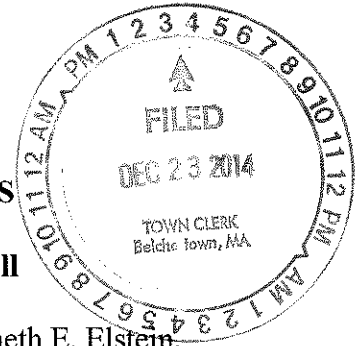


**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



Present: Brenda Q. Aldrich, Ronald E. Aponte, George D. Archible, Kenneth E. Elstein, William R. Barnett

1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Aldrich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) **Sign Documents:**

- a) Warrant #1519 was signed for \$423,143.69
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: Mr. Elstein moved the Board accept the minutes of October 20, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.

3) **Additions to the Agenda:**

- **Family Center Raffle:** Mr. Elstein indicated that the Family Center Association has requested a permit for a 50/50 raffle. The Town Clerk denied the request as the association must be in existence for two or more years. Mr. Elstein moved the Board of Selectmen make an exemption. Mr. Barnett stated that the Board cannot as this is a State Law. Mr. Elstein withdrew his motion.

Mr. Barnett suggested the Family Center find someone to sponsor their raffle. He suggested the PTO as a possibility.

Family Center Budget: The Board also talked about possible support from the School Committee for the Family Center. Ms. Aldrich proposed the Board discuss this at budget time and consider splitting the cost of the Family Center budget with the School Department.

Mr. Elstein proposed two members of the Board of Selectmen meet with two members of the School Committee to discuss this possibility. Ms. Aldrich will arrange a discussion between the two Boards. Mr. Aponte moved that Mr. Elstein and Ms. Aldrich represent the Board of Selectmen on this task force. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.

4) **Appearances Before the Board:** None.

5) **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Alter Berkshire Avenue Layout:** Mr. Aponte presented the details to the Board. A condition to move forward with the assisted living was to amend the layout of Berkshire Avenue.

Mr. Aponte moved that the Board of Selectmen vote its intention to alter the layout of Berkshire Avenue and to lay out the Berkshire Avenue extension as a public way, all as shown on a plan entitled "Berkshire Avenue Alteration Roadway

Acceptant Plan” Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA prepared for Town of Belchertown Department of Public Works,” prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, dated November 4, 2014, and to forward this vote and the plan to the Planning Board for its comments and recommendations pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §§81G and 81I.” Mr. Aponte also moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board to endorse the letter to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Elstein. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- b. Endorse Belchertown Day School Lease: Mr. Elstein presented the details to the Board. All of the Town’s objectives for the lease have been met. Per Gary Brougham the lease was extended for 12 months due to the length of the contract negotiations. Mr. Elstein moved the Board accept and endorse the Belchertown Day School lease. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- c. Letter to MassDOT to Establish Speed Regulations on Certain Roads: Mr. Archible presented the details. Steve Williams, Director of Public Works is asking the Board of Selectmen to request MassDOT to establish speed regulations on Shea Avenue, Barton Avenue and Jackson Street. Mr. Archible moved the Board request MassDOT to establish speed regulations for these streets. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- d. Endorse Chapter 90 Reimbursements: Mr. Archible moved the Board endorse Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$42,660.98 for engineering services on the Rte 181 Footprints Road project and \$365,204.36 for paving on various roads in Town. The total reimbursement request is for \$405,865.34. Seconded by Mr. Elstein. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- e. Endorse FY15 Senior Center Formula Grant Contract: Mr. Elstein presented the details. This grant is used to fund the Senior Center Aide position and the medical rides program. Mr. Elstein moved the Board authorized the Chairman of the Board to endorse the FY15 Senior Center Formula Grant Contract. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- f. Appointment of Associate Member to Veterans’ Services Advisory Board: Per the recommendation of the Veterans’ Services Advisory Board, Mr. Archible moved to appoint David Vacchi as an Associate Member of the VSAB. Term to expire June 30, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Elstein. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- g. Review Special Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed all the warrant articles for the Special Town meeting and agreed to postpone the No Parking on Woodhaven Drive until the Annual Town Meeting. The Board also removed the warrant article for net metering.
- h. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

6) **Town Administrator’s Report:** None.

7) **Review of Weekly Mail:** Mail reviewed, no discussion held.

8) **Individual Board Members’ Reports:**

Mr. Barnett: The Hampshire Council of Government is holding a legislative session this Saturday.

Mr. Aponte: Spoke about the legislative team changes. Thank you letters will be sent to former members. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to invite new legislators. Attended the Veterans’ Day ceremonies.

Ms. Aldrich: A nice job was done on the Veterans' Day ceremonies. The new school superintendent has signed their contract. Jessica's Boundless Play Ground is open.

9) **Questions from the Press:**


10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: _____

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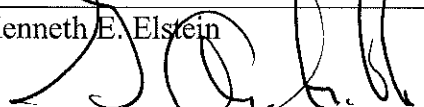
Endorsed by a majority:




Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chairman




Kenneth E. Elstein



George D. Archible



Ronald E. Aponte



William R. Barnett