



Board of Selectmen

Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Opened by Chairman Carroll. There was a moment of silence for Victoria Mega (died June 17 at age 101), and Alex Labier (died June 9, USMC)

Present: Selectman John E. Carroll, Selectman Nancy J. Talbot, Selectman Alan G. Whitney, Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Clerk Mary L. Midura

Absent: Selectman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair

Selectman Whitney inquired about the opening of the town pool; Mr. Beckley noted the plan is to open the last weekend of June, in need of 3 or 4 lifeguards. Selectman Whitney noted the recent accident at Church and Pleasant Streets, asking if lights should be added to the stop sign.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2019 and June 5, 2019**
- **Special Event Permit: Melha Shriners Family Fun Day, Sunday, July 28, 2019**
- **Special Event Permit: Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, Saturday, October 19, 2019**

Selectman Whitney made the motion to approve the consent agenda; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

Scheduled Appearances - none

Old Business - none

New Business

- **Committee Resignations:**
 - **Nancy Dunn, Cultural Council**
 - **Tracy Opalinski, Community Development Authority**

Selectman Talbot made the motion to accept the resignations with regrets and thanks; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Committee Reappointments:**
 - **Wanda Mysona, Historical Commission, Term to Expire June 30, 2022**
 - **Dennis Cote, Conservation Commission, Term to Expire June 30, 2022**
 - **Kristen Rosenbeck, Conservation Commission, Term to Expire June 30, 2022**
 - **John Carroll, Community Development Authority, Term to Expire June 30, 2022**

Selectman Talbot made the motion to approve the committee reappointments; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **New Committee Appointment:**

- **Claudia Kadra, Historical Commission, Term to Expire June 30, 2022**

Ms. Kadra was present. She noted she has worked at Mary Lane Hospital for over 30 years, is a third generation Ware resident and is very interested in the history of Ware.

Selectman Talbot made the motion to approve the appointment; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Police Appointments: Special Police Officers, Honorary Police Officers, Police Matrons, Constables**

Tabled to July 2, 2019

- **Amend Host Community Agreement for Primo Co., LLC**

Mr. Beckley explained that the Board has previously approved the HCA; this changes the location only.

Selectman Whitney made the motion to approve the location change to 50 East Main Street; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 2 Yes, 1 No (Selectman Carroll), 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Amend Senior Citizen/Veteran Tax Work Off Program Policy**

Ms. Midura explained that the change of participants' work for the Town to November 1 – October 31 will better comply tax reporting purposes.

Selectman Talbot made the motion to amend the Senior Citizen/Veteran Tax Work Off Program Policy; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Reimbursement Policy**

Mr. Beckley noted proposed changes, and Tracy Meehan noted the policy protects the Town. Police Chief Crevier noted that department heads must approve their employees' submitted expenses, and his department follows the policy. Ms. Meehan noted that not all department heads follow the policy. After further discussion, the Board moved to table this topic to a future date.

- **Approval of PILOT Agreement, Dynamic Energy, Palmer Road**

Selectman Whitney made the motion to approve the PILOT Agreement of Dynamic Energy; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

Mr. Beckley noted the land will be taxed with \$11,900 per megawatt. The Conservation Commission has noted that National Grid is conducting capacity studies on all current projects.

- **Departmental Transfers**

Selectman Talbot made the motion to approve the Departmental Transfers; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Borrowing Approval Votes, Dump Truck Life**

Selectman Talbot made the motion to declare 10 years as the useful life of the two dump trucks, one approved last year, one approved this year; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

Selectman Whitney made the motion to approve the school borrowing; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

- **Request to Set Hearing for Dangerous Dog: July 2, 2019, 7:05 p.m.**

Selectman Whitney made the motion to set the Dangerous Dog Hearing for Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7:05 p.m.; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Herb Foley, Mountain View Drive spoke of the trees on Pennybrook Estates planted by the Tree Warden. He noted that the field was worked on and used for over 20 years. He was president of the soccer league when the Board of Selectmen approved the field for soccer use. Many of the kids in the soccer program helped make the field and the league did all the work. Over \$265,000 was put into that field to make it level and useful. A company from New York came to see the field and stated that the soccer league did an excellent job. Mr. Foley wants people to understand why trees should not be planted there. Mr. Beckley noted that the field has not been used for years, and he does understand all the effort put into the field. Selectman Carroll questioned why the trees were to be planted at that location; Mr. Beckley noted that the Tree Warden can look at other locations.

Jim Russell asked when the TIF Committee would be meeting, and asked the status of the Main Street buildings and 73 West Main Street. Mr. Beckley noted that the Town has acquired 73 West Main Street. The new owner of the building with the blue tarp will be meeting with Mr. Beckley soon. The next TIF Committee meeting should be in July.

Cathy Buelow-Cascio also questioned these ongoing issues, and expressed her concerns that the TIF Committee has not met for a very long time.

Town Manager Report

Upcoming dates:

June 29 – Bulky Waste 1, Sparkle Run/Pancake breakfast, Fireworks

July 13 – Bulky Waste 2

August 6 – National Night Out, 6-8 p.m.

Projects:

Spring Street Reconstruction – Commencing as weather cooperates

Elm Street Reconstruction – Commencing mid-July

Bids for Sludge Removal – Due June 27

Bids for Road/Paving materials – Due July 10

Road projects will then be scheduled (Longview, Woodland, Babcock) and smaller shimming projects and stone seal.

Old Belchertown Bridge – Design underway

Beaver Lake Dam – Meeting with Trust and contractor on June 24

Senior Center structure – the soils and structure review will begin July 1

The Water Department completed the system flushing today.

The Town (Gibby) is preparing takings paperwork and offers for the easements required to complete the Main Street construction. These should come to the Board for approval on July 16.

73 West Main Street. A draft Request for proposals is attached. Proposals due on July 21. Are there any priorities beyond removal that the Board would like to include?

Personnel:

Faith Dulak has temporarily filled the Assistant Tax Collector position.

Gilbert St. George-Sorel remains as interim DPW Director

The following positions are open and posted: DPW Driver/Laborer, Water Foreman, Treasurer/Collector, Assistant Tax Collector, and DPW Director

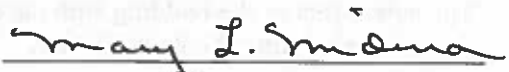
Brian Rucki has completed the T-1, D-1 licenses and can take on secondary operator duties.

David Edgar, Mark Lagimoniere, and Ryan Bateman have all completed the requirements to be Paramedics.

Bulky Waste – The Town is working with Gold Circuit recycling in Palmer on two dates: June 29 for electronics/Styrofoam and July 13 for furniture/mattresses. These collections will be held at Robbins Road from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Selectman Whitney made the motion to Adjourn Regular Session at 7:54 p.m. to go into Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) #2 Negotiations-Police, #3 Litigation-Tri County , NOT TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Opalinski).

Selectman John E. Carroll	Yes√
Selectman Keith J. Kruckas	Absent
Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski	Absent
Selectman Nancy J. Talbot	Yes√
Selectman Alan G. Whitney	Yes√

Attest: 
Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant