

**Selectboard
August 30, 2017
Town Offices
Open Session
6 pm**

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on August 30, 2017 at 6 pm by the Chair, Frederick Orloski. Present was Selectboard members Jonathan Edwards and Joyce Palmer Fortune and Town Administrator Brian Domina. Minutes from August 9, 2017 were approved. The Board signed the Vendor and Payroll warrants previously.

Scheduled Appointments

Jessica Atwood (FRCOG) – District Local Technical Assistance Project – Jessica Atwood presented a revised proposal which emphasized taking a survey for what residents envision for the Center of Town, specifically the Center School, both now and in the future. After extensive discussion, the Board asked Jessica to provide the cost of hosting a charrette to focus on the future economic needs of Whately. The Board was not interested in doing a survey at this time.

Old Business

Town Hall Project – Revised Site Plan & Filed Sub-bids – Changes were made to the location of parking spaces. Article 1 of the special town meeting will be passed over since it is no longer necessary. The sub-bids were filed today.

Housing Trust - Appointment of Trustees – Motion was made, and seconded, to appoint Richard Tillberg, Fred Baron, Fred Orloski and Catherine Wolkowicz to the Housing Trust. Vote was unanimous.

East Whately School and Adjacent Lot – Discussion occurred regarding the Town issuing a simultaneous RFP for the town owned lot next to the Blue School. This would allow a developer to purchase both properties and not have to deal with the limitations of the cross easements. Jonathan wanted to ensure the developer had a solid plan in place before giving up Whately's only softball field.

Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Districts Long Range Facility Study – The recommendation of the Superintendent is to stop participation in this study. The initial report received was substandard and no longer addresses the current needs of the district. The Board asked for input from the school committee and to determine who will be paying the bill.

New Business

Boston Post Cane – Sherman K. Smith – The Board signed Mr. Smith's certificate recognizing him as the oldest resident in Town.

Amendment to Home Rule Petition for John LaSalle – Firefighter – The Board signed the amendment for the Home Rule Petition for John LaSalle.

59 River Road – Waiver of Notice of Housing Court Hearing – The Board signed the Waiver of Notice of Housing Court Hearing which was held in December for 59 River Road.

Will Bike 4 Food – Request to Use Town Land (4 Sandy Lane) for Water Station – Motion was made, and seconded, to allow Will Bike 4 Food to use 4 Sandy Lane as a Water Station/Portable bathroom stop. Vote was unanimous.

Franklin County Solid Waste District Contracts – (1) Annual Inspections, and (2) Household Hazardous Waste Collection – The Board signed the contracts for the Solid Waste District to conduct annual inspections and to hold Hazardous Waste Day.

Census 2020 – Designation of “Local Update of Census Address Operation” Liaison – The Board unanimously appointed Lynn Sibley the Census 2020 liaison.

Next Meeting Dates

September 13, 2017

September 27, 2017

October 11, 2017

October 25, 2017

Meeting adjourned 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List on File in the Selectboard Office

Vendor and Payroll #18-05 (on file in the Town Accountant)

Revised scope of work for the planning assistance grant

Map showing Lots 1 and 2 of the East Whately School

8/26/17 email from Lynn Carey regarding the Long Range Study

8/21/17 email from Michael Gallant regarding the Home Rule Petition

8/30/17 amendment for the Home Rule Petition

8/16/17 email from Kara Cunha regarding 59 River Road

Waiver of Notice for 59 River Road

8/18/17 email from Heather Clark regarding 9/24/17 bike race