

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

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 # - None.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: None.

3) Additions to the Agenda: None.

4) Appearances Before the Board: None.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Acknowledge Resignations from Cultural Council Members: Mr. O'Connor presented the details to the Board. The Board received letters of resignation from Cathy Carlton Hews and Susan Shea. The Board accepted the resignations. Letters will be sent thanking them for their service to the Town.
- b. Appointment of Cultural Council Members: No action taken.
- c. Appointment of Seasonal Laborers: Mr. Archible presented the details to the Board. Per the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved to appoint Joshua Cox and David Ortiz to the position of temporary seasonal laborers within the DPW Maintenance Division and Alton Lee as a temporary seasonal laborer within DPW Highway Division. These are non-benefitted positions. Motion seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – 0
- d. Accept Part-Time Dispatcher Resignation: Mr. Aponte presented the details to the Board. The Board accepted the resignation of Elaine Guan as a Part-Time Dispatcher at the Police Department. A letter will be sent to Ms. Guan thanking her for her service to the Town.
- e. Endorse Dog Warrant: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. This warrant is signed annually by the Board. Mr. Aponte moved the Board endorse the Dog Warrant. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- f. Review/Endorse Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and endorsed it.
- g. Executive Session – MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3: Mr. Aponte moved the Board enter executive session at the conclusion of their regular session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 and not to reconvene in open meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Roll call vote: Aldrich – yes, O'Connor – yes, Aponte – yes, Archible – yes.
- h. Miscellaneous

6) **Town Administrator's Report:** There have been complaints again about the Granby Gun Club. Residents are fed up with the noise. The Board wants the Town Administrator to follow-up with the Town of Granby. They want to know what is being done about the noise. Residents are indicating there could be financial repercussions if something isn't done to stop the noise. The Board questioned if DEP should be involved. The Town Administrator suggested seeking an opinion from Town Counsel. He will revisit the issue with Granby as well as DEP. Ms. Aldrich suggested the Board might want to reconsider their decision to march in the Granby parade.

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

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

Mr. Archible:

- Attended the PVPC meeting to discuss residents' concerns on Chauncey Walker Street, and the Bay Road / Stebbins Street intersection. PVPC have agreed to look into both concerns.
- He also contacted Tractor Supply about all the trash surrounding their area.

Mr. Aponte: Police negotiations are finished. Their contract may be signed tonight.

Mr. O'Connor: He stated that 51 families walked into the Family Center during the Art Walk. Six families have come back. He also offered condolences to the family of the Stingrays Swim Coach who recently passed away.

Ms. Aldrich: The Lt. Governor was in Town last week to present a Community Compact check to the Town.

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

10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

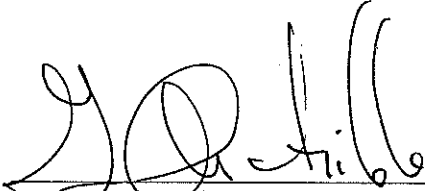
Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

Board approved/endorsed: May 29, 2018

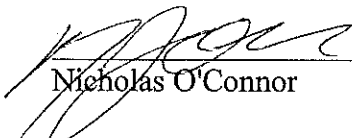
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Endorsed by a majority:


Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chairman


George D. Archible

Ronald E. Aponte


Nicholas O'Connor