIL 7, 2021 to APRIL 21, 2021: Town Payable Warrants FY2021-42 & 43; Town Payroll
Warrant FY2021-21; Sewer FY2021-SE23; MLP #21, 22 & 23; and School S18.**

***Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rajeshkumar second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

**6:15 p.m.- PUBLIC HEARING, re: Application for an All-Alcoholic Beverages Pouring
License for CED Management Inc d.b.a. The School Yahd, 216 West Boylston Street:
Mr. Rajeshkumar read the Public Hearing Notice.**

Eric Matta and Caraline Giguere introduced themselves, they own Ultimate Obstacles next door and are looking to expand their business. He explained they plan to open The School Yahd and operate similar business model as prior tenants with the bar and games. He explained they will be looking to open on the weekends during the day to families and add in a small kitchen. Mr. Rucho asked what the business they currently operate is, Mr. Matta stated it is Ultimate Obstacles a ninja warrior gym. Mr. Hadley asked what the hours will be, Mr. Matta stated mostly evening hours but possible

day time summer camps. Mr. Matta stated the hours will be Sunday through Thursday 2-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Mr. Crowley asked if alcohol service during the summer camps needs to be addresses, Ms. Lucier did not believe the Board need to address. Mr. Rucho agreed that the Board does not need to do anything. Mr. Matta stated their will not be overlap of camps and general public.

***Motion** Mr. Rucho moved to close the Public Hearing, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.*

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Kittredge, yes

***Motion** Mr. Rucho moved to approve; Mr. Crowley second.*

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Kittredge, yes

Mr. Rucho asked for an opening time frame, Mr. Matta stated they will be opening at the end of the month for private rentals. He explained they have worked with the Fire Department, Building Department, and Board of Health. The Board wishes them luck.

6:30 p.m.- PUBLIC HEARING, re: Application from Camping World RV Sales LLC d.b.a. Camping World RV Sales for a Class I License for 66 West Boylston Street and 76 West Boylston Street:

Mr. Rajeshkumar read the Public Hearing Notice.

Kevin Bostrom introduced himself, he stated they have been with Camper World since 2004. He explained they sell and service RV's similar to what Flagg RV has been doing. He stated they are a National Company with 170 stores and employee a lot of local people at their locations. Mr. Rucho clarified that there are restrictions on the property and wanted to be sure they will transfer over and that they are aware of these restrictions. Ms. Lucier clarified that there are two properties transferring 66 and 76 West Boylston Street and each location has restrictions and a plan depicts where the campers can be parked developed with Fire Department and Building Department so emergency vehicles have access to the site and recommends keeping the restrictions in place. She stated at 76 West Boylston Street license allows for 100 recreational vehicles with engines and no more than 160 total vehicles and at 66 West Boylston Street license allows for 25 recreational vehicles with engines and 40 total units on lot at any time. Mr. Bostrom stated they are aware and will work with the town.

***Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to close the Public Hearing, Mr. Rucho second.*

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Kittredge, yes

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve the transfer of licenses; Mr. Kittredge second.

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Kittredge, yes

Mr. Rucho asked if Mr. Flagg will still be involved, he responded he would. Mr. Flagg requested to maintain their license until the transfer goes through which should happen within the next 30 days, the Board has no issues with that.

GARY KELLEHER, DPW DIRECTOR:

- **Sewer Abatement Requests:**

- **Edward Soldi, 11 Sterling Place:**

Mr. Kellaheer explained there was a leak in his refrigerator and estimated by Water District readings that 18,240 gallons were lost, an abatement of \$153.22 was based on water rate. Mr. Kellaheer stated the refrigerator water would not go into the sewer and recommends abating \$199.91 based on residential sewer rate amount.

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to abate \$199.91; Mr. Kittredge second.

Mr. Rucho asked for clarification on the leak, Mr. Kellaheer explained he is unsure but there was extensive damage in house and he confirmed with the Water District the water usage. Mr. Rucho requested the original bill amount, Mr. Kellaheer believed it is was \$714. Mr. Crowley asked if the bill was paid in full, Mr. Kellaheer responded it was. Ms. Lucier stated the total bill was \$505.04. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked what the abatement request was, Mr. Kellaheer explained.

