



## **Board of Selectmen**

Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street  
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Opened by Chairman Whitney.

**Present:** Selectman Alan G. Whitney, Selectman John E. Carroll, Selectman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski, Selectman Nancy J. Talbot, Town Manager Stuart B. Beckley, Clerk Mary L. Midura.

**Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair**

Selectman Opalinski requested operational costs for the Animal Shelter in the town meeting packet.

**Consent Agenda - none**

### **Scheduled Appearances**

- **7:01 p.m., Public Hearing: ReEnergy Holdings, LLC – Application for License to Store Flammables or Combustible Liquids, 3,000 Gallons Diesel in Above Ground Storage Tank (AST)**

Chris Lowe was present for the hearing. He purchased Tri-County in August. This request is for diesel. Selectman Talbot questioned the request for 3,000 gallons. Mr. Lowe explained that Acting Fire Chief Wloch recommended to go higher than typical 2,000 gallons. Selectman Whitney questioned the proximity to the river; Mr. Lowe noted over 1,000 feet. Selectman Carroll questioned the manhole on the property; Mr. Lowe noted the manhole is existing on the property and empties into a retention basin with an overflow alarm.

**Selectman Kruckas made the motion to approve the application for ReEnergy Holdings, LLC for a License to Store Flammables. Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.**

### **New Business**

- **Consideration of Wood Policy**

The Board discussed the policy and set a fee of \$50 for approximately two cords delivered in town only to residents or employees.

**Selectman Kruckas made the motion to approve the policy with the above changes. Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.**

### **Comments and Concerns of Citizens**

Resident Cathy Cascio questioned if the hearing was still open regarding the Fire Chief; Chairman Whitney confirmed that the hearing is still open.

- **7:13 p.m., Tax Classification Hearing**

Assessors Ted Balicki, Devin Peterson and Gerry Fountain were present. The Assessors reviewed the submitted information and recommended a tax rate factor of 1. Selectman Carroll stated his opinion that a split rate of 1.05 made more sense. Chairman Whitney noted the importance of attracting new business. Selectman Carroll noted the veterans' and disabled tax breaks and the Senior Citizen/Veteran Tax Work Off Program.

**Selectman Kruckas made the motion to approve the Tax Rate Factor of 1. Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.**

- **Complete Streets Policy : Becky Basch, PVPC**

Rebekah DeCoursey, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Becky Basch, PVPC, presented the Complete Streets Policy. The Planning Board voted to recommend the policy on October 16, 2019. Becky Basch explained that implementation of this policy will be tier 1 to open the town up to \$400,000 of funding. Ms. DeCoursey noted that public forums will be held for any projects. Upon discussion of the policy, including bike lanes, Main Street, sidewalks, priority of need, the Board requested that "The Board of Selectmen shall approve the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan" be added on page 2 under Core Commitment, second paragraph.

**Selectman Talbot made the motion to table to December 3, 2019. Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.**

#### **Town Manager Report**

November 28-29 Thanksgiving, Town offices closed  
November 29 Ware Flair, Parade, Santa  
December 2 – Special Town Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Main Street – Low bid by Ludlow construction at just over \$2 million. Mass DOT has initiated paperwork. Should begin March – May.

December 1 – Winter Parking ban goes into effect. Permits are available for overnight parking.

Roads – Babcock Tavern Road has a leveling course and will have a base course added. The improvement is significant. The paving season is running out, so Palmer Paving may not be able to get to Westbrook and Longview this season. May have to wait until Spring 2020.

Bylaws – the bylaws are in the hands of General Code, the company that does the revisions. The Committee must wait for the company to present the new codification for review. Selectman Talbot noted that the bylaws must go to Town Meeting in the Spring, especially to vote to delete outdated bylaws.

QVDCD – Grants – Meeting in Worcester on November 20 as we are a finalist for Health Foundations grant (private grant).


Selectman Kruckas questioned progress on new department head employee reviews; Mr. Beckley noted he has completed four.

Tom Barnes, representing Conservation Commission, stated that impoundment of the beavers shows the water below the hut entrance and there is no longer a threat.

**Selectman Carroll made the motion to Adjourn Regular Session at 8:01 p.m. to go into Executive Session: M.G.L. c30A, Section 21 (a) #2 Negotiations – Department of Public Works, NOT TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.**

**Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.**

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

Attest:   
Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant to  
Town Manager