

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



Present: Nicholas O'Connor, George D. Archible, Gail Gramarossa, Brenda Q. Aldrich, Ed Boscher

Call to Order: Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Sign Documents:

- a) Warrant #1913 was signed for \$2,033,786.39.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: Ms. Aldrich moved the Board accept the minutes of August 13, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Boscher. Motion passes 4 – yes, 1 – abstain (Archible). Ms. Aldrich moved the Board accept the minutes of August 27, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 5 – 0. Ms. Aldrich moved the Board accept the minutes of September 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 4 – yes, 1 – abstain (O'Connor).

3) Additions to the Agenda:

4) Appearances Before the Board:

- 7:05 p.m. Class II Hearing Continuance – Ross Gardner, AAffordable Auto Sales: Ms. Gramarossa gave notice that this hearing is a continuation of the hearing that began on September 10th. At that meeting the Board received information from both the applicant and a neighbor who had concerns. The Board requested both parties to discuss the application in more detail and to come back before the Board with a solution that worked for both parties.

Mr. Ross, the applicant, and Ms. Eisenstein, the neighbor, were present. He indicated that both he and Hannah have communicated via emails. He provided copies of the emails for the Board. He believes that they have come to an understanding regarding her concerns. On the basis of being good neighbors they will work together and he won't do anything to disrupt her. Ms. Eisenstein confirmed Mr. Ross's statements to the Board. She only added that they still need to talk about the property going up the driveway. Mr. Ross agreed that they would talk about it but he hasn't had a chance to speak with the lawyer yet.

Ms. Gramarossa mentioned that the office staff had requested that the green signature cards be returned. The cards need to be returned as they show that the abutters have received their notification of the hearing. Mr. Ross indicated that he had given those to the Board at the initial hearing. Mr. O'Connor indicated that they are in the folder for this application. She apologized as they appear different from the sample the staff provided.

Following clarification as to where they were in the process, Mr. O'Connor asked if there were any other concerns or questions. Mr. Boscher asked for clarification that it would only be one vehicle as the application had vehicles (plural) in some spots. Mr. Ross clarified that the plural indicated the registered vehicles belonging to his family. The license would only be for one vehicle.

Mr. Archible moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Boscher. Motion passes 5 – 0.

Ms. Aldrich moved the Board grant AAffordale Auto Sales their Class II Dealer's license for one unregistered car on their property with no repairs allowed on the property. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Archible indicated if the neighbor had not been in favor of the license he would vote no. Mr. Brougham commented that the applicant will need to post a \$25,000 bond that is required by the State. If we fail to have the bond the Town is liable. Mr. Ross indicated he has already done that. With no further comments, motion passes 5 – 0.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Award Bid – Replacement Roofing at the Belchertown Police Station: Mr. Archible presented the details to the Board. Town Meeting vote approved the new roof for the Police Department.

Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved the Board accept the bid from JJS Universal Construction Company out of Dudley, MA for the Replacement Roofing at the Belchertown Police Department in the amount of \$35,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- b. Award HCOG Winter Salt Bid #1190: Mr. Archible presented the details to the Board.

Per the recommendation of the director of public works, Mr. Archible moved the Board award the bid as follows:

Rock Salt Delivered

1st – Low Bid

Champion Salt LLC - \$57.85 per ton
2451 Schuetz Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

2nd – Alternate Bid

Saltine Warrior - \$58.57 per ton
1 Shaw Street, P.O. Box 101
Fall River, MA 02724

Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

Per the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved the Board award the bid as follows:

