

Town of *Dunstable* Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2018
Town Hall, Dunstable, MA 01827

Convened: 6:30 pm

Present: Leah D. Basbanes, chair, Ronald J. Mikol, vice chair, James E. Tully, member; James Dow, Chief of Police; Susan Psaledakis, Community Preservation Committee; Mike Martin, Paul Dalida, Roads Commission; Carol Bacon, Historical Commission; Scott Wilkins, Karl Huber, Water Commission; Alan Chaney, Conservation Commission; Robert Nelson, Harold Simmons, Advisory Board; Joan Simmons, Planning Board; Dan Mattus, Russell Tierney, White Water; James Cray, Richard Protaswoicki, Wright Pierce; Joe Jordan, Town of Pepperell Water & Sewer; Mary Jude Pigsley, Marielle Stone, Margaret Webber, MassDEP; Anne Gagnon, Fish & Game; Carol Skerrett, Town Clerk

Selectboard Reviewed & Signed the Following:

- Vendor & Payroll Warrants
- Authorization for Submission of By-Laws Adopted at Town Meeting
- Closing Documents with Fish & Game Concerning 91 River Street

Open Forum

Ms. Basbanes explained the purpose of the public forum and went over the Boards agenda which included Use of Town Property Requests, Annual Appointments, a Joint Meeting with Water Commission, Discussion Regarding Closing Documents with Fish & Game Concerning 91 River Street, Consideration of Items for Future Town Meeting, Discussion Regarding Budget Transfers, Authorization for the Submission of By-Laws Adopted at Town Meeting, Discussion of Police Workman's Compensation, Response to a Letter Regarding 104 Main Street, and Asbestos Removal at 91 River Street

Joint Meeting with Water Commissioners

The Board started off by explaining that the purpose of this joint meeting is to get as many of the stakeholders in one room and place to ensure everyone is on the same page. Mr. Huber thanked White Water for their work and asked them for a sense of where the water system is especially as the transition to Pepperell is handled. He also thanked Pepperell for its willingness to help Dunstable. Mr. Huber then asked DEP's representatives to elaborate on what will be required and what the testing sites will be. Mr. Mattus started off by elaborating on what White Water has done and what it understands state of the system is. Overall the system has been running well with the exception of a few snafus. There have been some issues with the chemical feed and a KOH valve. DEP has been kept aware of all issues. There are still some nuances related to the way the system is setup that should be addressed with Wright Pierce for long term functionality of the system. Mr. Huber inquired as to the VFD. Mr. Mattus elaborated on the VFD and the well. It is functional. An SOP needs to be developed for Wells No. 1 and 2. There are some concerns about the existing setup and how it will impact the life span of the new pump installed. In the meantime, Well No. 1 is ready to be used and brought fully back online. Mr. Mattus then elaborated on the Administrative Consent Order with DEP and the feedback that will be given as part of the transition with Pepperell. The Board inquired about the VFD and pump. The main concern is constant running and wear and tear.

Mr. Huber elaborated on what should be done and how to utilize the experience of all parties. Mr. Wilkins returned discussion to Well No. 1 asking how long it has been online. Mr. Mattus explained that it hasn't been online since January but should be brought back online soon now that the work has been done. Sampling has come back clean so that is good news. Mr. Mattus had some thoughts about how to deal with the VFD so that the pump is not constantly running. Mr. Tierney noted that First Electric, the electrical company that did the install, is working on it. He then elaborated on what resources that White Water is willing and able to do for the transition to Pepperell. Mr. Jordan explained that there still isn't a finalized agreement with Dunstable. Pepperell is not yet prepared to take over until the agreement and it is not as of yet signed. Mr. Jordan asked White Water consider staying on for the month of July. Mr. Jordan further stated that Pepperell hasn't seen the Administrative Consent Order with DEP which concerns them. They also wish to finish due diligence on the inter-municipal agreement. As such Pepperell would like more overlap. The Board had questions about the agreement it has seen to date and went over them with Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan explained that what both towns have seen is considered a draft agreement and it is not yet finalized. There are still some outstanding questions that need to be ironed out. Mr. Huber expressed concern, noting that the Commission thought this was further along. The Board asked DEP to elaborate. Ms. Pigsley responded for DEP. She elaborated on the lead and cooper rule. The town was previously on reduced monitoring, which had the town at 10 sites.

Given some violations the town encountered, the reduced monitoring can no longer be allowed. This means reversion to the requirement for 20 sites. Mr. Jordan noted that Pepperell has 20 sites, but its system is 3,200 customers. The Board stated that Dunstable is only 102 customers. Ms. Pigsley explained that the rule is an EPA rule and there is a lot of Federal oversight given the issues encountered at Flint, MI. The Board had some questions about the locations and how they would be determined. Ms. Pigsley gave further information and explained that DEP will issue a sampling plan. The plan has not been issued as the town needs to provide the sites for review and approval. Mr. Huber noted that Water has 10 sites currently, but doesn't know which

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additional sites should be added. Mr. Mattus had a few thoughts on what additional sites to use. This included whether Swallow-Union should be one. Ms. Stone explained that the sites need to be residential and the school would not count as one. The Board expressed concern about who will run the system in July as Pepperell's concerns are legitimate. Mr. Tierney stated that White Water has taken on another project that starts July 1st, and they won't have the resources to continue into July. Ms. Pigsley noted that the Administrative Consent Order does not cover lead and cooper. She further elaborated that deadlines in the order can be addressed via amendment once more information is known about the challenges of the system. Mr. Huber noted that a big part of the issue is the pH balance. Ms. Stone agreed stating that there have been drastic fluctuations in the pH and this is concerning. Mr. Mattus said that getting the sites together should be simple.

Mr. Tierney noted that White Water won't abandon the system, but they cannot commit the same resources and staffing to check on and maintain the system every day. Ms. Pigsley suggested that there may be some wiggle room on the sampling locations. Ms. Stone agreed. Mr. Tierney turned discussion to what White Water has done on pH and other necessary chemicals. There was a discussion of the flow meter and whether it is on a calibration schedule. Mr. Tierney elaborated further suggesting that the best solution is to replace it. He then noted that Pepperell's concerns are legitimate and White Water is willing to work closely with all parties for the transition. Mr. Jordan agreed that this would be a good idea and suggested a meeting between all three parties would be beneficial. The Board agreed. Ms. Pigsley asked that DEP be included as DEP is worried about who will run the system in July. Mr. Tierney stated he would try to work something out to get an operator to help, and if Pepperell is willing to help, that would be great. Ms. Pigsley stated that DEP is being very hands on right now because of the issues the system has. So plugging the gaps is necessary as this system needs babysitting. The Board expressed concern about any breach in process given DEP's concerns and the towns desire to ensure the safety of the system. The Board suggested fixing as many of the issues as possible as part of the transition. There was discussion of the calibration. Ms. Webber noted that according to DEP's records it was last done in 2017. Mr. Tierney was willing to see the recalibration done assuming that information could be provided to White Water about doing it for this system. There was then some discussion about how to handle the management of the system going forward. Mr. Huber committed to taking a more active day to day role. Ms. Pigsley asked who DEP should talk to, as a point of contact.

The Board suggested that it will have to be handled collectively, but for a single point of contact, that should be a Water Commissioner. Mr. Huber volunteered. Ms. Webber asked that an operator be designated to be a contact. This prompted some discussion of whether David Tully, the former Water Superintendent could do it. Mr. Huber explained that a licensed operator is required and David Tully doesn't have that licensing. The Board recapped what needs to be accomplished. The first is that the inter-municipal agreement needs to be completed, 10 additional sites need to be identified for lead and cooper testing, and the transition between White Water and Pepperell needs to be facilitated during the month of July. The deadlines for the Administrative Consent Order should also be amended assuming DEP is willing. Ms. Pigsley indicated that DEP would be in light of things discussed. She then had some follow up questions about when the town intends to move forward with the water project and funding it. The Board elaborated on where things stands and asked DEP to send any information and personnel it can to town meeting. The Board then asked Mr. Jordan how quickly the agreement can be completed with Pepperell. Mr. Jordan stated he would need a few days to get back to Dunstable on the matter. The Board asked Mr. Jordan and Pepperell to bring forward all of its concerns, thoughts, and needs to Dunstable to ensure that this would work. Mr. Jordan suggested that this can be done. The biggest will be getting a copy of the Administrative Consent Order. Mr. Tierney provided him with his copy. The Board noted that the intent is to collaborate, not foist Dunstable's system on Pepperell. Dunstable needs help and is thankful that Pepperell is willing to consider providing it. Mr. Tierney asked Mr. Jordan if a meeting can be setup for as soon as possible. Mr. Jordan was willing to schedule for the earliest time possible. Mr. Huber asked to be included and promised to make himself available. Ms. Pigsley promised to have a representative available as well. The Board asked to be kept in the loop. The Board then asked that a timeline be hammered out by all parties so that it is clear when things need to happen and in what order.

Water Project Update

Mr. Cray spoke about the project so far and what Wright Pierce has done. They're currently working to increase capacity on Pleasant Street, the well access road improvement, electrical service upgrades for the well pumps, the installation of new water tanks, and a possible water tower. The Administrative Consent Order deadlines as they stand require work to begin before the end of 2019. Mr. Cray noted that the KOH valve along with a few other issues are part of the project. The new tanks will help tremendously with operations, but there are minor modifications that will be included that will make a difference. A major deadline is September 30th that needs to be met. That deadline for design should be met. Mr. Cray then outlined where each part of the project is in design. There was a question about the percentages. Mr. Cray elaborated that there is a preliminary layout and some borings need to be done. The Board asked whether Roads Commission has been involved. Mr. Martin noted that Roads has not yet become involved. Mr. Cray explained that things aren't at the point of opening the roads up for construction yet so that is why. But they will be looking for some feedback soon as far as that goes. The Board suggested a meeting be scheduled with Roads Commission and perhaps Water Commission as well. Ms. Pigsley inquired as to what the cost estimate is for the water tank. Mr. Cray stated that a preliminary price has been given to the town, but a firmer price will be provided soon. They will seek to help the town with a USDA funding application. Ms. Pigsley asked if there is a ballpark figure yet. Mr. Cray was not aware of one. Ms. Pigsley noted it appears, therefore, unclear what the project timeline is. She wanted to make sure that the dates for the Administrative Consent Order are correct. Clearly the price tag will be the biggest question.

Mr. Protasowicki addressed some of Ms. Pigsley's concerns and stated that construction of the tank should be in fall of 2019. He stated that Wright Pierce should have an estimate by the time Dunstable intends to hold a possible Special Town Meeting later in 2018. The Board was concerned with having firm costs. Pigsley suggested some details were missed on the Administrative Consent Order's deadlines. This prompted a question of timeline for USDA funding. Mr. Cray explained the process as he

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understood it. The Board noted that USDA is one vehicle for financing, bonding is another. There was then some discussion of where the engineering is and what the construction budget will be. Mr. Protasowicki suggested that the town should be prepared for cost escalation. It was agreed that any documentation on costs that Wright Pierce has sent previously to the town should be sent to both the Water Commission and the Board. Mr. Cray then elaborated on how the project will be broken down into three parts. This prompted some questions by Mr. Dalida as to Complete Streets. Mr. Protasowicki suggested that this increases the need to have a meeting with Roads. Complete Streets may impact the costs of the project. The Board then asked what the timing will be and how to tie things together better. Mr. Protasowicki expressed concern about compressing the timeline any further than it is now. The Board explained that it is concerned about having numbers for the town meeting. The Board would prefer not to pitch hypotheticals. Mr. Nelson had questions about the Complete Streets requirements. Mr. Dalida responded on how Complete Streets works and what the requirements are to his understanding. This prompted concerns about bike lanes and sidewalks. Mr. Dalida suggested that the town has already managed to work with MassDOT on those requirements and what has been agreed to for the Rt. 113 Project can be used as a baseline with MassDOT. A lot of these things are compelled by the Commonwealth and are priorities of Governor Baker.

