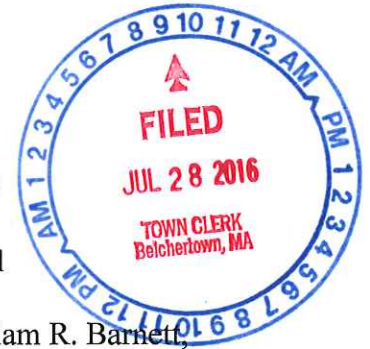


**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Archible called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Sign Documents:**
 - a) Warrant #1654 was signed for \$421,508.40. Warrant #1702 was signed for \$3,011,590.33.
 - b) Routine documents
 - c) Approval of Minutes: Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the minutes of June 13, 2016 and June 27, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- 3) **Additions to the Agenda:** None.
- 4) **Appearances Before the Board:**
 - 7:35 p.m. Pole Hearing #2016-09, South Main Street – **continuance:** Mr. O'Connor read the original public hearing notice. He reminded everyone that the hearing had been continued from June 13, 2016 due to abutter's concerns.

Mandy Patenaude from Nation Grid was present for the hearing. She met with our highway department, the engineer on the job, the people doing the actual work and Mr. Nulman. Various options were discussed. It was decided that the pole and sign would be moved north towards the intersection. The sign will be 10ft south of this pole location.

Mr. Nulman indicated he is not happy, he wishes it wasn't going to be positioned there but doesn't believe there's any other option. Ms. Patenaude explained the mandate and he realizes he has no choice.

Mr. O'Connor moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board accept the amended placement of the pole as indicated in pole hearing 2016-09 on South Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- 5) **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. Joint Appointment of Planning Board's Alternate Voting Member: Mr. Barnett presented the details. The Planning Board voted to appoint Sierra Pelletier as the Alternate Voting Member to the Planning Board with a term to expire June 30,

2017. He explained the Board of Selectmen also needs to appoint Ms. Pelletier to that position.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board of Selectmen appoint Sierra Pelletier as the Alternate Voting Member to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- b. Endorse UMass Agreement for Transit Services for FY 2017: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. This is the annual agreement for the UMass Transit Service. It is a standard contract. There are eight trips daily (weekdays only) and averages 26,000 miles a year on the Belchertown route.

Ms. Aldrich moved the Board authorize the Chairman to endorse the UMass Agreement for Transit Services for FY 2017. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Mr. O'Connor questioned if there was any mention in the contract related to the extension of the route by one stop that has been talked about. He was referring to a stop going to the Court House. Mr. Brougham responded that until the sidewalk has been extended to the Court House or there is an adequate turning radius the bus stop will not be put in place. He had spoken with the presiding judge who in turn was going to speak with the property owner. Mr. O'Connor will follow up with Doug Albertson, Town Planner for a status update. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- c. Endorse Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Belchertown Renewables, LLC: Gary Brougham, Town Administrator, presented the details. The Town has been working on a solar tax pilot agreement for about a year with Nexamp, a developer of solar fields. He explained where the property for the solar fields is located and what it means for the Town.

He continued that before the Board tonight is the final solar tax pilot agreement which is a 20 year agreement. The Nexamp agreement will pay the Town in lieu of real estate taxes – beginning in year one- \$68,340.00. Over a 20 year period Nexamp will pay the Town a total of \$1,702,339.00. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

In the site planning approval process with the Planning Board there is a bond required to decommission this field. The owner's can't simply walk away from it if it fails to stop working as designed. It is not dependent on any Town services.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board of Selectmen endorse the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes between the Town of Belchertown and Belchertown Renewables, LLC. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- d. Review Special Permit for Accessory Apartment – Bessette, 90 Channel Drive: Mr. Aponte presented the details. The Planning Board has forwarded a plan for an accessory apartment at 90 Channel Drive. This application is similar to another project in that area from a few years ago that involved a significant amount of litigation. He urged the Board to request the Planning Board to be consistent in reviewing this particular plan to make sure there is consistency with the decision that was already passed down with the other project.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to take no action and to send it back to the Planning Board for careful review.

- e. Endorse Municipal Relief/Reserve Fund Transfer Requests: Ms. Aldrich questioned if the Town Administrator had received this information. He indicated he had not. This discussion was put on as a contingency. No action taken.
- f. Executive Session – MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3: Mr. O'Connor 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. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Roll call vote: Archible – yes, Aldrich – yes, O'Connor – yes, Barnett -yes, Aponte – yes.
- g. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

6) Town Administrator's Report: None.

7) Review of Weekly Mail:

#13) Rev. Emmanuel Haqq has submitted a request to approve the 3rd Annual C3 5K Race through Town. Mr. Aponte indicated he is not aware of any issues with the previous races. The Town Administrator indicated that the request has been sent out to the public safety departments that would normally comment with any concerns. The office has not gotten any replies back yet.

#6) Brian Burns from Chauncey Walker Street sent in a letter regarding his concerns for safety on that street. There have been three major accidents in the last 10 years on the street. Mr. Archible stated that he will look into these concerns even if he has to get MPO to look into them.

8) Individual Board Members' Reports:

Mr. Barnett: Questioned if July 26th was the date for the joint school committee interviews. It was confirmed that as far as the office knew that was the date and that it would be posted appropriately once we have a definite confirmation.

Ms. Aldrich: Channel 22 did a fabulous story about the two eagle scouts from Belchertown. She congratulated the new eagle scouts.

Mr. O'Connor: Provided an update regarding the Revenue Committee. They met twice to discuss the budget deficit going forward. Based on timing it will not be on the November ballot.

9) Questions from the Press: Steve Hill from *The Sentinel* asked for clarification regarding the solar project. The Town Administrator answered his questions. Mr. Hill also asked to see the PVTA contract.

Mr. Brougham added that this past Friday, Governor Patrick signed the special legislation for the Patrick Center. We will now try and finalize the transfer of ownership to the Town.

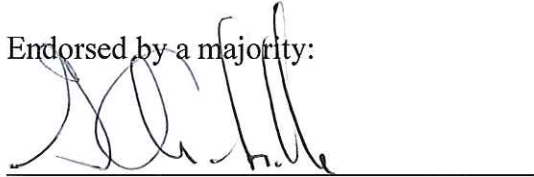
10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

Board approved/endorsed: July 25, 2016

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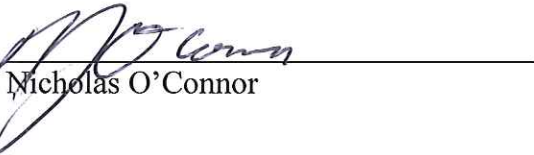
Endorsed by a majority:



George D. Archible, Chairman



Ronald E. Aponte



Nicholas O'Connor



Brenda Q. Aldrich



William R. Barnett