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Kittredge, yes

- **Vinice Patel, 128 Afra Drive:**

Mr. Kellaheer explained there was a leaky toilet and estimated 40,000 gallons were lost and paid a bill of \$714.00, an abatement request amount was not submitted. Mr. Kellaheer stated the water from a leaky toilet is discharged into sewer and would recommend not abating.

The Board takes no action on this Abatement Request.

Mr. Rucho asked for an update on the North Main Street paving project, Mr. Kellaheer explained he spoke with Mass Broken Stone and the asphalt plants are not expected to be open before May 1st. He stated he has a letter from Mr. McGuinness and Mike Coveney and Mass Broken Stone and they will have a site visit on Monday April 26th at 10 a.m. on North Main. He is hopeful that they get this rolling as soon as plants open and will need to line up the reclamation. He explained he spoke to MassDOT in regards to the State Aid and stated the allotment for FY22 is out but cannot be used before July 1st. He can apply and will be granted the use of funds prior to July 1st and also planned to use the remainder of FY21 funds and will be able to use the current bid rates for all work done. He anticipates work to begin the first part of May.

Mr. Rucho asked when the Reservoir Triangle would get completed, Mr. Kellahe explained they are currently trying to get fields cleaned up and street sweeping completed first. He explained he would like to get it completed mid-May and should not take long.

Mr. Hadley asked if the North Main project will include Laurel Street, Mr. Kellahe explained the distances for Reed Street, Waushacum Street and Laurel Street is the same amount of distance and cost to repair each of these streets. He explained the Board can decide if they want to spend the \$125,000 to get each completed. Mr. Kellahe explained if the Board decided to spend \$250,000 on this project that would leave \$35,000 for the rest of the year in Chapter 90 State Aid funds. Mr. Hadley asked what the Directors opinion of Lauren Street repair, Mr. Kellahe explained they have discussed milling 1 foot outside the trenches and overlay with a finish coat and believes this will suffice. He explained Waushacum Street and Reed Street is in terrible shape. Mr. Hadley stated he cannot believe they left it in the shape it is. Mr. Kellahe stated they get lots of complaints and calls and is trying to get this repaired.

Mr. Rajeshkumar asked about Route 140 to Boylston, Mr. Kellahe explained that will not be completed this year due to lack of funds. Mr. Rajeshkumar explained that it is a heavy traffic route and asked if the pot holes will be repaired. Mr. Kellahe explained they would like to get those fixed with hot tar emulsified mix instead of mix out of the hotbox. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked about the man hole repairs and pot holes on other streets, Mr. Kellahe stated he has that work lined up and is trying to catch up.

Mr. Kellahe discussed the sidewalk repairs Mr. Kittredge requested for North Main, he explained they do not have the funding for that at this time. He stated if they started the process to repair the sidewalks it would also delay the project. He explained he is working with Nancy to source out grant funding for sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Rucho asked about the trailers parked at the school that are used by the DPW or Parks and explained it is a mess and would like to see it cleaned up and unused stuff disposed of if necessary. Mr. Kellahe stated he is aware and will work on getting cleaned up and dismantle bleachers and dispose of the cyclone fence.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Adopt an Island Program- Island at Route 12/Woodland Street turned back to town and Angelo Vangos of Pinecroft Dairy has submitted an Application to Adopt the Island. Cement Island at Shrewsbury Street/Maple and island at Thomas/Crescent Street are still available:**

Ms. Lucier explained there are two islands are still available and normally this would go before the Economic Development Committee for drawing but there is only one name and three available. Mr. Vangos has inquired about this island since he purchased Pinecroft and it is available and he would like to adopt it. Mr. Rucho does not believe the Economic Development Committee handles this but the Board does. He has no issues as long as it is according to policy.

***Motion** Mr. Rucho moved to let Mr. Vangos take the island if it is according to policy; Mr. Rajeshkumar second.*

Mr. Crowley stated in the past people have not been able to choose with island they were getting, they are selected in a drawing. He does not have a problem doing this but this is not how it has been

done in the past. He explained this would be a change than how it has been done in the past. Mr. Rucho stated if the policy allows this than he is fine with it. Ms. Lucier stated annually she reached out to current adoptees of the Island and see if they wish to keep the island. She explained the islands are released if they are not taking care of the islands. She explained Mr. Vangos would like to have the island close to his business and thinks it would be fair to give it to him. Mr. Rucho would like to review the policy to be sure this is how they should handle this. Mr. Kittredge asked if they should advertise that the islands are available and then decide who to choose. Mr. Rajeshkumar would like to table and discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Crowley has no issue with Mr. Vangos having this island but believe the Board needs to be consistent. Mr. Rucho read the policy on the Island Adoption. Ms. Lucier stated the cement island is difficult due to the constant watering of the barrel. Mr. Kittredge asked if the town ever received ok from the insurance to have a barrel on the island.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

