

**Board of Selectmen
Agenda
Municipal Center Resource Room
Tuesday May 17, 2022**

7:00 PM

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman Announcements
- Citizen's Forum

1. Board of Selectmen Reorganization

7:10 PM

- 2. Public Hearing for Pole Petitions – Possible Votes
 - West Street/Johnson Court
 - West Street
 - Old Farm Road
- 3. Rescind Vote for Use of ARPA Funds for Stantec Change Order from July 20, 2021 Meeting – Possible Votes
- 4. 2nd Review of Procedures for ARPA Funds – Possible Votes
- 5. Review & Approve Junk Dealer License Renewal for Beaupre Scrap – Possible Votes
- 6. Discuss Responsibilities of fill-in Building Inspector / John Couture – Possible Votes
- 7. Discuss PS & Highway Needs Reports & Next Steps – Possible Votes
- 8. Review & Authorize Town Administrator to Sign Blackstone Valley Veterans' Services Intermunicipal Agreement – Possible Votes
- 9. Discuss & Review TA Evaluations – Possible Votes
- 10. Approve Minutes – Possible Votes
- 11. Town Administrator's Report
- 12. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
- 13. Executive Session
 - a. Collective Bargaining
 - b. Interest in Real Property
- 14. Adjournment

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Tim Bonin, Hal Davis, Mike Fitzpatrick, Matt Wojcik Town Administrator, and Lisa Freeman Executive Assistant.

Excused Absence: Chair Kevin Morse and Vice-Chair David Cortese

Tim Bonin calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

(0:12) Pledge of Allegiance

(0:40) Board of Selectmen Recognition

Congratulations to the Town of Douglas Water Department this past week DEP in partnership with some federal agencies hosted public water systems awards and Douglas was awarded a water conservation award for having a superlative system.

(7:25) Board discussed passing over agenda items 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9 until the rest of the Board is present at the next meeting.

(9:25) 2. Public Hearing for Pole Petitions – Possible Votes

(9:31) Motion to open public hearing made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. All members in favor.

- **West Street/Johnson Court WR# 30026475(A)**

A rep from National Grid is at the meeting for discussion. National Grid is installing one push brace pole on Johnson Court P8-P89. Resident Jonathan Gibbon across from Johnson Court asked if the stump that is in the spot where these are to be installed is going to get removed and will the pole be getting replaced with a new one. The National Grid representative state that it will be removed and the old pole is being replaced.

- **West Street WR# 30026475(B)**

Installing on stub pole and anchor on West Street P21-84.

- **Old Farm Road WR# 30492358**

Installing a primary pull box over existing wires to service new divided lots.

(15:06) Motion to close the public hearing made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. All members in favor.

(15:27) Motion to accept the pole petitions as presented tonight made by Hal Davis, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. All members in favor.

(15:50) 3. Rescind Vote for Use of ARPA Funds for Stantec Change Order from July 20, 2021 Minutes – Possible Votes

TA Wojcik stated the authorization by the Select Board for the town to use ARPA Funds as a match for one of the grant programs we've applied for is what needs to be rescinded, and they have subsequently determined that the ARPA funds are no longer needed for that purpose.

(19:16) 5. Review & Approve Junk Dealer License Renewal for Beaupre Scrap – Possible Votes

(20:00) Motion to approve the license made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. All members in favor.

Resident Rich Preston of 165 Main Street asked how long it was valid for, the Board responded annual.

(20:48) 8. Review & Authorize Town Administrator to Sign Blackstone Valley Veterans' Services Intermunicipal Agreement – Possible Votes

TA Wojcik stated that we have Veteran's Agent that works with our vets regarding the benefits that they are entitled to under state law, as the veteran population has decreased this regionalization has made more sense. It will be the same number of staff with an additional town added. The new agreement will include Uxbridge, Northbridge, Douglas, Sutton, Blackstone, and Millbury, with Uxbridge is the host community.

(23:17) Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to the Blackstone Valley Veterans Intermunicipal Agreement made by Hal Davis, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. All in Favor.

(23:37) 9. Approve Minutes – Possible Votes: NONE

(24:23) 11. Town Administrator's Report

TA Wojcik stated that they will be meeting with the electrical engineer at fire station tomorrow to do the site visit and preliminary conversation about the electrical redesign in the building. This is to make sure the internal wiring will handle the new systems, and the fee for this is about \$33k for the entire design. Also, town meeting approved funds for a fire engine purchase.

We are making progress on hiring a Principal Assessor; we did an initial interview today and it went very well. The candidate is scheduled for a second interview with the Board of Assessors next week.

The town has sent out notice to the public about the construction tomorrow and Thursday at the corner of North and Gilboa Street. The contractor is going to open up the ground and explore on Wednesday where the pipes terminate, and the fittings and valves are and what needs to be changed out. Thursday night water service to those areas will be turned off from around 7 or 8 pm until the next morning.

The public safety radio project is coming along, we are in the process of obtaining the building permit for the installation of the equipment at the American Tower facility on Church Street.

(39:54) 12. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

Mr. Bonin asked TA Wojcik if we are going to be looking at rates soon for the electric car charging units. TA Wojcik responded that the chargers had to be replaced and he anticipates rates by the beginning of the fiscal year. If the public wants to use the chargers, they need to download the EV Connect app to their cell phone and create an identity associated with your vehicle. TA Wojcik may be asking the Board to advance two or three of his vacation days from fiscal 23 into this current fiscal year for unexpected court dates related to his guardianship of the children he & his wife foster.

Resident Rich Preston asked TA Wojcik what areas will be affected when the water gets turned off. These areas are from the North Street intersection to the Sutton line and Gilboa Street intersection to the Shell Gas Station. Mr. Preston also asked if Douglas was the only town providing water to this new construction site and the answer is yes. He also gave kudos to the Board for making this happen.

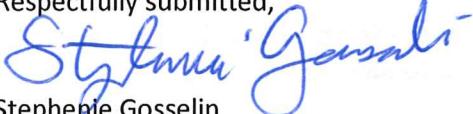
13. Executive Session

Mr. Bonin made a motion at 7:48 pm to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining and Interest in Real Property, and to return to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, all in favor. Roll call vote: Davis - aye, Bonin – aye, Fitzpatrick – aye.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Bonin made a motion at 8:22 pm to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Davis – aye, Fitzpatrick – aye, Bonin – aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephenie Gosselin
Recording Secretary