



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

Select Board/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting
October 5, 2022; 6:00 p.m.
140 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
Board Meeting Room 2nd Floor

Members Present:
Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Chairman
Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman
Marc Frieden, Clerk
Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman
Kristina Pedone, Selectwoman

Members NOT Present:

Invited Guests:
Jennifer Warren-Dymont Town
Administrator
Faye Zukowski, Municipal Assistant

Others Present: Chris Berglund

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT: 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:

- **July 20, 2022 Regular Minutes**

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

All in favor

Approved

- **July 26, 2022 Regular Minutes**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Ms. Pedone second.

All in favor

Approved

- **July 26, 2022 Executive Session – not to be released**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.
All in favor
Approved

**REVIEW AND VOTE TO APPROVE WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD COVERING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 TO OCTOBER 5, 2022: Town Payable Warrants FY2023-11, FY2023-12;
Sewer FY2023-SE05 AND FY2023-SE06; Town Payroll FY2023-06 and MLP FY2023 #6**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.
All in favor
Approved

**6:05 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Application for Change of Manager on the All Alcohol
Restaurant Liquor License for Kitsta Corp dba The Manor Restaurant and Lounge at 42 West
Boylston Street, West Boylston, MA 01583:**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to close the public hearing; Mr. Frieden second.
All in favor
Approved

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve the application for license; Mr. Rucho second.
3-0-2 Ms. Pedone and Mr. Rajeshkumar voted no
Approved

BEVERLY GOODALE, HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- **Boston Post Cane Candidate Rita L. Mirante, 102 years young on September 17, 2022.**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.
All in favor
Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consider Approving the Business License Transfer of Common Victualler and Entertainment License from Pinecroft Dairy and Restaurant owned by Angelo Vangos to Pinecroft Dairy and Restaurant new owner Jeffrey Paquette:**

Motion Ms. Pedone moved to approve; Mr. Rucho second.
All in favor
Approved

- **Consider Approving the Business License for Smokin' Food Truck 51 LLC for a 1-day Common Victualler and Vendor License:**

Motion Mr. Rucho moved to approve; Mr. Crowley second.
All in favor
Approved

- **Consider Approval of Signatory of Authority**
 - **Fire Department**

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

All in favor
Approved

- **Discussion of Process for Select Board Goal & Objective Workshop for Town Administrator and Select Board:**
- **Consider voting to sign the November 8, 2022 State Election Warrant**
- **October 17, 2022 Town Meeting Items**
 - **Discussion and Assign Motions**
 - **Consider Endorsing Articles**
 - **Approve Mailer for Town Meeting**

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- **Town Administrator Transition:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 was Interim Town Administrator Jim Purcell's last day of service to the Town of West Boylston. Prior to the conclusion of his service there were several meetings and conversations with Mr. Purcell and myself, including a lengthy transition meeting held on September 5, 2022. I thank Mr. Purcell and all of the staff for working collaboratively over these last few months.

My service to the community began on Monday, September 12, 2022. The week was spent largely in getting up to speed on various projects and issues, meeting with staff, attending meetings of other Boards and Committees, and other stakeholders. A Department Head meeting was held on Wednesday the 14th and will be held on a monthly basis going forward. I have also been meeting one-on-one with Department Heads and will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

2. Town Meeting Preparation: The Semi-Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022. Initial drafts of motions and explanations have been distributed to the Select Board. Requests for FY23 "budget fix" articles will be accepted through October 5, 2022. The Finance Committee/Capital Investment Board met on Monday, September 12 to review capital requests and will be meeting again on September 26, 2022. It is planned to assign motions at the October 5, 2022 Select Board meeting and to have final motions distributed the week of October 10, 2022. I have reached out to the Town Moderator to schedule a meeting prior to Town Meeting. I am also planning to share the explanations of Articles on the website prior to Town Meeting.

3. Director of Veterans' Services Position: The fractional-time position of Director of Veterans' Services was posted by Mr. Purcell. Candidates were interviewed on September 19, 2022. Former Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Doug Horka assisted with interviews and has offered his continued assistance with training the appointee. I thank Mr. Horka for his continued volunteerism to West Boylston. I plan to present my recommendation for appointment to this position to the Select Board at the October 5, 2022 meeting.

4. ADA Transition Plan: Last week I met with Mike Edwards of the Collins Center who has been contracted to complete West Boylston's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. A draft of the plan has been shared with the Commission on Disability (COD) in August. He expects the final plan will be sent to the COD sometime next week and that the COD will need to weigh in at that time.

5. CSX Road Closures: The schedule for rail crossing closures has recently changed. The Temple Street closure is scheduled for October 3rd and the Shrewsbury Street closure is scheduled for October 4th. Prescott Street will be completed on October 2nd. The DPW Director will advise Republic Services of these closures as it will impact their routes. He has also kept the Superintendent in the loop on these closures as bus routes will be impacted. Some preparation work will be ongoing leading up to the full closures resulting in traffic delays.

6. Rock Salt Bids: West Boylston is involved in a regional coop for snow and ice materials. Rock salt bids were received by the Town of Shrewsbury on September 12, 2022. Bids will be awarded to Morton Salt at 70% and Eastern Minerals at 30%. Rock salt came in approximately 20.7% over last year. Treated salt bids through the Town of Oxford also recently came in at 26.5% over last year. Last season the Town used approximately 3,200 tons of rock salt and no treated salt.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- **Concurrence on the following appointments with term to end April 1, 2023**
 - **Election Warden** **Barbara Deschenes**
 - **Deputy Warden** **Barbara Mard**
 - **Election Clerk** **Mary Noyes**
 - **Deputy Clerk** **Lynn Harding McGrail**
 - **Elections Constable** **Gerald Condon**

Motion Mr. Crowley moved to approve the appointments; Ms. Pedone second.

All in favor

Approved

MEETING, INVITATIONS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Senior Center:**
 - Saturday- September 17, 2022 9:30 am Mile Walk Challenge (MCOA)
 - Thursday- October 6, 2022 7:00 pm Live Laugh Learn special guest speaker: Brendan O'Connor - O'Connor's Restaurant
 - Tuesday- October 4, 2022 6:00 pm New England Camera Club Reception & Gallery show (throughout the center)
 - Wednesday- October 26, 2022 2:00 pm Halloween Costume Party and concert with Stephen George
 - Thursday- October 6, 2022 11:30 am Office of Consumer Affairs presenting Scam & Fraud Safety presentation
- **Library**

Quarterly print newsletter that covers September, October and November events is posted on the homepage (beamanlibrary.org)

- **For Adults: Lianne Dixon: Arguing with Your Teen**

Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Tired of arguing with your teen? Join Parent Coach Lianne Dixon, and learn how change is possible! During this online presentation, discover high-impact strategies that create less room for arguing and more room for connection, explore the benefit of using visualization to help create the relationship you want, and learn mindful practices that are critical for more peaceful communication and joyful connection. Parents of teens and tweens are invited to attend. Please email beaman@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to this program to register.



- **For Adults: Woodstock Revisited**

Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Join music historian, educator, storyteller, percussionist, photographer, and radio show host Craig Harris for a reexamination of the historic 1969 Woodstock rock festival. Please email beaman@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to this program to register.

- **For Adults: Multi-Seasonal Centerpiece**

Saturday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Please join Sandie in making a beautiful, multi-seasonal centerpiece. Participants will first make a fall centerpiece and then Sandie will show you simple ways to change it up for other holidays. Please email beaman@cwmares.org by October 1 to reserve your spot!

- **For Adults: War in Ukraine**

Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Crystal H. Brown, Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Social Science and Policy Studies Department at WPI, on Zoom for an examination of Russia's war on Ukraine. Dr. Brown will discuss the complex relationship between Ukraine, Russia, and the United States by highlighting what the war in Ukraine means for international politics and state sovereignty. Please email beaman@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to this program to register.

- **For Adults: Friends of the Beaman Library Annual Meeting Event**

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Peter Christoph, a well-known wildlife advocate, naturalist and award-winning wildlife photographer based in Lancaster, MA, will present "Birds of the Quabbin Reservoir." Please email beaman@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to this program to register.

- **For Teens: Bath Bombs**

Thursday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Now that school is back in full swing, take some time to pamper yourself! Join Jessica to learn how to make a fizzy bath bomb! All of the materials needed to make this craft will be provided. Please email jwright@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to a program to register.

- **For Teens: String Art**

Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

This craft is perfect for both novice and experienced crafters alike! Join Jessica at the Library to create your own eye-catching piece of art using only a few simple materials including wood, a hammer, nails, and



copious amounts of embroidery floss. Please email jwright@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to a program to register.

- **For Teens: Zombie Barbie Apocalypse
Thursday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m.**

Autumn is upon us and Halloween is drawing near. This is the perfect time to change unsuspecting Barbies into zombies! All of the materials required to craft our disturbing dolls will be provided. Please email jwright@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to a program to register.

- **For Children: Native American Day
Friday, September 23 at 3:30 p.m.**

Hear stories about Native Americans and learn to make fry bread to celebrate this important day. You will leave with a craft kit and some fry bread to eat at home! Please send an email to skelly@cwmares.org with 'Native American' in the subject line by Friday, September 16 to reserve your spot.



- **For Children: Good Neighbor Day
Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

Come into the Library to hear stories about being neighborly and then make a craft to give to a neighbor! To reserve your spot, please email ssmith@cwmares.org with 'Neighbor' in the subject line by September 21

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SELECT BOARD REPORTS:

- Mr. Crowley announced the Celebrations Committee will be hosting a movie night on September 30th and will be showing Minions 2 on the Common.
- Mr. Crowley stated the Senior Center will be hosting Live, Laugh, Learn by Brendan O'Connor on Thursday October 6th.
- Mr. Crowley stated the Parks Facilities Committee voted to present to the Board a request to use APRA funds and Raj voted in favor at that time to bring before the Select Board and then voted in opposition at the Select Board meeting. He stated they have now gone to the CPC for additional funds. He stated they now have funds that will not be to the 200-foot standard and believes if they do a project, it should be done correctly. He resigned from Parks Facilities Commission as the Select Board representative and this will need to be on a future agenda to fill the vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion Mr. Friedman: I move to enter into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30a, Section 21(A), Purpose 3 to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with the DPW Director, and the Chair declares that an open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and will be adjourning following the executive session; seconded Mr. Crowley.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Rucho, yes

Mr. Crowley, yes

Mr. Frieden, yes
Ms. Pedone, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
All in favor

Motion *Mr. Rucho moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.; Mr. Crowley second.*

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Frieden, yes
Mr. Rucho yes,
Mr. Crowley yes,
Ms. Pedone, yes
Mr. Rajeshkumar, yes
All in favor
Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Faye D. Zukowski, Municipal Assistant

Approved:

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Chairman

Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman

Marc Friedman, Clerk

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

Kristina Pedone, Selectwoman