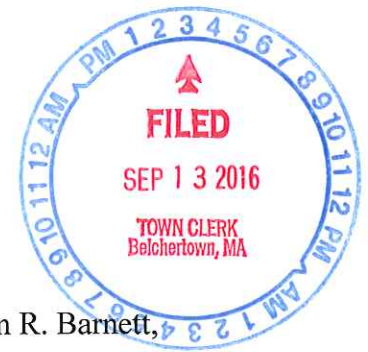


**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

**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 # 1708 was signed for \$1,173,390.14.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the minutes of June 20, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the minutes of July 25, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the minutes of August 8, 2016. Motion passes 3 – yes, 2 – abstain (Archible, O'Connor).

**3) Additions to the Agenda:**

- Appoint Fair Committee Member: Mr. Archible moved the Board appoint Bonnie Brouwer to the Fair Committee, term to expire June 30, 2017. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

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

**5) Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. Endorse Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request(s): Mr. Archible presented the details. Steve Williams has submitted Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests totaling \$102,886.84. He stated \$1,070 is for engineering services related to the Maple and State Streets improvement study. Also reclamation of various roads in town totaling \$101,816.84.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board endorse the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request(s) totaling \$102,886.84. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- b. Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Old Sawmill Road: Mr. Aponte presented the details. Steve Williams is requesting the Board to endorse the Order of Taking for Easements necessary to complete Old Sawmill Road at Hunter's Ridge. This encompasses drainage, utilities, guardrails, retaining walls and a number of other components of this subdivision.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board endorse the Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Old Sawmill Road. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- c. Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Crestview Drive: Mr. Aponte presented the details. Steve Williams is requesting the Board to endorse the Order of Taking for the Easements for various components for the Crestview Drive subdivision. This

is part of the formal acceptance as a town way and allows the town to maintain the necessary components in the future.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board endorse the Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Crestview Drive. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- d. Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Oasis Drive: Ms. Aldrich presented the details to the Board. Steve Williams is requesting the Board to endorse the Order of Taking for the Easements in order to safeguard the Town’s interest and future access to infrastructure on Oasis Drive.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board endorse the Order of Taking for Easement(s) – Oasis Drive. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- e. HCOG Vendor Change – Full Depth Reclamation: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. The bid was originally given to Murray Paving & Reclamation, Inc and they are not able to fulfill the contractual obligations.

Per the request of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Ms. Aldrich moved the Board rescind their original vote and award Bid #1115 to All States Asphalt, Inc., 325 Amherst Road, Sunderland, MA 01375. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- f. Accept Resignation from Transfer Station Supervisor: Mr. Archible presented the details to the Board. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the resignation of Leonard Russell as the Transfer Station Supervisor, effective August 18, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- g. Endorse ABCC Form 43 – VFW New Officer/Director Application: Mr. O'Connor presented the details. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board endorse the ABCC Form 43 New Officers/Directors for the Belchertown Memorial Post 8428 – VFW. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 4 – yes, 1 – abstain (Archible).
- h. Police Chief Request to Teach: Mr. Aponte presented the details for both requests. The Chief is requesting the Board’s approval to teach an on-line criminal law and procedure class for Holyoke Community College during the fall semester which begins September 6, 2016. This will not interfere with his ability to perform his daytime duties.

He has also seeking the Board’s approval to teach a 24-hour block in Constitutional Law for the Western Massachusetts Reserve Police Officer Academy which begins in mid-September. This class will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and will have little if any impact on his ability to perform his daytime duties.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board approve both of Chief Pronovost requests as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- i. Appointment of Part-Time Police Dispatcher: Per the recommendation of Chief Pronovost, Mr. Aponte moved to appoint Stephanie Cusson to the position of part-time dispatcher, effective August 12, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- j. Appointment of Election Workers: Mr. Aponte recused himself from this discussion. Mr. Barnett presented the details to the Board.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board appoint Precinct Coordinator – Clair Partridge; Precinct Wardens – Robert Hansbury, Christina Aponte, Carol Walker, Paul Geoffroy; Precinct Clerks – Judy Scott, Gale Miron, Christine Babineau and Jacqueline Como all terms effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 4 –yes, 1 – abstain (Aponte).

- k. Endorse State Primary Warrant: Mr. Barnett presented the details of the September 8, 2016 State Primary Warrant. Mr. Barnett moved the Board endorse the September 8, 2016 State Primary Warrant. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- l. Honest Beginnings – 5K Race and Family Fun Walk on September 10<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. This is an Addiction & Recovery Awareness 5k, and Family Fun Walk to be held on September 10, 2016.

Ms. Aldrich moved the Board grant their approval for this event. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- m. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

- 6) **Town Administrator's Report:** The Board has the additional request to sign the document for the Freeman Right of First Refusal that was voted on. The Board agreed to sign it as they had already voted on it.

- He and Mr. Barnett attended a legislative roundtable in Longmeadow where items that are commonly trouble points in the budget process were discussed
- The Grantham Group was approved for the housing tax credits for the assisted living facility
- Last week the Town mailed the check for the Patrick Center
- Several months ago the Town notified the Day School that their lease would not be renewed. He does not see a timely exit of the Day School from the building and will be sending a letter asking for the status

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

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

Mr. Aponte:

- Tremendous news for the Town with the tax credits for the Grantham Group
- McCarthy's Pub sponsored Shivering Shamrocks to raise money for Shriner's Hospital. He heard they raised upwards of \$15,000.
- A news article caught his eye about a rattlesnake that was found in a backyard in Quincy.

Mr. Barnett: Mentioned that Mr. Brougham brought up a lot of points at the legislative roundtable. He mentioned that there are 92 unfunded mandates. The group was in agreement and informed the legislators in attendance that something needs to be done about it. Longmeadow, one of the towns represented in the group has no land left to develop and their taxes are at the highest in the State. They cannot increase their taxes as they are at the limit with no potential for growth. They are encouraging people to put in-law apartments on their homes to allow for growth. It is

a very serious problem. It is something we should pay attention to in the future so that same thing doesn't happen here.

The Hampshire County Selectboards Association will be meeting on September 29, 2016. It will be held at the Blue Bonnet Diner in Northampton.

Ms. Aldrich: The Recreation Department will be holding their first Family Movie Night at the Town Beach on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$3.00.

Mr. O'Connor:

- The Patrick Center Reuse Committee will need to reconvene
- He wants to add the Telecommuting Policy to the next Board of Selectmen meeting
- The Revenue Subcommittee met last week. Their next meeting will be in October

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

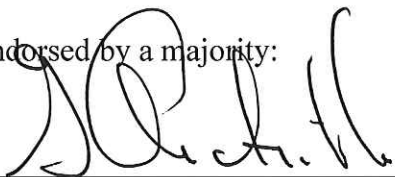
10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: Sept. 12, 2016

Board of Selectmen - Town of Belchertown


Endorsed by a majority:

  
George D, Archible, Chairman

  
Ronald E, Aponte

  
Nicholas O'Connor

  
Brenda Q. Aldrich

  
William R. Barnett