

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**

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

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

- 2) **Sign Documents:**
 - a) Warrant #1644 was signed for \$1,100,682.43.
 - b) Routine documents
 - c) Approval of Minutes: Ms. Aldrich moved to accept the minutes of April 8, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 4 – 0.
Mr. O'Connor joined the meeting at 7:33. Ms. Aldrich moved to accept the minutes of March 28, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 4 – 0 – 1 (abstain – Barnett).

- 3) **Additions to the Agenda:**
 - Chapter 90 Request: Mr. Archible presented the details. Mr. Archible moved the Board authorize the Chairman to endorse the engineering study in the amount of \$145,400. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.
 - Appointment of Temporary Registrar for the Annual Town Meeting: Mr. Barnett presented the details. The Town Clerk is in need of a temporary registrar for the annual town meeting. Mr. Barnett moved the Board appoint Maryellen O'Reilly Bracey as a temporary registrar for the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

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

- 5) **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. Designate Selectman Representative to Belchertown Opioid Awareness Group: Mr. Aponte reminded everyone of the discussions that have been held regarding forming this group. He asked the Board if there were any volunteers.

Mr. Archible stated that he had been approached to join the group as he has some knowledge of this crisis. He feels that he could do a good job. He has attended the opioid discussions at the school and has taken the Narcan training.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board appoint Mr. Archible as the Selectmen Representative to the Belchertown Opioid Awareness Group. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- b. Approve Updated “Buy Recycled Policy”: Mr. Aponte presented the details. Steve Williams, Director of Public Works is in the process of applying for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant and one of the criteria for this grant is to have an updated policy for recycling.

Mr. Archible moved the Board approve the updated “Buy Recycled Policy”, effective May 2, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- c. Appointment of Meals Drive: Mr. O'Connor presented the details stating that Bill Korzenowski, Director of Council on Aging has recommended the appointment of a home delivered meals driver, Mr. O'Connor moved to appoint Christy Breen to the position of Home Delivered Meals Driver, effective immediately. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- d. Executive Session – MGL – Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsections 2, 3 and 6: Ms. Aldrich moved the Board enter executive session at the conclusion of their regular session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsections 2, 3 and 6 and not to reconvene in open meeting. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Roll call vote: Aponte – yes, Archible – yes, Aldrich - yes, Barnett – yes, O'Connor – yes.
- e. Miscellaneous Matters: None

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

7) **Review of Weekly Mail:** See Mr. Barnett’s report – mail item #6.

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

Mr. Archible: The Department of Public Works requested an inspection by a certified playground inspector from the Town’s insurance company to look over the wooden playground at Chestnut Hill Community School. The inspector found that the playground should be permanently closed as it does not meet any of the required safety precautions. Steve Williams, Director of Public Works closed the playground. Mr. Archible moved the Board back Mr. Williams’ decision to close the playground permanently. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

Mr. Barnett: Asked the Town Administrator for information regarding the placement of timber rattlesnakes at Quabbin Reservoir. Mr. Brougham stated there is another meeting on May 10th in the Town of Athol. There is currently a petition that has been submitted through the legislators requesting them to stop the project from the people who don’t want the snakes at Quabbin. There is an opportunity for someone from Belchertown to speak as the representative from Belchertown at the meeting. Mr. Barnett mentioned that he is thinking of going to the meeting representing the Council of Governments.

Ms. Aldrich: Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. Every year the Churches in Town gather around the common for a prayer service.

- 9) **Questions from the Press:** Steve Hill from *The Sentinel* asked for confirmation regarding the wooden playground that the plan is for Steve Williams to come up with a plan and tear down the playground. It was confirmed that it was the plan.

Mr. Goldscheider from *The Gazette* confirmed Town Meeting is Monday, May 9th. He questioned when the motions for the meeting would be prepared. He was told they would not be ready until the afternoon of the Town Meeting day. He questioned if the budget is part of the warrant; it was confirmed for him that it is.

- 10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: May 23, 2010

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Endorsed by a majority:



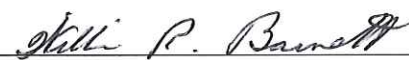
Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman



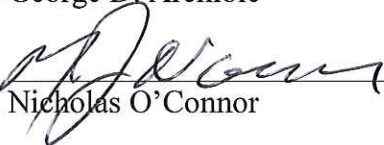
Brenda Q. Aldrich



George D. Archible



William R. Barnett



Nicholas O'Connor