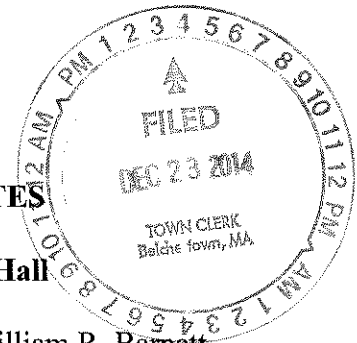


**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

Absent: Kenneth E. Elstein

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 #1523 was signed for \$576,225.87
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: Mr. Aponte move the Board accept the minutes of September 29, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 4 – 0.

3) **Additions to the Agenda:** None.

4) **Appearances Before the Board:**

- 7:35 p.m. Elizabeth Rairigh, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Ms. Rairigh came before the Board to discuss the 2015 CDBG application. She indicated that we need to update our Community Development Strategy. Belchertown is a C.D.F. #2 town which means the competition for this grant is considerable. The target area is the same for this application as it was for the previous application.

Mr. Aponte feels we should prioritize home repairs in this round. It was questioned if the funds can be used to replace the library elevator. Ms. Rairigh will look into that. It was suggested that housing be moved up to the top of the list. The Board will have a document to vote on at their December 22, 2014 meeting.

5) **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. Approve / Endorse Liquor License Renewals: Mr. Archible presented the details stating these are the annual liquor license renewals. All licensees have submitted required paperwork; licenses have been prepared for the Board's signature. Mr. Archible moved the Board endorse the liquor license renewals. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- b. Continue to Endorse Other 2015 Renewals / Licenses: Mr. Archible also indicated that there were other renewal licenses for the Board's signature. Mr. Archible moved the Board endorse other 2015 renewals / licenses. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- c. Endorse MRF Contract: Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved the Board endorse the Municipal Recycling (MRF) Contract. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0.

- d. Discuss Letter of Support – CP Application for Assisted Living Facility: Mr. Aponte presented the details to the Board. The developer of the assisted living facility is seeking approval of \$250,000 of the Community Preservation Fund's affordable housing escrow account. The Town must identify a match for the total cost of this project and this is a good use for this money. All units will qualify toward the Town's 10% affordable housing quota. Following a brief discussion the Board agrees to have Gary Brougham, Town Administrator draft a letter in support of using this money for this project.
 - e. Bike Race – April 25, 2015: Mr. Archible presented the details of the race to the Board. Mr. Archible moved the Board approve the bike race. Ms. Aldrich has concerns with the density of bikes on Rt. 202. Motorists will need to use caution during the race. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0.
 - f. Earth Removal Special Permit Application – Chiaason, Corner of Chauncey Walker Street and Bardwell Street: Mr. Archible presented the details to the Board. Gary Brougham, Town Administrator feels grading of the site would be an improvement. A letter will be sent to the Planning Board stating the Board of Selectmen has no significant concerns but that the Planning Board should listen to the comments/concerns from other Boards and Committees.
 - g. Schedule Liquor License Transfer Hearing for Dwight Station Mini Mart: The Board agreed to a hearing date of January 12, 2015 for the transfer of a Wine and Malt License for Dwight Station Mini Mart.
 - h. Appointment of At-Large Member to Community Preservation Committee: Per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, Mr. Aponte moved to appoint Nick Tirrell as the At-Large Community Preservation Member, term to expire June 30, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 4 – 0.
 - i. Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector: Per the recommendation of Lisa Banner, Treasurer-Collector, Mr. Barnett moved to re-appoint Arthur P. Jones to the position of Deputy Tax Collector for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 4 – 0.
 - j. Appointment of Full-Time Police Officer: Per the recommendation of Chief Francis Fox Mr. Archible moved to appoint Part-Time Police Officer Christopher Mayo to Full-Time Police Officer. The Chief has received a waiver from the Municipal Police Training Committee for Officer Mayo. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0.
 - k. Miscellaneous Matters: None.
- 6) **Town Administrator's Report:** He attended a Green Community Event in Boston last week. He also attended the Mass Development meeting at the former Belchertown State School.
- 7) **Review of Weekly Mail:** Mail reviewed, no discussion held.
- 8) **Individual Board Members' Reports:**
Mr. Archible: The Veterans' Graves Officer has sent pictures of grave stones that have been restored using Community Preservation funds.

9) **Questions from the Press:** None.

10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: 12/8/14

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Endorsed by a majority:



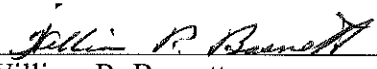
Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chairman



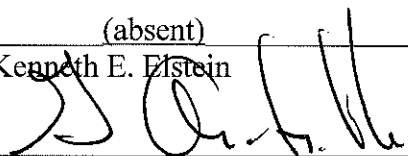
Ronald E. Aponte

(absent)

Kenneth E. Elstein



William R. Barnett



George D. Archible