

**Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of June 9, 2015  
Selectmen's Chamber, Town Hall**

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

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 and also for Alex Ogonowski.

WARRANT APPROVAL:

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve the Warrant. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

\* Ms. Joyce Kulig, 81 Heather Road – Ms. Kulig appeared before the Board and stated that she has been a resident for 32 years and Dracut is no longer ideal for families if the proposed pipeline goes in. Ms. Kulig discussed the proposed compressor station and discussed properties being altered. Ms. Kulig discussed Kinder Morgan needing and additional easement on her property and asked the Board to contact FERC to stop the proposed pipeline.

\* Ms. Virginia Costa, 191A North Lowell St, Methuen, MA – Ms. Costa appeared before the Board and stated that she has been a resident in Methuen for 37 years and she is not happy the proposed pipeline is going through.

\* Mr. John O'Grady, 31 Roswell Avenue – Mr. O'Grady appeared before the Board and stated that the Republican Town Committee voted unanimously to oppose the proposed pipeline and stated that the proposed project is not good for Dracut. Mr. O'Grady urged the Board to do their best in regards to the proposed pipeline.

\* Ms. Caroline Zuk, 100 Old Parker Road – Ms. Zuk appeared before the Board and stated that she was the Team Leader for the Pipeline Awareness Group and discussed the proposed compressor station. Ms. Zuk stated that the compressor stations are not quiet and stated that the next Pipeline Awareness Group meeting would be held on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dracut American Legion.

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\* Ms. Amy Spence, 60 Passaconaway Drive – Ms. Spence appeared before the Board and stated that when she left Town Meeting feeling confused. Ms. Spence discussed Chapter 2, Section 6 of the Town By-Law and receiving a report from the Finance Committee. Ms. Spence discussed the Dracut Civic Watch Group.

\* Mr. Rich Cowan, 12 Greenlawn Avenue – Mr. Cowan appeared before the Board to discuss the trend in enrollment at the Dracut Public Schools. Mr. Cowan discussed the decline in enrollments over the past years and the loss of State aid due to the enrollment decline.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Duggan stated that the Library is currently having their Summer Reading Program, the Sewer Department has put out an RFP for a 3-year contract for the maintenance for the 17 pump stations in Town and discussed the proposed bathrooms at Monahan Field. Mr. Duggan discussed the open position for a Part Time Building Inspector and stated that Billy Zounes, Veteran's Service Officer is retiring and the Veteran's Service Officer from Tyngsboro will be working in Dracut two and a half days a week until a replacement is hired. Mr. Duggan stated that the Council on Aging's Talent Show will be held on June 16, 2015 at Noon and discussed the underutilized properties in Town. Mr. Duggan stated that they are currently receiving the values of the underutilized properties and discussed having a large scale auction in August/September. Mr. Duggan stated that a Special Town Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2015 and the Warrant Article is to cover the transportation deficit for the School Department and urged everyone to attend the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Archinski stated that he thought the Veteran's Service Agent was a required full time position? Mr. Duggan stated that he has spoken to the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs and discussed starting the position again full time in January.

Ms. Richardson stated that the residents will enjoy the Veteran's Service Agent from Tyngsboro.

Ms. Richardson asked about the letter the Board and Town Manager received regarding the issue on Farragut Street? Ms. Richardson stated that there is a question of who owns the property. Mr. Duggan stated that he would send a letter to the homeowner.

Ms. Richardson stated that she thought the house auctioned on Hampson Street had to be demolished by June? Mr. Duggan stated that the dwelling need to be demolished within 90 days of the closing and stated that there are action steps with recourse.

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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Brouillette appeared before the Board and stated that the Department has responded to 317 incidents in May. Chief Brouillette gave his condolences to the Smith Family and thanked the emergency personal and neighbors for all of their help during the call. Chief Brouillette stated that he applied for the Firefighters Grant last October and received it. Chief Brouillette stated that \$237,091 would be received from the Grant and \$23,709 would be from the Town. Chief Brouillette explained how the equipment from the Grant works. Chief Brouillette explained the Stabilization Fund and discussed the years of underfunding the Fire Department. Chief Brouillette asked what if the money being taken from the Stabilization Fund is not returned? Chief Brouillette asked about fiscal accountability.

Mr. DiRocco asked what equipment is currently used at the Fire Department? Chief Brouillette stated that 3 engines are used with 2 firefighters on each engineer.

Chief Brouillette stated that we will rise together or fall separately.

Mr. Duggan stated that the money taken from the Stabilization Fund would be replenished at the November Town Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

\* Dracut High School Students Participating in Student Government Day – Mr. Archinski introduced Sam Spence and stated that Mr. Spence was involved in the Student Government Day and would be sitting with the Board during tonight's meeting.

\* Richardson Middle School Students – Running for Lyme Disease – Mr. Jake Mercier and Mr. Kevin Orsula, students from the Richardson Middle School, appeared before the Board and stated that they put together a 5K run/walk for Lyme Disease Research. Mr. Mercier stated that the 5K is being held on June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. from the Dracut High School Complex.

AGENDA ITEMS:

\* MaryAnn & Louis Darvirris – Request for One Day Beer & Wine License – Harmony Hall – June 28, 2015 – Mr. Darvirris appeared before the Board and stated that his oldest daughter is getting married and they are having her shower at Harmony Hall. Attorney Hall stated that the applicant does not need a license but does need the Board's vote to service alcohol at Harmony Hall. Mr. Archinski stated that the Board would be setting a precedent by allowing alcohol at the facility. Mr. DiRocco asked about the applicant needing liability insurance. The Board discussed the need for liability insurance and how much liability insurance is needed.

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Motion made by Ms. Richardson to approve the request contingent upon the applicant providing liability insurance with a minimum amount of \$100,000. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

\* Four Oaks Country Club – Request for Change of Hours for Sunday Alcohol Sales from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Mr. Mike Kuenzler and Mrs. Tina Niarhos appeared before the Board to requesting a change of hours for Sunday alcohol sales from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Mr. Kuenzler stated that they are requesting the change as they are now serving brunch at the Golf Course on Sunday's and patrons have been requesting if they can purchase alcohol. Mr. Kuenzler stated that he is not opposed to a change of hours to 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.

Mr. DiRocco stated that in his opinion an 11:00 a.m. serving time on Sunday's is already reasonable and would not vote for an 8:00 a.m. serving time.

Mr. Kuenzler stated that the Sunday brunch starts at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Niarhos stated that the request is from the patrons and discussed other events they also have at the Golf Course such as showers, christenings, etc.

Motion made by Ms. Richardson to extend the All Alcohol Liquor License to a 9:30 a.m. start time on Sunday's at Four Oaks Country Club. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed 4 to 1. Mr. DiRocco voted no.

\* Open Space Committee Update – Mr. Bruce Cote, Chairman of the Open Space Committee, appeared before the Board and thanked Mr. Archinski for all of his help with creating the new Open Space Guide brochure. Mr. Cote introduced Mr. Rene Dion, Graphics Art Instructor from the Greater Lowell Vocational School, who introduced his two students who helped create the brochure. The students discussed how they created the Open Space Committee logo and how the layout was created for the new brochure. Mr. Dion stated that they produced 500 copies of the new brochure to be distributed.

Mr. Archinski thanked the students, Teacher and Joe Espinola for all their hard work in making the brochure happen.

Mr. Cote stated that they added Proprietor's Way, the Dracut Land Trust projects and updated information on the new brochure.

Mr. Cote discussed Proprietor's Way, upcoming planned events, maintenance, funding and site support of the Committee' projects.

Mr. Cote discussed 7 sites covering more than 200 acres with about 10 miles of trails that a group of 7 volunteers takes care of.

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Mr. Cote stated that the Committee is open to fundraising ideas and thanked the Dracut Water Supply District for all of their help with the Committee's projects.

Mrs. Dristiliaris asked if there are any grants the Committee could apply for? Mr. Cote stated that there are grants but most are for education purposes.

Mrs. Dristiliaris discussed asking the Local Civic Groups for donations.

Mrs. Hughes discussed asking students that might need service hours.

The Board thanked Mr. Cote and the Open Space Committee for all of their hard work.

\* Ongoing Discussion regarding Tennessee Gas Pipeline and Review and Discuss Letter from Dracut Pipeline Awareness Group re: Proposed Compressor Station & Resident's View on Revenue Issues – Ms. Caroline Zuk, 100 Old Parker Road, appeared before the Board and stated that the Dracut Pipeline Awareness Group meets once a month and discussed her letter provided to the Board dated June 4, 2015 regarding topics of discussion from Dracut Pipeline Awareness Group. Ms. Zuk stated that residents are concerned with the proposed compressor station and discussed the residents' view on revenue issues. Ms. Zuk stated that residents are concerned with how the Town will work in conjunction with their issues.

Ms. Richardson stated that the Board would have Public Safety weigh in on how the issues with safety concerns will be handled.

Mr. Duggan stated that Public Safety already have safety requirements and measures in place.

Ms. Richardson discussed the Coalition meeting and the Coalition sending a letter opposing tariffs and the Coalition also asking FERC to hold off on the scoping sessions until an exact area for a proposed compressor station is located.

Ms. Richardson stated that NMCOG is putting together a training seminar for Local Officials on June 22, 2015 at Harmony Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the next Coalition meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2015 in Littleton.

\*Acceptance of Donations for Fireworks – Mr. Duggan stated that The Lowell Five Saving Bank has donated \$5,000, Enterprise Bank has donated \$1,000 and The Arbors, Assisted Living Facility, has donated \$1,000 for this years fireworks.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to accept the donations for this year's fireworks. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

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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.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

\* Healthy Communities Work Group – Ms. Richardson stated that the Healthy Communities Work Group will be meeting on June 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall to screen the DVD on depression.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

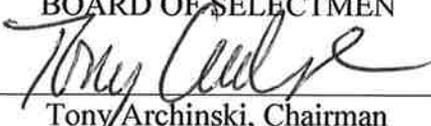
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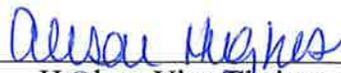
ADJOURMENT:

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

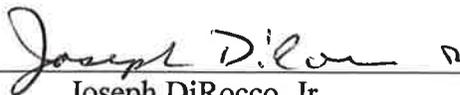
The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

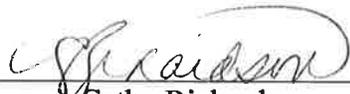
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Tami Dristiliaris, Clerk

  
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