- **Concurrence on the appointment of Nathan Orciani to the Celebrations Committee as effective April 26, 2021 for a term to expire April 30, 2024.**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

Ms. Lucier stated Nate is going to assist with the Pole Banner Program to benefit the Celebrations Committee. She explained five banners have been sold so far.

- **Concurrence on the appointment of Jeffrey Perkins to the Conservation Commission effective April 26, 2021 for a term to expire April 30, 2024.**

Motion Mr. Rucho moved to approve; Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
Mr. Hadley, yes
Mr. Rucho, yes
Mr. Kittredge, yes

- **Concurrence on the following April 2021 Town Administrator Reappointments:**

Motion Mr. Rucho moved to approve appointments as printed in the agenda; Mr. Crowley second.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
 Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
 Mr. Hadley, yes
 Mr. Rucho, yes
 Mr. Kittredge, yes

BOARD OF HEALTH:	Michaun Fowler	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
	Robert Barrell	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
COUNCIL ON AGING:	Janice Ash	4-30-2021 (3yrs)
	Barbara Mard	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
	Kathleen Casey	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
FENCE VIEWER:	Michael Mard	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
HAZARDOUS WASTE CO-ORDINATOR:	Thomas Welsh	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
ASST. HAZARDOUS WASTE CO-ORDINATOR:	Bob O'Connell	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
GOVERNMENT REP. TO C.M.E.M.S.C.:	Bill Nicholson	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
AMBULANCE REP TO CMEMSC:	Colby Fiske	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
FIRST RESPONDER REP. TO CMEMSC:	Richard Ellbeg	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR:	Thomas Welsh	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
ASSIST EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR:	Bob O'Connell	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
CERT COORDINATOR:	Thomas Welsh	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR:	Thomas Welsh	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
FOREST WARDEN:	Thomas Welsh	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
PARKS COMMISSIONER:	Gary Flynn	4-30-2020 (3 yrs)
PERMANENT PATROLMEN:	Timothy Provencal	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
	Kyle Santoro	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
CONSTABLE:	Dennis Minnich	4-30-2021 (1 yr)

	Thomas M. Balvin	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
	Anthony Papandrea	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
	James Bartlett	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
	Richard Petit	4-30-2021 (1 yr)
MATRON:	Mary E. Almstrom	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$23.01 hr.
	Abbi E. Parkinson	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$23.01 hr.
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR:	Richard Breagy	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$30 insp.
WIRING INSPECTOR:	Michael J. Capone	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$30 insp.
ASSISTANT WIRING INSP:	Dennis Dean	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$30 insp.
PLUMBING/GAS INSP:	George W. Mioglionico	4-30-2020 (1 yr) \$35 insp.
ASSIST. PLUMBING/GAS INSP:	Eric Johnson	4-30-2021 (1 yr) \$30 insp.
PARKS FACILITIES CMTE.:	James O'Day	4-30-2021 Resident (3 yrs)
TOWN SCHOLARSHIP CMTE:	Janet Johnson	4-30-2021 (3 yrs)
INSURANCE ADV. CMTE.:	Marion Karsina	4-30-2021 School Teach Unio(1 yr)
	Leslie Guertin	4-30-2021 Gen. Gvt.Employ (1 yr)
	James Bartlett	4-30-2021 Police Union (1 yr)
	Roger Pontbriand	4-30-2021 School Administ (1 yr)

Ms. Lucier thanked everyone that steps up to fill these positions.

