BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2017 –6:30 P.M. TRAINING ROOM – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

This meeting was taped for local television.

PRESENT: Kyle Johnson, Chair, Leo Janssens, Member, John Mulhall, Clerk, Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator and Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant.

I. SALUTE THE FLAG

Kyle Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT-

None at this meeting

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leo Janssens motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

May 2 – Annual Town Meeting- Leo Janssens stated that he felt it went well and that Heather's presentation was extremely helpful and was a nice addition to the ATM. Kyle agreed and felt that CODE RED was helpful in informing the residents of the upcoming meeting. John's first ATM went well.

Public Hearing – John Mulhall motioned to Open the Public Hearing at 6:37pm and was seconded by Leo Janssens. Motions carried 3-0.

National Grid – New Pole install Brogan Lane. NG Rep. Kim Tavallaimola presented the plan for a new pole on Brogan Lane to service # 10. There were two abutters in attendance to speak on the hearing- Kevin Brogan- 56 Brogan Rd & Karen Martin- 8 Brogan Lane. They both were in favor but were looking for more details and clarification. The residents discussed with the rep and all were in agreement on National Grids plan.

Leo Janssens motion to grant permission to National Grid to add the pole on Brogan Lane and was seconded John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0

Leo Janssens motion to close the Public Hearing 6:50pm and was seconded by John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0

V. OLD BUSINESS -

- Economic Development Commission:

Bill Johnson spoke to the Board on finalizing the move of the Rail Trail under the EDC.

John Mulhall motion to transfer oversight of the Rail Trail to be under the Economic Development Commission and was seconded by Leo Janssens. Motion carried 3-0

- Comcast Cable Contract

Cable Contract agreement was returned and was signed by the Board of Selectman this evening.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Economic Development Commission

Bill Johnson is asking the Board to approve expenditure of flowers for the planters in the center of town. This is all part of the beautification of the town center and other areas. Bill Johnson also asked the TA office to mail out a letter of appreciation to the owner of Mass Central Gardens for selling us the flowers at his cost.

John Mulhall motioned to approve the expenditures of monies from the EDC account to pay Central Mass Gardens invoice and was seconded by Leo Janssens. Motion carried 3-0

- Request of name change on the American Legions Liquor license to Robin Rameau

Heather explained to the Board the process as the LLA and the ABCC has in a name change. Heather stated all the appropriate paperwork has been completed.

Leo Janssens motioned to approve the name change pending the Police Chief's approval and was seconded by John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0

 Special Election Ballot Question- the Board announced that there will be a Special Election on Tuesday, June 20th at the JR Briggs Elementary School from 7am to 8pm for the Prop. 2 ½ override question for the AWRSD.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Heather read her report into record

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 1, 2017

Leo Janssens made the motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017 and was seconded by John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0.

IX. BOS CORRESPONDENCE

Kyle read a flyer on the Greater Gardner Chamber's upcoming event :May Business After Hours event on May 24 at Rome's Furniture.

X. MAY MEETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyle Johnson read the following Town Clerk Reminders:

- JANUARY 1ST AND ON-Open registration of voters at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 32 Main Street, Ashburnham from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM Monday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. Town Hall is closed on Friday.
- Leo Janssens also spoke on the upcoming Memorial Day Events coming up on Monday, May 29th beginning at 9am at the Meeting House Cemetery. Parade to follow.

The next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none at this meeting

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 pm. Leo Janssens motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by John Mulhall. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant