

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Aldrich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Sign Documents:

- a) Warrant #1706 was signed for \$601,347.01.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: None.

3) Additions to the Agenda: McCarthy's Pub Request: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. Janice McCarthy, Owner of McCarthy's Pub is requesting the Board's permission to serve alcohol under the tent for their Shriner's Hospital Fundraiser on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board grant permission for McCarthy's Pub to serve alcohol under their tent on Saturday, August 20, 2016 for their Shriner's Hospital fundraiser. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 3 – 0.

4) Appearances Before the Board: None.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Right of First Refusal – Boshko Belchertown Realty Trust, 3 Lots (Map 276, Lots 102, 103 and 104), Pine Street: Mr. Barnett presented the details. There are three parcels of property owned by Boshko Belchertown Realty Trust that they want to take out of Chapter 61. The property is on Pine Street, Map 276, Lots 102, 103 and 104. Both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board have recommended that the Board of Selectmen not exercise their right of first refusal on this property.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board of Selectmen not exercise their right of first refusal for the property on Pine Street, Map 276, Lots 102, 103 and 104. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- b. Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department – Request for Dispensation to Solicit: Mr. Aponte presented the details. Fire Chief Bock has requested that the fire department be allowed to solicit donations while in uniform on the Town Common at the Belchertown Fair. He indicated that this has been an ongoing event throughout the years without any problems. It is their major fundraiser.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board allow the firefighter's to solicit for donations while in uniform on the Town Common during the Belchertown Fair. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- c. Endorse Nexamp Easement: Ms. Aldrich questioned if the Board had the easement to endorse. Gary Brougham, Town Administrator indicated he should have worded it differently. It should be vote to grant easement. Nexamp has entered into an agreement with the property owners to build a large solar facility. The solar tax pilot program has been ratified. The west side of the solar field will discharge power to North Liberty Street. To get the power out Nexamp needs to cross the New England Central Railroad and were hoping for an underground easement. The railroad has agreed to grant an underground easement to Nexamp.

He is hoping the Board will vote to grant the easement which will allow Nexamp to move forward with financing this property.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board vote to grant the easement. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- d. Endorse FY17 Council on Aging Formula Grant: Ms. Aldrich presented the details. The grant is in the amount of \$24,100 and will fund the Council's part-time Senior Center Aide position, 4 hours of one Outreach Assistant, volunteer recognition event and transportation.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board authorize the Vice-Chairman to endorse the Council on Aging Grant. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 -0.

- e. Endorse Memorandum of Agreement – Town of Belchertown and Police Dispatchers Bargaining Unit: Mr. Aponte presented the details. He indicated this contract is similar to other contracts that have recently been signed. It is effective July 1, 2016.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board endorse the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Police Dispatchers Bargaining Unit. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- f. Appointment of DPW Maintenance Laborer: Mr. Barnett presented the details. Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Barnett moved to appoint Frederick Kirchner to the position of DPW Maintenance Laborer, effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- g. Appointment of Cultural Council Member: Mr. Barnett presented the details. Mr. Barnett moved the Board appoint Claudia Bermudez to the Cultural Council, term to expire June 30, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Aponte. Motion passes 3 – 0.
- h. Sergeant – Auxiliary Police Force: Mr. Aponte presented the details. To help improve communication and efficiency in the auxiliary ranks, Chief Pronovost is requesting the rank of Auxiliary Police Sergeant be established.

Mr. Aponte moved the Board appoint Auxiliary Officer Joseph Boyle to the rank of Sergeant in the Auxiliary Police Force, effective immediately with a term to expire June 30, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- i. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

- 6) **Town Administrator's Report:** None.
- 7) **Review of Weekly Mail:** Mail reviewed, no discussion held.
- 8) **Individual Board Members' Reports:**
Ms. Aldrich: This week is the last week for the Concert on the Common with the Belchertown Community Band. On Sunday they will be performing at Quabbin for the anniversary of the Town of Enfield.
- 9) **Questions from the Press:** Steve Hill from *The Sentinel* asked for clarification on the following discussions: McCarthy's Pub Request, confirmation of the correct spelling of Auxiliary Office Joseph Boyle
- 10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

Board approved/endorsed: _____

Board of Selectmen - Town of Belchertown

Endorsed by a majority:

 (Absent)
 George D, Archible, Chairman

Ronald E. Aponte
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 (Absent)
 Nicholas O'Connor

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