

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**

Present: George D. Archible, Brenda Q. Aldrich, William R. Barnett, Nicholas O'Connor
Absent: Ronald E. Aponte, Brenda Q. Aldrich

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

- 2) **Sign Documents:**
 - a) Warrant #1643 was signed for \$885,392.48.
 - b) Routine documents
 - c) Approval of Minutes: None.

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

- 4) **Appearances Before the Board:**
 - 7:33 p.m. Pole Hearing #2016-08, South Washington Street: Mr. O'Connor read the public hearing notice and opened the pole hearing. The petition is from National Grid and Verizon to install one jointly owned pole on the westerly side of South Washington Street southerly from the centerline of Bardwell Street. The reason for the pole is to accommodate an electric system upgrade; and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications, and for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.

There was no representation from National Grid and as Verizon is on strike there is no one present for them either. Melvin and Paula Connor from 72 South Washington Street were present for the hearing. The pole is to be placed right in front of their house. He is a lineman for Eversource and knows the procedures for placing a pole. He knows the guys from Verizon who were going to set the pole and because he told them he doesn't want it there they cancelled the job. He discussed his concerns with Jill Wilson at National Grid. The reason they don't want to put it on the property line is because a transformer would have to be moved as would wires. When he first expressed his concerns to Jill at National Grid she agreed to placing the pole on the property line, moving the transformer and wires and now she is refusing. He showed pictures to the Board of Selectmen of the property.

Jason Lafleur, the property owner who will receive services from the pole placement was also present. He understands Verizon is on strike now and the placement will not happen soon. He understands the Connor's concerns about the pole placement.

Mr. O'Connor moved to close the pole hearing. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.

The hearing was continued to May 23rd at which time National Grid and Verizon will be asked to be present.

- 7:40 p.m. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator –Topping Farm Conservation Restriction: Ms. Connolly presented the details. She stated the reason there have been so many conservation restrictions is that we are trying to play catch up with the State. When land is purchased using community preservation funds the State requires us to hold a conservation restriction. When the Topping Farm was purchased in 2007 that had not been established. So we are now catching up with the two conservation areas that never had the conservation restriction placed on them.

Mr. O'Connor moved to accept and endorse the Conservation Restriction for Topping Farm. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Appointment of Auxiliary Police Officer: Mr. Barnett presented the details. Per the recommendation of Bruce Jenks, Acting Chief, Mr. Barnett moved to appoint Matthew Niles to the position of Auxiliary Police Officer, effective Friday, April 15, 2016. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- b. Appointment of Part-Time Dispatcher(s): Mr. Barnett presented the details. Per the recommendation of Bruce Jenks, Acting Chief, Mr. Barnett moved to appoint Andrew Ronnau to the position of dispatcher, effective Friday, April 15, 2016. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 3 – 0. Per the recommendation of Bruce Jenks, Acting Chief, Mr. Barnett moved to appoint Colin Rogers to the position of part-time dispatcher, effective Friday, April 29, 2016. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- c. Appointment of Seasonal Laborer(s): Mr. Archible presented the details. Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved to appoint Nicholas Leduc, Marc Chmura and Dylan Dupont, start date to be determined. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- d. Sewer Rates Increase: Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. O'Connor moved to increase the sewer rates \$40 per EDU/year meaning a \$10 increase per EDU/quarter. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- e. Accept Member's Resignation from Scholarship Committee, Personnel Board and Mobile Home Rent Control Board: Mr. O'Connor presented the details. R. O'Connor moved the Board accept the resignations of Simon James from the Scholarship Committee and the Rent Control Board. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0. The Board acknowledged the resignation of Mr. James from the Personnel Board (the Town Moderator appoints this position). A thank you letter will be sent to Mr. Simon for all his work to the Town of Belchertown.

- f. Award Bid #2016-01 – Fair Bid: Mr. Brougham presented the details. Two proposals were received this year for the fair bid. Fiesta Shows submitted a bid that was more responsible than our long time fair vendor, Fanelli Amusements. It was closely looked at by the Fair Committee and they have recommended Fiesta Shows. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Fair Committee to award Bid #2016-01 to Fiesta Shows for the Belchertown Fair. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- g. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

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

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

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

Mr. O'Connor: Asked for confirmation that Mr. Anziano had been notified of his selection to the Director of Parks & Recreation Director Search Committee. Mr. Brougham confirmed that he had and that he has been sworn in.

9) **Questions from the Press:** No questions from the press but Amanda, Town resident questioned if having Fiesta Shows as the vendor at the Fair this year would change the price of the wrist bands. Mr. Brougham told her that the wrist bands will actually be a little bit less this year.

10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

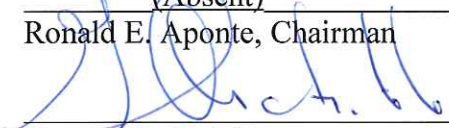
Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: May 23, 2016

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Endorsed by a majority:

(Absent)
 Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman


 George D. Archible


 Nicholas O'Connor

(Absent)
 Brenda Q. Aldrich


 William R. Barnett