

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Submitted by Diane Stevens, Town Secretary
August 8, 2016

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

Warrants: Warrants Signed

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

Public Comment

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that a representative from the USDA came to Town Hall today to report that helicopters will be in Town seeding over local cropland. Mr. Sieloff stated that these helicopters will be flying low, dropping rye seed on corn crops from August 10th to mid-September. Mr. Sieloff wanted to inform the public of these low flying helicopters. Documentation will be posted on the Town website.[#1]

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

Change of Hours Application – Lanesborough Liquor Center

No application was filed at this time.

Berkshire Gas Company – Installation of new gas service – 119 Narragansett Avenue

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with an Application for Installation of New Gas Service from Berkshire Gas Company for 119 Narragansett Avenue together with a Memorandum from DPW Director William Decelles with the condition that all lawns affected be restored to their original condition. Motion 16-121. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Application for Installation of New Gas Service of Berkshire Gas Company for 119 Narragansett Avenue with DPW Director William Decelles' condition that all lawns affected be restored to their original condition, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#2]

Lanesborough Electronics and Bulky Waste Collection – proposed Saturday, 9/24/16 (12 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a flyer for the 12th Annual Electronics and Bulky Waste Collection Day which will take place on Saturday, September 24th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Highway Department. A fee schedule is posted at the Town Hall and on the website. [#3]

CAI Technologies Contract – Board of Assessors

Mr. Sieloff informed the Board that this item had been continued from the July 25th meeting. Motion 16-122. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the GIS Internet Services Maintenance Agreement with CAI Technologies for the period from 9/27/16 through 9/26/17, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#4]

Town Hall Repairs

Mr. Sieloff asked the Board if they wished to move forward with the repairs to the Town Hall front steps. Mr. Goerlach stated that he would like to set aside additional money in the future for further repairs. Mr. Sieloff stated that he would contact Mr. Albert tomorrow to schedule the work.

Street Light Safety Issue – 24 Baglee Avenue

Mr. Ericson stated that he and Lanesborough Police Officer Corey viewed the area at 9:30 Sunday evening and it was determined that there were no exterior lights at the residences. Mr. Ericson read a report that he submitted to the remaining Board members and concluded that street lights at this location street lights are unnecessary from a safety standpoint. Helen Reilly and Terry Cormier stated that they do have sensor lights on both of their houses. Ms. Cormier stated that her sensor lights do not reach the end of her driveway and it is a safety issue and will file a lawsuit if necessary. Ms. Cormier stated that there was a street light there before and it was removed. Mr. Goerlach stated the Board took the recommendation of the Energy Committee to remove the street light. Mr.

Sayers stated that if they were willing to pay for the street light the Town would consider having it installed. Mr. Sayers further stated that there are residents that pay for their street lights and many areas have no lights at all. Mr. Goerlach would like to continue this to the next meeting so he can view the area in question. Mr. Goerlach asked what the cost would be if the light was reinstalled. Mr. Ericson stated it was approximately \$300 per year and can be added to the residents' tax bill. [#5]

Proposed modification of Sewer fees

Mr. Sieloff stated that Sewer Commissioner Mark Froio is going to provide him with a copy of the current fee schedule. Mr. Goerlach stated that fees should be increased and he would like to know which account the funds are applied to when paid. Mr. Goerlach asked Mr. Sieloff if he spoke to Mr. Froio about residents who wanted to tie in to the sewer line on Narragansett Avenue. Mr. Sieloff stated that he had not spoken with Mr. Froio but he will. Mr. Sayers asked if money was budgeted at Town meeting. Mr. Sieloff stated that it was in the Enterprise Fund and he will check but there should be excess funds in the account to be used for future projects. Mr. Sayers asked the Town Secretary to check to see what surrounding communities are charging for sewer hook-up fees.

Economic Development Committee Bylaws

Mr. Sieloff stated that this item had been continued from the July 25th meeting for possible revisions. Mr. Ericson stated that he had not been able to review the Bylaws and would like to continue this to next meeting. Mr. Goerlach stated that a Citizen Interest Form had been received from Thomas Voisin for this Committee. Motion 16-123. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint Thomas Voisin to the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#6][#7]

Quarterly review of Board's Open Projects List

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with the list of open projects for their review. Mr. Goerlach thanked Shaelyn Roberts, Samantha Trybus and Gianna Auriemma for planting the holiday tree on the Police Department lawn. Mr. Goerlach stated that Samantha Trybus organized the fundraiser to purchase the tree. Mr. Ericson congratulated Larry Bell for being inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Hall of Fame on June 5th. Mr. Bell has been coaching for over 25 years and is currently the Mount Greylock coach. Mr. Goerlach and Mr. Sayers also thanked Mr. Bell for his years of service. Mr. Sieloff reviewed the list with the Board and the Board made their recommended changes. [#8]

Chapter 90 projects revision

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a Chapter 90 Project Request from DPW Director William Decelles relative to the Narragansett Avenue Causeway project. Mr. Sieloff stated that this was requested by MassDOT. Motion 16-124. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve Chapter 90 Project Request, seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#9]

Ratification of August 3, 2016 Mass Broadband vote

Town Counsel informed Mr. Sieloff that the Board of Selectmen would need to ratify and confirm the vote from their meeting on August 3rd. Motion 16-125. Motion made by Robert Ericson to ratify and confirm Motion 16-120 which approved the Town's participation in the Broadband Access Project, as described in the July 14, 2016 letter to the Town from Peter Larkin, Chair of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), seconded by Henry Sayers. Motion carried 3-0. [#10]

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

None.

Selectmen's Items

Henry Sayers made note of the utility poles in Town that were replaced but the old ones have not yet been removed. Mr. Sieloff stated that he believes there was a law passed that they poles had to be removed within a certain time frame. Mr. Sieloff will talk to the DPW Director to get a list and contact Eversource. Mr. Goerlach stated that a higher pole needs to be installed at 15 Old Williamstown Road because it is dangerously low. Mr. Sieloff will check into this. Mr. Sayers stated that the electric company will not reinstall the Alice Avenue street sign after installing a

new pole. Mr. Sieloff will talk to the DPW Director. Mr. Sayers would like to be more proactive about removing dead trees throughout Town as many came down during last storm. Mr. Sieloff stated that he is going to recommend adding more money to this budget item to remove more trees. Mr. Sieloff will talk to the Tree Warden. Mr. Sieloff asked the Board to give the location of trees to the Town Secretary and she will contact the Tree Warden. Mr. Sayers spoke about the tree on North Main Street that had a fire inside it which has still not been removed.

Town Manager Report

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Henry Sayers, seconded by Robert Ericson. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Footnotes:

- [#1] USDA – Aerial Cover Crop Seeding Flyer
- [#2] Application to Install New Gas Service – Berkshire Gas Company – 119 Narragansett Avenue
- [#3] Bulky Waste Collection Flyer
- [#4] CAI Technologies GIS Internet Services Maintenance Agreement
- [#5] 24 Baglee Avenue Street Light Safety Issue Report
- [#6] Proposed Economic Development Committee Bylaws
- [#7] Thomas Voisin Citizen Interest Form – Economic Development Committee
- [#8] Board of Selectmen Open Projects List
- [#9] Chapter 90 Project Request
- [#10] Ratification of Massachusetts Broadband vote