

**Selectboard  
March 14, 2018  
Town Offices  
Open Session  
6 pm**

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on March 14, 2018 at 6 pm by the Chair, Frederick Orloski. Present was Selectboard members Jonathan Edwards, Joyce Palmer Fortune, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Janet Scully. The Board previously signed the Vendor and Payroll warrants. Minutes from February 14, 2018 and February 28, 2018 were approved.

**Comments from the Public** – none

**Scheduled Appointments**

**Keith Bardwell (Highway Superintendent): Extension of Probationary Period** – Keith reminded the Board that as a condition of hire, the new highway department employee must obtain 2 hoisting licenses within the first 3 months of employment. He has passed the first license exam but due to test schedules will not be able to take the second test before the expiration of the 3-month probationary period. Keith is recommending to the Board that the probationary period be extended to allow the employee to take the final test. Keith also recommends that the employee be allowed to use the benefits he has accrued thus far. The Board agreed to extend the probationary period to accommodate scheduling the second test, with Keith monitoring the process. The Board also agreed to allow this employee to use his benefits accrued thus far.

**Judy Markland (Planning Board): Recreational Marijuana Update** – Judy provided information and a power point presentation on recreational marijuana and what the Planning Board is considering for bylaws.

**Old Business**

**Update on Water Merger Discussion** – Brian updated the Board on the committees' progress thus far. Discussion occurred on project costs and hookup fees. The Board believes the framework is reasonable.

**Town Hall Project Updates** – Work is continuing. Mechanicals are the majority of the on-going work. Both Brian and Fred are meeting with Jones Whitsett Architects to determine if additional monies will be needed to finish the front porch, ramp and sidewalk.

**New Business**

**Seasonal Liquor License Renewal** – Quonquot Farm – The Board signed the seasonal liquor license for Quonquot Farm.

**Nomination of Inspector of Animals**– The Board made a motion to nominate Rick Adamcek to continue serving as Inspector of Animals for the period of May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019. Motion seconded. All in favor.

**Annual Town Meeting Informational Meeting, Schedule** – Brian discussed with the Board whether they felt it necessary to have an informational meeting before the Annual Town Meeting. The Board agreed that it would be beneficial to offer an informational meeting again this year prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Brian will schedule the meeting for early April.

**Mass DEP: Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program** – Keith would like permission to apply for a MassDEP grant to replace a partially collapsed culvert on Williamsburg Road. The Board was in favor of Keith applying for this grant.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Brian reported that because of the anticipated changes to the towns health insurance, the town needs to meet with the union representative for the Whately Elementary School to go through a negotiation process. Brian had the first meeting today, 3/14/18.

**The agenda lists topics reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. The chair of the board reserves the right to add items to the agenda that may not be listed here; additionally, members of the board may have unanticipated concerns not listed here that they may bring to the board.**

**Next Meeting Dates**

March 28, 2018

April 11, 2018

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Domina, Town Administrator

**Document List on File in the Selectboard Office**

Adult Use Recreational Marijuana Power point