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## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 16 at 4pm

Community Room – Downstairs

posted 11:05am on 7/26/2020

4:00 p.m. Vivian opened meeting

The Board discussed Accountant Charlie Browne's proposed 1/12th budget that he will submit to the Department of Revenue on behalf of the Town if approved. We do not anticipated needing it, but if the event the ATM was postponed or delayed, the Town will have a back-up plan in place. Ray motioned to accept the 1/12 budget as written; Rich seconded; all said Aye.

Bob explained that he had omitted the Sewer betterments in the previous warrant draft, which are now added (see Article 7. d.), deleted the COVID Article, and renumbered the warrant to end with the election info (the new article 26). Rich made a motion to approve the revised ATM Warrant; Ray seconded; all said Aye.

Bob informed the Board about a Lake Management concern.

Lynne informed the Board about a 1-day alcohol permit request from the Western Mass Fire Chief's Association to drink beer and wine at the Hinsdale Fire Department's pavilion on Thursday, June 25. Ray made a motion to approve provided the request met all permit requirements, and Viv seconded. Rich abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.; Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Baumgartner



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## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2020 at 9:30am

Community Room – Downstairs

posted 11:05am on 7/26/2020

9:30a.m. Viv opened the meeting to review the Annual Town Warrant. After discussion with the Finance Committee Chair, the Select Board voted on whether to approve the CBRSD assessment budget.

Rich made a motion to approve the school budget, Article 4 as written. No second

Ray made a motion to oppose the school budget, Article 4; Vivian seconded, both said Aye. Rich voted No. It was noted final decision on CBRSD's FY21 budget will be up to the vote at the Annual Town Meeting.

Ray made a motion to approve the Annual Town Warrant to post, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Ray made a motion to adjourn, Rich seconded it, all said Aye at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Baumgartner



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## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2020 at 7pm

Community Room – Downstairs

posted 11:05am on 7/26/2020

Present: Select Board, Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant

7:00 PM, Viv opened meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and she asked if anyone else was recording besides us, and asked everyone to turn off their phones

Ray made a motion to approve the May 27 meeting minutes as presented, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Rich Peters introduced new CBRSD Superintendent, Leslie Blake-Davis. She is invested in the community. She wants open communication between her and the seven towns and will attend meetings as needed. Rich introduces Greg Boino as the business manager, a native of Dalton, a Wahconah graduate. He wants to be more involved working in the community. Rich said three towns passed the school budget.

Rodney Maloney asked for a business certificate to pursue his home business “Longarm Computer Services.” He wants to exchange this for his auto business. Ray made a motion to grant his request for a new business certificate as requested, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Ashley Paradise, a skin cosmetologist, appeared before the board to ask for A.Paradise Aesthetics business certificate. She wants to open her salon on 251 Watson Road. She can allow in one customer at a time. Ray made a motion to grant business certificate as requested, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Scott Forgey has taken over Dalton Noel's water/sewer role. He doesn't need to be reappointed.

Town Administrator updates – Annual Town Warrant posting June 12

Parks and Beach opened on June 8  
Fall Dam inspections – hired Morris Root  
Warner Bros, Foresight and DPW working on Old Dalton Road Construction  
Eversource is cutting off electricity for four hours on June 15  
Ipswich Pharmaceutical has community information Zoom Meeting as required by State scheduled for June 25.

Rich made a motion to appoint Larry Turner to CERT, Ray seconded, all said Aye.

Rich made a motion to appoint Vivian Mason and Bonnie Conner to 7-town Advisory Committee, Ray seconded, all said Aye.

Viv said a sad farewell to Rich, as this was his last Wednesday night Select Board. He has done his job admirably.

Ray makes a motion to adjourn, Rich seconds it, all said Aye at 7:25 p.m.

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## **SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **May 27, 2020 at 7pm**

Community Room – Downstairs

posted 10:45am on 6/12/2020

Teleconference: Public called in to meeting by phone: 413-449-5095; code 706954

7:00 PM, Vivian opened meeting, welcomed everyone back, asked everyone to turn off their phones, asked if anyone was recording. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray made a motion to accept the May 13, 2020 minutes as presented, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Esther Balardini appeared before the Board representing Eversource, She had a map to show where the new proposed Pole Locations will be. Old Dalton Road, Hinsdale: 1) Install one (1) new jointly owned pole (P#47/39) to be located approximately sixty (60) feet northwest of existing jointly owned pole (P#42/32).

Maple Street, Hinsdale: 1) Relocate one (1) existing jointly-owned pole (P#42/31) to be located approximately forty-seven (47) feet east of the existing pole (P#42/31).  
2) Relocate one (1) existing jointly-owned pole (P#42/B30) to be located approximately twenty-five (25) feet east of the existing pole (P#42/B30). Reason for relocation is for people to have visibility at that intersection at the completion of the Old Dalton Road construction. Rich

questioned about the one pole that is facing the cemetery gate: is there going to be enough room on the easement to go across the front of the cemetery on the Conroy property? Esther presented the design, Bob explained it has been blessed by many engineers. Rich made a motion to accept Eversource and Verizon's proposed pole locations. Ray seconded, all in favor, said Aye.

Sabrina Zeitler did not come to the meeting or call in to tonight's meeting to ask for Business Certificate.

TA Bob Graves announced Lake Management and Solitude should have scheduled their survey by now. He asked Caleb in Conservation to track them down. We opened Town Hall according to State guidelines. Masks are required in building. Hand sanitizers are at both entries in lobbies; we are working on office reconfigurations. Berkshire Plate Glass is working on retrofit to have small openings in the doors (glass being replaced by plastic) to pass through payments, bag tags, vehicle permits. We appreciate all the extra work Fred Sears from the Board of Health has been putting in.

Rich Peters spoke about hiring a new superintendent, Leslie Blake-Davis. Said in this environment there is no road map, for what we are all doing right now. We are not only in the middle of building a new school, but now the existing school is closed, and how do you teach by distant learning? We had a good internal candidate, so we did not post outside. The School Board went through all the correct protocols to hire someone qualified from within. Budget is going forward as presented originally. No increases in the budget, so hopefully it passes within the towns. June 24 is Hinsdale's Annual Town Meeting. District had to apply before June 1 and be prepared for 1/12 budget. He wants to bring new superintendent to introduce her to the Select Board and residents who attend the next meeting. The Dalton Finance committee is not recommending the budget. Cummington will probably vote to accept because it went down 12%.

Town Warrant will be posted on June 11 after legal review.

Peg McDonough discussed plans for a small grant Age Friendly Berkshires received from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's Central Berkshire Fund for Peg to speak to community leaders. She made a date with Council on Aging. Asking for residents to complete a survey regarding a need for transportation services. She suggests using a Town Newsletter or Town Website to survey the group. The Select Board hopes that it goes well and it can work.

Rich makes a motion to vote to rescind July 18, 2018 vote taken by the Select Board setting a mandatory retirement age of 70 for firefighters and police officers; Viv seconds, all in favor, said Aye.

Rich made a motion to reinstate the use of transfer station bag tags. The tags are to encourage people to recycle. The Covid crisis cost the town over \$1600 in revenue for temporarily suspending the mandatory bag tags. Ray seconded, all in favor, said Aye.

Today is last date for citizen petitions for warrant articles to be submitted; last day to register to vote in June 27 Town Election is June 17th. The last day to register to vote for the June 24 Annual Town Meeting is June 4th.

Viv recused herself before Ipswich discussion begins. Bob clarifies the issues; he informs the board that Ipswich Pharmaceuticals needs Select Board support to take to the Cannabis Commission acknowledging that it doesn't change anything for us other than they are changing the company leadership. Basically we are just confirming that. Hinsdale does recognize this reorganization. They presented a letter that the town doesn't argue about what they are doing. Ray made a motion to go forward with Bob signing off on this letter, Rich seconded.

Bob sent SB members a copy of an email from IPA's attorney for a check for the outstanding legal fees, and another \$5,000 as a legal retainer for upcoming bills.

Green Patriot requests a letter of support or non-opposition to cultivate adult/and or medical cultivation located at 00 Bullard's Crossing. Green Patriot activities are currently permitted under the host agreement with the town titled Ipswich Pharmaceuticals Associates. The name change is currently happening. The host community agreement covers two properties. Jodie and Elizabeth set this up with us in 2017; and we amended agreement last fall to include Peru Road. IPA's is still covering both sites. The McCarthys received the Cannabis Commission permission to grow. IPA got final approval for the facility on Bullard's Crossing. As they split, the IPA agreement and recognition is going to IPA. So the Bullard's Crossing site, which is becoming Green Patriot, doesn't have a Host Agreement. Bob asked our attorneys to begin drafting one. First they have to appear before the Planning Board. Expedited license was applied in Elizabeth McCarthy's name for the Green Patriot, Bullard's Crossing Road site.

Susan asked if the local parks could be open. Suggestion was made to contact Fred, Board of Health. Plunkett Lake beach was also mentioned. Camp Emerson and Taconic are not opening this summer. Camp Romaca still has plans to eventually open up.

Ray made a motion to adjourn at 7:54; Rich seconded. Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Baumgartner



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## **SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **May 13, 2020 at 6:30pm**

Community Room – Downstairs posted 11:10am on 7/26/2020  
Teleconference: Public attended meeting by phone: 413-449-5095; code 706954  
Bob announced everyone on the conference call.

Vivian opened meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Rich made a motion to approve April 23rd meeting minutes; Ray seconded, Viv took a roll call vote. Rich said Yes, Ray said Yes, Viv said Yes.

Rich made a motion to choose VFIS instead of CHUBB for the Fire Department insurance, starting July 1, 2020. Vivian seconded. Roll call vote: Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Vivian Yes. Question came up that the Select Board made decision that over 70 year old firefighters must retire in the

Select Board Meeting on July 11, 2018. This will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting, May 27.

Rich made a motion to change the Annual Town Meeting and Town Election to Wednesday June 24 and Saturday, June 27 from June 10 and June 14. Ray seconded. Roll call vote: Rich said Yes, Ray said Yes, Viv said Yes. There will be two warrants posted so the election can go forward if there cannot be a Town Meeting.

Approved annual Gravel Permits:

1. Berkshire Concrete (Unistress) Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
2. William E. Tatro Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
3. Windsor Land Clearing Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
4. Dudley R Billings Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
5. NOCO Enterprises Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
6. Nichols Sand & Gravel Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.
7. Duquette Excavation Ray so moved, Rich seconded, rollcall vote, Rich Yes, Ray Yes, Viv Yes.

Sabrina Zeitler to come before Select Board asking for Business Certificate was postponed. She was not on the conference call. Rich made a motion to table this discussion, Ray seconded. Roll call vote, Rich said Yes, Ray said Yes, Viv said Yes.

May 27 will be the last date for citizen petitions to be submitted on the Town Warrant.

Senior Tax Work-Off Program for FY2021 details will be on the town website.

Eversource said that the trees by the library and school were marked to come down. There was a rumor going around town that they were cut by mistake and that is not true. Eversource plans to also grind down the stumps for the Town.

Viv recused herself. Rich took over the meeting. Matt Bandle, Project Manager from Ipswich Pharmaceutical, addressed board requesting a Special Permit Application for the 246 Peru Road sight – which is evolving. He introduced his team: Jodie McCarthy, as Advisor; Ben Zachs, Chief Operating Officer; Will Kacheris, General Manager; Mike Boyle, Compliance Officer; Eric Zachs, Manager; Henry Zachs, Chairman of the Board; Chris Chamberlin, Professional Engineer from Berkshire Design Group; Ellen Freyman, Attorney and Kevin McKeigue, Security Director. IPA is involved in three states with multiple cannabis businesses. They plan on hiring 20 full-time employees, year round, and up to 50 during harvest season. They plan on having 4 greenhouses to start the new plant cultivation; and have an outside grow area, secured, by fence and under 24-hour surveillance. Ray made a motion to forward IPA to Planning Board for review and recommendations, Rich seconded. Roll call vote, Ray said Yes, and Rich said Yes.

Bob said we did get approval to postpone the Transfer Station capping for two years. Bob is in the process of working on the final draft budget to Finance Committee next Thursday, May 28, and putting together a Plunkett Gate Valve Operation manual due to the State.

Ray made a motion to adjourn at 7:00; Rich seconded. Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Baumgartner