

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

Present were Vice Chair Jeff Cyr, Clerk Christopher Geraghty, member Sarah Etelman, member Bruce Forcier, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan. Chair Andrea Miles was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Forcier motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPEN FORUM

Etelman encouraged volunteers at a River to Range Trail Work Party on June 9 and 12 to clear trails, noted a free South Hadley Community Day at the Porter Phelps Huntington Museum on June 15, and said residents are welcome to attend The People's Office with Senator Jo Comerford's team on June 16 in town hall.

Forcier said Cruise Nights have begun at BATTERY Brook Park and will continue until Aug. 30. A car show will be held the third Sunday in August.

CONSENT AGENDA

Forcier motioned to approve the consent agenda which included a request for a One-Day Beer and Wine License for Knights of Columbus Aug. 11. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

TRI-ANNUAL INTERVIEWS

The Selectboard interviewed Alexis Allen for positions on the Cultural Council and MPIC; Michael Chnyk for positions on the Historical Commission and Historic District Study Committee; Jennifer Deforge for a position on the SEC; Ryan Moore for a position on the Recreation Commission; and Donald Whelihan for a position on the Historical Commission.

The Selectboard will make appointments June 18.

MASS WORKS APPLICATION

Forcier motioned to authorize spending \$4,500 to update the grant application for the Newton/Lyman Street MassWorks application. Etelman seconded. All in favor. Sullivan said the town is committing \$250,000 of the balance – a required match from the state.

BOROWING VOTE

Forcier moved the Selectboard authorize the treasurer to borrow \$1.49 million of new borrowing for the purpose of funding capital expenditures as follows: departmental equipment \$240,000; building renovation \$350,000; sidewalks \$400,000; street repairs \$500,000, furthermore as endorsed by the capital planning committee in their reported dated April 30, 2019 and reported to town meeting on May 8, 2019. Etelman seconded.

DPW RATE CHANGES

Forcier motioned to accept the 2019 rate changes for the DPW as outlined. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

Sullivan said having curbside trash pick-up every week would be great but with the model the town now has it would double the cost. He said the town has to look at a new way to control the cost of trash removal. He noted the town pays more to dispose of trash bags brought to the transfer station than when they're picked up curbside.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT RATE CHANGES

Forcier motioned to accept the building department, electric, plumbing and gas permit fees for both residential and commercial as presented. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

DOG PARK REVIEW

Jeff Squire of Berkshire Design presented a review of the dog park project. He discussed the park's move to the other side of Mulligan Drive due to wetlands, a timeline, and potential donations from local contractors. Etelman asked for the removal of "city supplied" materials in the draft budget breakdown under the "Donated Materials" section so when the project is put out to bid there isn't the expectation the town will supply additional funds for extra materials. She said town meeting and the Selectboard were clear in that the town is not interested in spending any more money than what was already designated by Town Meeting. She asked for a clearer depiction of what donated materials are expected by local builders, as well as a distinction between what materials are need to open the park, such as handicap accessible parking signs, and what materials are extra, such as boulders. Jeff Squire agreed to do that.

Cyr said the town is committed to the amount approved at Town Meeting, as there are other financial challenges in the town. Geraghty said he would hate to see a design for a park that is more costly to maintain.

Sullivan and the Selectboard indicated to Berkshire Design it needs to skinny the prices and cost for what is listed in the draft budget to bring them down to the budget set by Town Meeting. Overall the park must be something that can easily be maintained by the Friends of South Hadley Dog Park which is the entity that will ultimately be financially responsible for the park. Sullivan said he will work with Berkshire Design to drill down real, hard numbers.

JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Selectboard rescheduled their single July meeting from July 16 to July 9 due to bonding for capital projects and end-of-year transfers.

TA REPORT

Etelman said she is excited about the installation of a third ValleyBike station, this time to be located at the Woodlawn Plaza.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cyr moved to enter executive session under MGL Chapter 39 subsection 23B for purpose of contract negotiations with the DPW and police union.

Members voted affirmatively by roll call vote as follows:

Member Forcier	Aye
Member Etelman	Aye
Vice Chair Cyr	Aye
Clerk Geraghty	Aye

Cyr said the board will not return to open session. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration