

## TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Submitted by Diane Stevens, Town Secretary

June 13, 2016

Present: Mr. John Goerlach, Chair  
Mr. Robert Ericson  
Mr. Henry Sayers  
Mr. Paul Sieloff, Town Manager

Warrants: Warrant Signed

The meeting was opened by John Goerlach at 6:00 p.m.

### Public Comment

Jeff Dechaine came in front of the Board on behalf of the Volunteer Firemen's Association with an Application for a Permit to Use Town Owned Property and an Application for a One-Day Temporary Liquor License Application for the Association's Annual Block Dance which will take place on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Laston Park. Mr. Dechaine stated that the event would be the same as past events and detail officers will be in place. Motion 16-081. Motion made by Henry Sayers to approve the Application for a Permit to Use Town Owned Property and the Application for a One-Day Temporary Liquor License from the Lanesborough Fireman's Association, seconded by Robert Ericson Motion carried 3-0.[#1]

Paul Soroken came before the Board to express his concern about the possibility of a kayak launch at the corner of Sunrise Street and Bull Hill Road. Mr. Soroken opposes the launch and stated that it is too small of an area for parking and is dangerous on Bull Hill Road. Mr. Soroken stated that he has spoken with the Department of Environmental Protection and that this type of project cannot be instituted without Conservation Commission approval and that there are also other available launch sites in Town. Mr. Sieloff stated that it was not a project being considered or approved by the Town and Mr. Goerlach agreed it would not be an appropriate place for a launch. Mr. Ericson agreed. Mr. Soroken would like to put up signs stating it is not a launch site. The Board told Mr. Soroken that no such signs needed to be in place. [#2]

### Permit(s) / Contract(s) / Use of Town Property or Notification to Town of Community Event / Appointment(s)

#### **Annual Entertainment License – Ramblewild**

Luke Bloom, Director from Ramblewild Aerial Park, came before the Board to request an Annual Weekly Entertainment License at their establishment. Mr. Bloom stated that they will notify the Town for each upcoming event. Motion 16-083. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve an Annual Weekly Entertainment License for Ramblewild, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#3]

#### **Curb Cut Application – 916 North Main Street**

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a Curb Cut Application for 916 North Main Street. DPW Director William Decelles provided the Town with a Memorandum with conditions after viewing the site. Motion 16-084. Motion made by Henry Sayers to approve the Curb Cut Application for 916 North Main Street with the conditions set forth in the Memorandum from DPW Director Decelles dated June 13, 2016, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 2-0. John Goerlach abstained from vote. [#4]

#### **Annual FY2017 Town Committee Appointments**

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a list of Town Committee Appointments for their review and approval. Mr. Sieloff stated that the Town Secretary has organized these Committee lists and they are also listed on the Town's website. Mr. Sayers asked if all the Committees are active. Mr. Sieloff stated that they were. Motion 16-086. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Town Committee Appointments excluding the DPW Study Group, the Energy Committee, and the Fire Department Board of Engineers, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. Motion 16-087. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the appointments to the DPW Study Group Committee, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 2-0. Henry Sayers voted out of the Rule of Necessity. John Goerlach abstained from vote. Motion 16-088. Motion made by John Goerlach to approve the appointments to the Energy Committee, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 2-0. Robert Ericson abstained from vote. Motion 16-089.

Motion made by John Goerlach to approve the appointments to the Fire Department Board of Engineers, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 2-0. Hank Sayers abstained from vote. [#5]

### **Annual FY2017 Regional Committee Appointments**

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a list of Regional Committee Appointments for their review and approval. Motion 16-090. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Regional Committee Appointments as presented, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#6]

### **Annual FY2017 Staff Appointments**

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a list of Town Staff Appointments for their review and approval. Motion 16-091. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Town Staff Appointments excluding the DPW Director, the Custodian of Landfill, the Fire Inspector, the Library Staff, and the Stream Viewer, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. Motion 16-092. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint the DPW Director, the Custodian of Landfill, the Fire Inspectors, and the Stream Viewer, seconded by John Goerlach. Motion carried 2-0. Henry Sayers abstained from vote. Motion 16-093. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint the Library Staff, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 2-0. John Goerlach abstained from vote. [#7]

### Acceptance of Trailer from Fireman's Association

Fire Chief Charles Durfee came before the Board to ask them to accept a 2016 - 14 foot Trailer that houses the Fire Department's side by side All-Terrain Vehicle as a gift to the Town from the Fireman's Association. Motion 16-082. Motion made by Henry Sayers to accept the 2016 – 14 foot Trailer from the Lanesborough Fireman's Association, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 3-0.

### Introduction to Board of DPW summer employees

DPW Director William Decelles introduced seasonal employees Eric Leitch and Thomas Kasuba to the Board. DPW Director Decelles told the Board that they have been working for a couple of weeks and are doing a great job. The Board wished them luck and thanked them for their service.

### Building Inspector Interview – Wayne R. Reid

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that Mr. Reid was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will attend the meeting tomorrow at the Elementary School for his interview.

### Discussion with COA Director regarding Senior Work-Off Program (proposed FY16 appointees: Mary Reilly, Barbara Pomeroy, and Donald Clairmont)

COA Director Lorna Gayle came before the Board to discuss the Senior Tax Work-Off Program. Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that Donald Clairmont had resigned from the program. Mr. Sayers asked Mr. Gayle how the program worked. Ms. Gayle stated that in 2002 the Town voted at a Town Meeting to institute the program as an overlay, not a budget item. In 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2010 the Town voted to increase the amount. A limit was set of \$20,000 which is \$750 per person and allows for 25 people to join the program. Ms. Gayle stated that there are now 22 seniors on the program. The seniors work at Town Hall and the Recycling Center. There are 3 slots currently available and abilities are matched to work available. The amount of hours is based on what the current minimum wage is which right now is set at \$9 for 83 hours. Mr. Sayers asked if they work more than the 83 hours do they get more money. Ms. Gayle stated that \$750 is the maximum amount of money they can earn. Mr. Sayers believed it would be beneficial to leave the remaining slots open so the program is not maxed out in case there was an instance where it may be necessary to have work done in a specific department. Ms. Gayle believed this was a good idea. Motion 16-085. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the appointment of Mary Reilly and Barbara Pomeroy to the Senior Tax Work-Off Program for FY16, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0.

### Employee Recognition

Mr. Sieloff stated that the Board wanted to officially recognize all employees that have 25 years or over of service to the Town. William Decelles, Charles Durfee and Glen Storie were present from the Highway Department and Timothy Sorrell and Warren Garipey were present from the Police Department. The Board thanked each and every employee for their years of dedicated service. The Board also recognized Assessor's Clerk Lisa Wellspeak for over

10 years of service to the Town in the Assessor's Office. The Board presented plaques to each employee and thanked them for their service.

#### Materials Bids for FY 2016

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that the DPW Director was waiting for the County wide bid to be released before he presented the winning bid to the Board

#### Equipment Rentals Bids for FY 2016

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#### Review Town Meeting Warrant Motions

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with proposed list of Motions. Mr. Sieloff stated that there are 19 Articles which he has reviewed with Town Counsel. Mr. Sieloff reviewed the Motions with the Board. Mr. Sieloff asked the Board if they had any questions. Mr. Tinkham stated that a couple items on the Warrant were without recommendation by the Finance Committee. [#8]

#### Tentative carry over of 4 vacation days – Officer James Rathbun

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that due to the shortage of staff at the Police Department, Officer Rathbun is volunteering to carry-over of 4 vacations days with the approval of Chief Sorrell. Chief Sorrell stated that the vacation days will be taken by the end of August. Mr. Goerlach asked about other officers out. Chief Sorrell believed that most will be back within a month. Motion 16-091. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the carry-over of 4 vacation days by Officer James Rathbun until the end of August 2016, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#9]

#### Hazard Mitigation Contract

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a proposed contract between the Town and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for their review and approval. Motion 16-094. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Hazard Mitigation Contract between the Town and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#10]

#### Other business which could not have been reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of the meeting.

John Goerlach spoke about the high speed internet signs which are still being placed in different areas throughout the Town. Mr. Goerlach would like to send a letter to the company with a copy of the Town Bylaw and inform them that a fine of \$35 will be assessed for each sign if not removed. Motion 16-095. Motion made by Henry Sayers to send a letter to the internet company with a copy of the Town Bylaw, seconded by Robert Ericson Motion carried 3-0.

#### Selectmen's Items

Mr. Ericson presented the Board with literature and maps regarding the possibility of a solar site at the Elementary School. The Board reviewed the materials. Mr. Goerlach was not in favor of cutting larger trees as they are too close to residences. Mr. Goerlach would also not like to give up the right of way to Dr. Wilson in the event the Town needs it in the future. Mr. Sieloff asked if they could do some simpler version instead of an elaborate system. Mr. Ericson stated that the energy grant would not reimburse the Town for a simple system. Mr. Sayers also agreed with not giving up the right of way and would also like to make sure that grant would pay for such a site. Mr. Goerlach would like to table the issue until the Board can review the area in question. Mr. Sayers asked if the fee for an Annual Entertainment License could be raised or is there a cap. The Town Secretary will check into this possibility for Mr. Sayers. Mr. Sayers asked if there was a Town Bylaw for trees or fences blocking rights of ways. Mr. Sieloff will check into this. Mr. Sayers asked about unaccepted streets off Narragansett Avenue and if the Board have control over these areas. Mr. Goerlach stated that the Town will need to transfer money to tear down the property just obtained on Iroquois Street. The cost to tear down this building will be \$15,000 to \$18,000. Mr. Sayers asked about the church on Summer Street not being maintained. Mr. Sieloff stated that he will check into this. [#11]

### Town Manager Report

Mr. Sieloff did not have anything to report other than to remind the Board that they are meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. at the Elementary School to interview the two Building Inspector candidates before the Town Meeting at 6 p.m.

### Approve Minutes

Motion made by Henry Sayers to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2016, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Henry Sayers to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2016, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 3-0.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Henry Sayers, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

#### Footnotes:

- [#1] Lanesborough Volunteer Firemen's Association – Use of Town Owned Property Application & One-Day Temporary Liquor License Application
- [#2] Opposition Emails - Kayak Launch – Sunrise Street
- [#3] Weekly Annual Entertainment License Application - Ramblewild
- [#4] Curb Cut Application – 916 North Main Street
- [#5] Town Committee Appointment List
- [#6] Regional Committee Appointment List
- [#7] Town Staff Appointment List
- [#8] Draft Annual Town Meeting Motions
- [#9] Vacation Carry-over request – Officer James Rathbun
- [#10] Hazard Mitigation Contract – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- [#11] Literature – Proposed Solar Project - Lanesborough Elementary School