It was explained that Complete Streets does provide MassDOT funding. It isn't guaranteed, but it is available for application. Mr. Nelson expressed concern about the costs and whether the town can get out of Complete Streets. Mr. Dalida was uncertain, but felt doubtful the Commonwealth would let the town out of it. Mr. Wilkins suggested that the tanks should be the first thing done. The Board determined that the town has to do a deep dive on all of this. This is more than can be addressed in this single meeting. Ms. Pigsley turned discussion back to the need for a timeline that works. In between now and then there needs to be an emergency response plan in place. Mr. Huber responded that the town does have a plan, but it is in process for updating and mostly focused on the tanks. Mr. Mattus stated that White Water has put together a draft for Water Commission. Mr. Tierney stated that White Water has helped systems get through these kinds of situations before and a plan will be hammered out. The Board noted that it is clear that there have been a great deal of resources and time put in place to have a plan in place and it should be emphasized to DEP that one is in the works. Ms. Pigsley noted that they have seen dated information, but something new and current needs to be put in place. Ms. Bacon then took the opportunity to speak briefly about affordable housing and the need for the water project. She needs to know where things are for that. Mr. Cray elaborated on where the new tanks would be placed in relation to the Mixed Use District. They would go on the Simmons property as part of the use of that property for a Public Safety Building. There were some follow up questions about possible CPA funds which Ms. Bacon answered.

Discussion Regarding Closing Documents with Fish & Game for 91 River Street

The Board started off by going over the plan produced by the survey of the property. This was authorized by the Annual Town Meeting, as well as the sale of the property so surveyed and determined to Fish & Game. Mr. Simmons had some questions as to the property. He had some concerns as to the definition of the property as being a "buildable" house lot. The Board responded that this was done to help determine the value of the property and Fish & Game has actually agreed to a high valuation. Mr. Simmons asked what the value of a "buildable" lot was to the Commonwealth. The Board responded that this was purely to help assess the value for sale. Ms. Simmons noted that as a member of the Planning Board she had some concerns. What was articulated doesn't quite square with what she understood to be the intention of the sale. The Board responded that the property turned out to be about 50 acres rather than the 39 acres originally thought by the town. Fish & Game is committed to purchasing the property and preserving it as open space. The limit for them to purchase is 20 acres. So the lot would have to be that size or smaller. Given the logistics of it, it was agreed that what be authorization be to sell at least a "buildable" lot. The Board felt that this was made clear at the Annual Town Meeting. Given the size of the lot, it was determined that 20 acres would be sold and the town would retain 30 acres. Ms. Simmons inquired as to why the land must be sold in the first place.

The Board responded that it makes sense to do it as the land would remain preserved and the town would get \$200,000. It would ensure the protection of river frontage and allow the town to gain funds to use elsewhere. Ms. Simmons had a follow up question as to what would happen to 91 River Street. The Board responded that the house on 91 River Street would remain on the 30 acres to be retained by the town. The town intends to demolish that house, but would only do so for the town's own purposes. Ms. Simmons had some questions about the rules for the property and how MGL affects things. The Board responded by outlining what various elements of applicable MGL have on the river frontage and how the town would be impacted on its remaining 30 acres. This included some discussion of endangered habitat. Ms. Simmons then asked where the sale proceeds would go. The Board explained that \$30,000 of the funds would be used for the demolition of 91 River Street. Should the town make a large purchase like the Dumont property, it could be used to offset any borrowing costs. Mr. Nelson expressed the opinion that the vote at Annual Town Meeting did not discuss the concept of a "buildable" lot and that the discussion at the meeting would have been very different if that had been contemplated. The Board countered that it was in fact discussed. There was then an inquiry to Fish & Game about the dimensions. Ms. Gagnon responded that the dimensions were set in part due to requirements for valuation and due to the need for access. She elaborated on the value and explained that a "buildable" lot gives greater value. Otherwise the valuation might have been substantially lower than the \$200,000 amount. There was an inquiry about whether a parking lot would be put in. Ms. Gagnon responded that this would be unlikely.

The Board asked whether an easement could be used in place of the 200-foot frontage. Ms. Gagnon explained that this frontage is necessary for the high valuation. Mr. Chaney spoke about the drivers behind the dimensions. He stated that there has to be access, so there had to be some frontage on River Street. Secondly, the cleanup costs to the town of the property include the demolition of 91 River Street, and the town needs funding for that so the valuation needed to be sufficient. The only way to get that is to use a "buildable" lot. So it is in the town's interest to set the dimensions as they are. Regardless of the definition, the land won't be developed. It would be open land in perpetuity under MGL and the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Mr. Nelson conceded

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that in that case this is not objectionable. But he had questions as to why then it must be called a “buildable” lot. The Board reiterated it is for the valuation and the terminology is for that purpose only. Discussion ended there.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to authorize the necessary paperwork for the sale of the property to Fish & Game. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed unanimously.

Consideration of Items for Future Town Meeting

The Town Accountant has requested that the Board consider taking care of unpaid bills. One of them relates to a \$2,000 bill from Blackboard, Inc. that should be paid. There is also a bill relating to Larter Field that needs to be dealt with too that may be around \$2,500. Mr. Dalida suggested that a request for funding for Roads be considered. This prompted discussion about re-opening of the budget that should be considered, especially in relation to Road’s considerations for staffing wages and for paving. Mr. Dalida reported that there is a draft paving plan and they intend to present it both to the Board and Advisory Board. The worst number could be in the millions, but Roads intends to hammer it down to the smallest figure possible. No matter what it’s going to be costly and will have to be done over time. The Board then noted a few other areas to do with infrastructure like catch basins and asked if that is part of the plan that Road’s is putting forward. Mr. Dalida stated it is being assembled now and all attempts are being made to integrate every need coherently for presentation to the town. Preventative measures are already being taken. Mr. Dalida promised to send all materials to Advisory Board and to the Board. The Board then turned to another topic for town meeting. A streets drainage by-law should be considered. On that topic, Memorials & Monuments should be consulted about re-submitting their proposed by-law. The Board then discussed adopting an adult entertainment related by-law as well as liquor licensing. Ms. Bacon suggested reconsideration of the town center district. The Historic Commission is in favor but suggests it be brought back up at the next Annual Town Meeting due to some work that needs to happen in relation to the historic district. The Board agreed. Discussion ended with the agreement to continue compiling topics and choosing a date.

Appointments

The Board started off by considering its list of Annual Appointments. Seeing no reason to delay the Board determined to proceed with approval.

Annual Appointments 2018 – One Year Term

Carol Bacon – Historical Commission Designee to CPC
Alan Chaney – Affordable Housing Designee to CPC
Philip DeNyse – Memorials & Monuments

Annual Appointments 2018 – Two Year Term

Vincent Hollins – Council on Aging

Annual Appointments 2018 – Three Year Term

Barbara Martin – Council on Aging
Carl Flowers – Agricultural Commission
Harold West – Capital Planning Committee
Ken Leva – Personnel Board

A motion was made by Mr. Tully to approve the list of Annual Appointments as presented OR amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mikol and passed without objection.

Discussion Regarding Budget Transfers

The Town Accountant has requested that the Board meet jointly with the Advisory Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting set for July 10th, 2018 to discuss, consider, and approve end of year line item budget transfers. The Town Accountant intends to be present to answer any questions and to assist both boards in navigating the process. There was then some discussion of lines expected or known to be running over. Most prominently for the Board the legal expense line, which is over due to multiple unexpected personnel matters requiring legal assistance. It was noted that the Advisory Board has already indicated it is available to meet on July 10th. The Board discussed a few areas of concern besides the legal line items. Mr. Nelson noted that there is only \$18,000 in the Reserve Fund and identified a few problems that exceed that amount. He stated that this indicates that end of year transfers need to occur. The Town Engineers line has not been fully expended so that is one source the town may be able to use. Mr. Voelker agreed to reach out to Town Counsel to make sure there are no outstanding bills. It was agreed that Roads Commission would also be scheduled for the meeting on July 10th.

Authorization for the Submission of By-Laws Adopted at Town Meeting

The Town Clerk, due to a variety of factors, is requesting the Board authorize the submission of by-laws which were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting. This would ordinarily not be required, but a deadline for submission with the Attorney General’s Office was missed and as a result this authorization is necessitated for late submission. Town Counsel has drawn up and provided the Board with an appropriate motion and letter to sign for the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to authorize the Town Clerk to submit on behalf of the Board a certified copy of the by-laws adopted at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting to the Attorney General’s Office for review and approval, in accordance with MGL Chap. 40, §32. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed unanimously.

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Discussion Regarding Police Workman's Compensation

Chief Dow started off by reminding the Board that one of his officers has been out on MGL 111F leave for the last few months. This has been one of the reasons his department has been understaffed as of late and is one of the reasons why he's been seeking the ability to potentially hire another employee. Unfortunately, the town's insurer has informed him that the town will only be eligible for the max payout on the policy which is \$10,000. He has spoken with both the Claims Adjuster and with the Advisory Board regarding the matter. As a result, the Chief has been exploring what options he has. There is still the concern about a separate employee and whether that employee should win appeal any back pay that would be required to be paid. Chief Dow elaborated how that would be dealt with. This prompted discussion about how funds would be made available in such an event. Mr. Nelson explained that any funds not expended in salary for that employee in this fiscal year would roll into the Free Cash. It may be possible to encumber the funds, so the Town Accountant should be consulted. Regardless, if the funds are known to be at risk the town must have them earmarked somewhere whether in Free Cash or elsewhere. Chief Dow elaborated on the contingencies he can put in place for his budget. There was a question about payment of the insurance funds. Chief Dow spoke about his discussions with the Claims Adjuster to date. The \$10,000 should be paid after July 1st. Those funds may help cover things. Chief Dow related that the Town Accountant has informed him about the process and how it can be put back into the Police Department's budget. The Board felt that it needs to understand the matter further and it should be considered with the Town Accountant and Advisory Board's input.

Mr. Nelson stated that this is a tough situation, but the Chief is managing this in a pretty effective way. Whether or not to bring a new person on is another question. The department is managing well currently using part timers, but if that is a permanent solution is a different question. It may be something that needs to be addressed at a town meeting. There was then discussion about overtime. Chief Dow explained that the department is burning through overtime, but the part timers are paid at a lower rate. The core officers are fine with the part timers getting that since there have been enough off duty details in the area. Normally the department would have close to 8 officers available. Right now it's down to 5. There are a lot of calls, the opiate crisis remains on going, lockups are up, so there is a need. The main concern is having proper backup. Sometimes the town has to have shifts with only one officer and that is risky for a number of issues. Even a common workplace injury could be bad. The town has avoided any major issues, but it won't last forever. In the meantime, Chief Dow is committed to putting together a plan and is working with Advisory Board. He is trying to figure out the best plan forward. The Board asked if there is intent to get another patrolman and not add to senior management. Chief Dow responded the intent is another patrolman. His concern is ensuring the town can afford it and every concern is address as much as possible. Mr. Nelson felt that there are limits to what the town can afford under Prop 2 ½. There was a brief discussion about an officer who goes on military leave and how his pay is handled. He doesn't receive full pay just the difference between military pay and his normal pay. Mr. Nelson turned discussion back to the cost of any additions to the department. This prompted the issue of temporary hire. Mr. Nelson suggested the town could cover it, but if things go wrong it's an expense that could become problematic. Mr. Nelson suggested the least risk budget wise is to continue using part timers as much as possible within the overtime budget. Chief Dow felt that using the part timers could work but it has its own problems. There are some catch-22s to it. The Board suggested an actual plan needs to be put together to game this out as much as possible. Regardless, the Board supports the department in ensuring safe operations. This is triage; it's been done before, and clearly needs to be done again. It can be made to work.

104 Main Street – Response to Letter from Court Appointed Commissioner

A Commissioner appointed by the Middlesex Probate Court has contacted the property about selling property located at 104 Main Street. The Commissioner has asked the Board to make him aware of any interest by the town or any other body known to the town that might be interested in potentially purchasing the parcels. The Board felt that the town would have no interest.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to find that the town is not interesting in this property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed without objection.

Asbestos Removal at 91 River Street

The Board reported that quotes have been received on this subject matter. The Board is continuing to work on this matter and should have more information soon.

Use of Town Property Requests

The Board considered two requests for use of town property. One is from the Dunstable Theater Group for use of the Town Hall for auditions, rehearsals, and performances for a production, and another from Nashoba Valley Pedalers for use of the Town Common and approve of their route for their annual Apple Country Century. The Board saw no reason not to permit both requests. That said, the Board requested the Pedalers contact the Police and Fire Chiefs to ensure the safety of their route through town.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to approve the application submitted by the Dunstable Theater Group for a series of dates for the use of the Town Hall ranging from July 16th until October 28th, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed without objection.

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A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to approve the application submitted by the Nashoba Valley Pedalers for use of the Town Common and their route for the Pedalers annual Apple Country Century to occur on Augusts 25th, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed without objection.

Safe Pathways Update

The Committee has asked not to be re-appointed in favor of the establishment of a Complete Streets Committee. The Board thanked Safe Pathways for their time and service.

MS4 Stormwater

The Board discussed the process and where things stand. The town is okay on this front and has a notice of intent prepared. The Town Engineer is working on this with the town's stormwater consultant.

Development in Pepperell

There is a development in Pepperell of some concern to the town as it may involve heavy equipment traveling through Dunstable on the town's roads. There is also talk that the traffic could run through New Hampshire and avoid Dunstable. The Board felt it important to keep an eye on the matter.

Town Signage

Ms. Bacon spoke briefly about some signs that have been restored, that used to be placed on the entry points to the town. These signs should be replaced. She asks for permission to place at least one on the Town Common and to place one near the Little Red Schoolhouse. These signs were cast iron and related some history of the town. They were given to a 173 towns that were originally part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Most towns only have one left; Dunstable is unusual in having two. They need to be back up. There was a question of whether Memorials & Monuments should be consulted. Ms. Bacon stated that she has consulted with them and would do so again, but she needs permission from the town. There was brief discussion about how to place them. Ms. Bacon elaborated on a pole. Funds for doing the work can come from CPA. The Board asked where on the Town Common she would like to see the sign placed. Ms. Bacon outlined the area she would like. The Board was comfortable with that.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol as to the placement of the one of the historical town sign markers on the Town Common. The motion was seconded by the Mr. Tully and passed unanimously.

Minutes

The Board considered its minutes from its meetings held on May 29th, June 11th, June 12th, and June 14th, 2018. Seeing no reason not to approve the minutes the Board determined to do so.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to approve the minutes of May 29th, June 11th, June 12th, and June 14th, 2018 as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed without objection.

Special Town Election Results

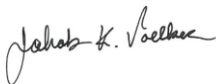
Ms. Skerrett reported the results of the Special Town Election to the Board. The total number of votes cast was 600, representing a 25% voter turnout. Question 1 (fire truck) failed with the yes vote being 277 and the no's 318. Question 2 (Dumont property) failed with the yes vote being 232 and the no's 362. Question 3 (Marijuana bylaw) passed with the yeses being 385 and the no's being 212.

Warrants & Mail

Ms. Basbanes reported on the warrants she has signed. This included highlighting the sums spent, including some of the larger payments made to vendors as well as brief discussion of the payroll. The Board then reviewed its mail.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mikol at 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted by



Jakob K. Voelker, Admin. Assistant to the Selectboard & Town Administrator

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