- **Vote to approve the following April 2021 Selectboard Reappointments:**

***Motion** Mr. Rucho moved to approve appointments as printed in the agenda; Mr. Crowley second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crowley, yes
 Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
 Mr. Hadley, yes
 Mr. Rucho, yes
 Mr. Kittredge, yes

ZONING BD OF APPEALS:	Nathanial Orciani	4-30-2021 (5 yrs)
	David Femia	4-30-2021 (5 yrs)
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:	David Femia	4-30-2021 Resident (1 yr)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Update on Route 12 Sidewalks

Back in October I reached out to Barry Lorion about the sidewalk along Route 12 to let him know that the town had received complaints from residents about their deteriorating condition and asked if the Route 12 sidewalks were on a list of upcoming projects for MassDOT. When he replied he noted that wasn't sure that they were scheduled for significant work anytime soon but they would be open to reviewing bad stretches and making minor repairs at the worst locations. I had a follow up phone call with James Robida the District Maintenance Engineer and let him know that one of the worst sections is from the intersection of Routes 12/140 going North on Route 12 to Wayside Antiques. Last Thursday I noticed three MassDOT surveyor stations out along that stretch. I reached back out to James who told me that they are surveying to determine what they can do without utility moves and/or encroachments on private property to improve the situation. Subsequent to that I learned that they are planning on replacing the sidewalks along that stretch of Route 12 and the contractor has already been selected.

Ms. Lucier stated she request Representative O'Day to include in budget to repair the sidewalks on North Main Street.

2. Town Meeting

Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th at the Middle/High School. I have contacted the school to see if the baseball field is available for that use and recommend, we hold our meeting outside at 6:00 similar to what we did last year. I have reserved May 24th as a backup day for non-quorum or a weather issue. The list of capital provided to the Capital Investment Board included the following items: Library is requesting a boiler replacement update - \$98,000; DPW is requesting a 7400 Truck - \$220,000, 0-Turn Mower - \$14,000; Chevrolet 2500 Truck - \$44,000; Aerator - \$17,000, Excavator - \$50-75,000; Schools are requesting a driveway repair - \$65,746; and the Fire Department is requesting a Forestry Truck - \$140,000; Turnout Gear -\$25,000 and a Generator \$35,000.

I have included the mower and aerator on the warrant as articles to be funded through Free Cash, we were able to get the turnout gear through a grant opportunity and the generator is off the table at this time as we are changing the location of the unit and seeking additional quotes.

CIB/Fin Com voted to move forward with the 7400 Truck with Stainless Steel Body for the DPW and the Forestry Truck for the Fire Department

Mr. Rucho asked if there are restrictions on indoor meeting and chance having weather event, MS. Lucier stated she believed it went smoothly and people felt people preferred it outside. Mr. Crowley would like to hold outdoors again.

3. Update on Waste Zero Trash Bags

You may recall that we were previously notified by Waste Zero of an upcoming price increase in town trash bags. They have a current inventory of 12 weeks, 125 cases of large at \$57.50 and 100 cases of small bags at \$36.5 for a total of \$10,837.50. They have offered to allow us to purchase the current inventory at our current prices, which will

result in a \$1,150.25 savings to the town. We will also be switching to a full recyclable paper wrapper which will be available this summer.

Mr. Hadley asked for clarification, Ms. Lucier stated the town would purchase and Waste Zero would distribute.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Saturday, April 24th 9a.m. to noon – Solid Waste Advisory Team will be holding a town-wide clean up event – for further information call Julianne DeRiveria at 774-261-3344
- Tuesday, April 27th 7 p.m. Mediation for Adults at the Library email beaman@cwmares.org to get the Zoom meeting link.
- Mother's Day Craft and activity kit for children: Reserve your Mother's Day craft and activity kit from the library by sending an email to ssmith@cwmares.org by April 30th. Please put "Mother's Day" in the subject line.
- Discuss whether next meeting will be in person or via ZOOM, the Board would like to have a ZOOM.
- Special Meeting April 28, 2021 at 6 p.m., to vote on the Warrant and also to accept Reservoir Triangle and also the town mailer.
- May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Invitation to Fire Department Recognition Event, Ms. Lucier request the Board begin their meeting that evening at 7 p.m. in order to attend this event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SELECTMANS REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider entering into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30a, Section 21(A), Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with union personnel and the Chair declares that an open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.

***Motion:** Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to enter into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30a, Section 21(A), Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with union personnel and the Chair declares that an open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body at 6:49 p.m. and will adjourn following; Mr. Rucho second.*

Roll call vote:

Mr. Kittredge, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Crowley, yes

All in favor

***Motion** Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 7:10 p.m., Mr. Crowley second.*

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Kittredge, yes

Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes

Mr. Hadley, yes

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Crowley, yes
All in favor.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Kittredge, second all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Faye D. Zukowski, Municipal Assistant

John W. Hadley, Chairman

Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman

Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Selectman

Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman