

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 12, 2016
Selectmen's Chamber, Town Hall**

Present: Tony Archinski, Chairman, Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman, Tami M. Dristiliaris, Clerk, Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Cathy Richardson, Jim Duggan, Town Manager, Attorney James Hall and Recording Secretary Shannon Rowe

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence being observed for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this country and for those currently serving in the military particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq.

APPROVAL OF TOWN ELECTION WARRANT FOR MAY 2, 2016:

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to approve the Town Election Warrant for May 2, 2016. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

* Caroline Zuk, 100 Old Parker Road – Ms. Zuk appeared before the Board and stated that the DPU meeting is April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dracut High School. Ms. Zuk discussed Kinder Morgan wanting to bring gas into Dracut and export it, surveying land against residents well, eminent domain, pipeline infrastructure and the filing not being approved by FERC yet. Ms. Zuk discussed the taxpayers being affected and stated that the DPU comment deadline is May 6, 2016. Ms. Zuk stated that the Pipeline Awareness Group is asking the Board to maintain transparency, create a team of technical experts and create guidelines and by-laws. Ms. Zuk stated that the Board must look out for the future of the community.

* Ada Peters, 167 Ruby Road – Ms. Peters appeared before the Board and stated that she was speaking for Anna Corey who would like to thank the volunteers who went door to door to 2,000 homes. Ms. Peters listed the volunteers who went door to door and also thanked Anna Corey for printing the fliers and putting all of the volunteers together.

* Brenda Kline, 106 Meadow Creek Drive – Ms. Kline appeared before the Board and stated that she supports the override questions and thanked the Board for coming out in favor of both questions. Ms. Kline also thanked the Town Manager, Superintendent Stone, Police Department and Fire Department for all of their efforts. Ms. Kline stated that residents hearing information directly is imperative and discussed response time with public safety and the need for more personnel. Ms. Kline discussed the wireless technology need in the schools, hiring counselors and the crucial necessities. Ms. Kline stated that a committee has been formed called Say Yes to Dracut and they are providing information to residents and also having an information session at the Dracut High School at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Duggan stated that they are training on the new website which is user friendly and would be active on April 27, 2016 with a presentation to the Board at their next meeting. Mr. Duggan stated that tonight is the last night to register to vote for the upcoming election and Town Meeting Warrant Articles are due April 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Duggan stated that the Mascuppic boat ramp has received the Conservation Commission's approval and phase 1 will start next week with the lining of the parking lot. Mr. Duggan discussed the RFP for the Crosby and Cross Road intersection, Boule Park will be in front of the Conservation Commission on May 4, 2016 and Hazardous Waste Day will be held on April 16, 2016 at the DPW from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mr. Duggan stated that the DPW is working with the utility company for the work at Broadway and Loon Hill Road and the assisted living facility is closing at the end of the month and will be breaking ground in May. Mr. Duggan has discussed grant opportunities with the two Chief's and has a person to help with grant opportunities pro-bono. Mr. Duggan stated that sewer contract 32 is coming to a close in the near future and listed the streets that would be receiving resident letters regarding the paving at the end of May. Mr. Duggan stated that this is the last active sewer project. Mr. Duggan discussed the ALICE drill being held on May 6, 2016 at the Greenmont Avenue School at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Duggan discussed the meeting in Boston regarding the Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) and felt pretty positive after the meeting.

Ms. Richardson echoed Mr. Duggan's comments and stated that she felt pretty optimistic after the meeting as well.

Mr. DiRocco asked what happens with the RECC agreement if they do not do a new building? Mr. Duggan stated that he would have to re-evaluate then create a plan b. Mr. Duggan stated that the information from the State took everyone by surprise.

Mr. Duggan stated that the Old Home Day Committee is looking for 10 more volunteers and Kathy Graham, Town Clerk, needs poll workers for the upcoming election. Mr. Duggan discussed the issues for Animal Control regarding distemper and asked residents to not have contact with any wild animals. Mr. Duggan stated that he met with the Editorial Board and had a productive meeting and discussed the need for the override. Mr. Duggan discussed the money earmarked in year one and stated that he was not going to divert any money from public safety in year two. Mr. Duggan stated that he as an open door policy.

Mr. DiRocco stated that there is talk that they are not meeting net school spending. Mr. Duggan discussed how net school spending works and used FY17 as an example and discussed chargebacks and being \$700,000 beyond net school spending. Mr. Duggan discussed net school spending numbers and discussed past years.

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Mrs. Hughes asked about the Farmers' meeting held to discuss the new website. Mr. Duggan discussed incorporating the community's heritage and history on the new website and organized a Farmer's meeting to discuss the information that should be on the website.

Mr. Archinski asked if the Veteran's Service Agent resigned? Mr. Duggan stated yes, Mrs. Ferreira has resigned due to her husband receiving a promotion. Mr. Duggan stated that Mrs. Ferreira felt due to the promotion, she couldn't provide services to the Veteran's in Town. Mr. Duggan stated that the position has been posted and Mrs. Ferreira would be here through the end of the month.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Brouillette appeared before the Board and stated that the Fire Department went on 269 calls in March and the year to date calls are 1036 and increasing. Chief Brouillette discussed the completing EMD re-certifications, Back to Basics crawl training, hosting the Fire Academy for training and fire safety training at the schools. Chief Brouillette discussed applying for Firefighter grants for jaws equipment and staffing. Chief Brouillette stated that they had a fire and thanked the other Fire Departments for their mutual aid. Chief Brouillette stated that the Old Home Day Committee donated a camera and discussed how the camera works. Chief Brouillette asked everyone to vote yes and support both override questions on the upcoming ballot.

Mr. DiRocco discussed an issue the LoKai had with their sprinklers and stated that the LoKai wanted to thank the Fire Department for all of their help.

Ms. Richardson asked why fires spread so quickly? Chief Brouillette discussed how materials are made and how flammable they are.

Mr. Duggan stated that they are currently receiving resumes for the DPW Directors job and they are also advertising for a Board of Health Agent.

AGENDA ITEMS:

* A'Brew's Tap & Grill, 1794 Bridge Street – Request for Approval of Two Amusement Video Licenses, One Juke Box License and One Pool Table License – Jim and Sonia Abreu appeared before the Board to request approval for two amusement video licenses, one juke box license and one pool table license.

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to approve two amusement video licenses, one juke box license and one pool table license. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

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* Four Oaks Country Club, Inc., 80 Meadow Creek Drive – Request for a Pledge of License on the All Alcohol Liquor License – Mrs. Cindy Kuenzler appeared before the Board to request a pledge of license on the all alcohol liquor license.

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to approve the Pledge of License on the All Alcohol Liquor License. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

* Holton Street Auto Body, Inc., 2125 Bridge Street – Request for a Class 2 Used Car Dealers License – Attorney Michael Fadden appeared before the Board to request a Class 2 Used Car Dealers License for Holton Street Auto Body, Inc. Attorney Fadden stated that a Special Permit was issued in September 2015 to sell used cars.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to approve a Class 2 Used Car Dealers License. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

* Michael Scaviola – Request for a One-Day Beer & Wine License on May 7, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Harmony Hall – Mr. Michael Scaviola appeared before the Board to request a one day beer and wine license for Harmony Hall. Mr. Scaviola stated that he is hosting his son's first birthday party.

Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to approve a One-Day Beer & Wine License on May 7, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Harmony Hall. Motion seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

* TGS Development LLC – Request to Approve and Sign the Second Amendment to the LIP Regulatory Agreement for Mascuppic Village, 780 Nashua Road – Attorney Hall stated that he has reviewed the second amendment and it has been approved with the Department of Housing and Community Development and with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attorney Hall stated that they are adjusting the location of several of the designated affordable units.

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to Approve and Sign the Second Amendment to the LIP Regulatory Agreement for Mascuppic Village. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

* Conservation Commission – Request for an Acceptance of a Donation from Vanesse Hangren Brustlin, Inc. for an Independent Peer Review for the National Grid Merrimack Valley Reliability Project – Motion made by Ms. Richardson to accept the \$4,400.00 Donation from Vanesse Hangren Brustlin, Inc. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

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* Conservation Commission – Request for an Acceptance of a Donation from Richard Garofalo for an Independent Peer Review for 1 Boxwood Circle – Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to accept the \$700.00 Donation from Richard Garofalo. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Archinski stated that the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Open Space Committee, Government Rules and Regulations Committee, Affordable Housing Partnership Committee, Conservation Commission and Dracut Cultural Council are looking for new members.

Mr. Archinski stated that the new member of the Open Space Committee will attend the next meeting.

Ms. Richardson discussed the budget and the override questions and asked that everyone be careful that the residents are only getting one side of the story and she does not want residents to feel pressured. Ms. Richardson discussed reconvening the Tri-Board one more time to discuss budget matters and stated that anyone can call her at any time to discuss any questions and or concerns regarding the budget and the override questions.

Mr. Archinski stated that Ms. Richardson could put the budget on the next agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Dristiliaris stated that a majority of the Board are informing residents to make an educated decision. Mrs. Dristiliaris stated that the budget has already been discussed and feels as though residents can make informed decisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

* Economic Development Sub-Committee – Mrs. Hughes stated that the Economic Development Plan is almost complete and the Economic brochure is almost finished.

* Pipeline Coalition – Ms. Richardson stated that the next meeting will be held on April 25, 2016 in Peabody.

* Healthy Communities – Ms. Richardson stated that the Opiate Roundtable Discussion on March 30, 2016 went very well and the next meeting will be held on April 27, 2016 at Dr. Cassista's Office on Lakeview Avenue.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

The Chairman read the information in the Community Calendar.

Mrs. Hughes stated that the Sportsman's Club is hosting their fishing derby on April 16, 2016.

Ms. Richardson thanked the Historical Society for hosting the movie on the George Richardson property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

* Discuss Whether the Dracut Board of Selectmen Needs to Hire a Special Counsel in Upcoming Grievance Cases. A Discussion in Open Session will have an Adverse Affect on the Town's Legal Representation in the Matter.

Mr. Archinski read a statement abstaining from taking part in any discussions or any votes on this subject matter.

8:06 p.m. Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dristiliaris called for a roll call vote:

Mr. DiRocco – Yes	Mrs. Hughes – Yes
Mr. Archinski – Abstained	Ms. Richardson – Yes
Mrs. Dristiliaris – Yes	

Attorney Hall stated that any decision would be taken during the regular meeting.

Mr. Archinski left the meeting.

8:18 p.m. The regular meeting resumed with no votes being taken in Executive Session.

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AGENDA ITEMS (CONT'D):

* Vote to Hire Peter McQuillan as Special Counsel in all Matters Relating to Two Grievances Filed by Lieutenant Fleury.

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to Hire Peter McQuillan as Special Counsel in all Matters Relating to Two Grievances Filed by Lieutenant Fleury. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

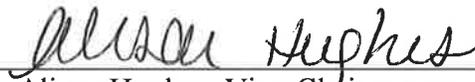
Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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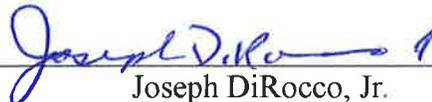
Tony Archinski, Chairman



Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman



Tami M. Dristiliaris, Clerk



Joseph DiRocco, Jr.

Cathy Richardson