Rock Salt w/Sodium Chloride/Treated

1st – Low Bid

Eastern Minerals - \$77.22 per ton

2nd – Alternate Bid

Apalachee LLC - \$82.00 per ton

134 Middle Street
Lowell, MA 01852

1423 Highland Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620

Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- c. Appoint Part-Time IT Department Technical Assistant: Mr. O'Connor presented the details to the Board. Prior to his retirement from the police department Mr. Panto had been helping to manage the public safety IT systems so he can hit the ground running. Per the recommendation of Kevin Hannon, IT Director, Mr. O'Connor moved to appoint William Panto to the position of part-time IT Department Technical Assistant, effective October 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- d. Appoint Public Health Nurse to Belchertown Opioid Awareness Task Force (BOAT): Ms. Gramarossa presented the details to the Board. Ms. Gramarossa moved to appoint Carrie Latulippe to the Opioid Awareness Task Force, term to expire on June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- e. Appoint Members to Cultural Council: Ms. Gramarossa presented the details to the Board. Per the recommendation of Jen Turner, Chair, Cultural Council, Ms. Gramarossa moved to appoint Jocelyn Walker, term to expire June 30, 2021; Audrey Anderson, term to expire June 30, 2020; and Melissa Mann, term to expire June 30, 2020 to the Cultural Council. Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- f. Appoint Cultural Council Member to Patrick Center Re-Use Committee: Ms. Gramarossa presented the details to the Board. Ms. Gramarossa moved to appoint Jocelyn Walker as the Cultural Council member to the Patrick Center Re-Use Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Boscher. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- g. Executive Session – MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 6: Ms. Gramarossa moved the Board enter executive session at the conclusion of their regular session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 6 and not to reconvene in open meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Archible. O'Connor – yes, Archible – yes, Gramarossa – yes, Aldrich – yes, Boscher – yes.
- h. Miscellaneous Matters: None.

6) Town Administrator's Report:

- Mr. Brougham reported that progress on Carriage Drive is on schedule. Substantial completion is expected in November with the final grading and top coat to go down in the spring. Mr. O'Connor questioned if the road would be open prior to the final top coat in the spring. He was told if things are stable it will be open for the winter but it is too premature to know for sure right now. He was questioning safety concerns with accessing the property as there are still old buildings that are standing.
- Trees are being planted on Front Street this week. The construction of the Front Street Extension is substantially complete. The street tree planting had been held back because of the hot and dry conditions.
- Next week the bids will be opened for the remaining light fixtures. They will be light replicas of the ones that had been on the campus of the Belchertown State School. Those should be up prior to the start of winter. That style fixture will be the same style throughout the continued development.
- The Belchertown Fair was very successful.

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

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

Mr. Archible: He will be attending a MPO meeting tomorrow. There were a lot of volunteers for the fair. Ed Drew and Drew Gatesman, two electricians from town, donated all their time for the gazebo lighting which was finished prior to the start of the fair. He asked the *Sentinel* to put a thank you to these two electricians in the paper.

Ms. Gramarossa: She attended a workshop in Boston today with Jill Bierly from the Historical Commission that was put on by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. There is a process they have where local municipalities can apply to be a Certified Local Government (CLG). It gives the municipality additional opportunity to apply for grants that come from the National Park Service that funnel through to the Mass Historical Association that then funnel down to our level. It will mean working with the Historic District Bylaw Committee as well as the Historical Association. The next step is to convene a meeting with all of the groups to see if there is any interest in moving forward in seeking this kind of designation. The Board of Selectmen will need to sign off on it if there is interest.

Mr. Boscher: Since the last meeting he has gotten down to visit the Family Center. They are very appreciative of the new building. He has nothing but good things to say about their Board members and their director. They have done an amazing job. They have fundraising efforts going on.

The Fair was a great event. It's amazing how many volunteers show up. He acknowledged the efforts of the Town Common Lighting Committee to make the Common attractive during the holiday season.

In this week's incoming mail is a letter from Paul Boivin regarding the Daigle Well site. It's clear he has a number of concerns regarding the solar proposal. He feels it is only a matter of time before Mr. Boivin will want to appear before the Selectmen.

Ms. Aldrich: At the last Recreation Committee meeting they discussed the Splash Park that the Town received funding for. People in town are excited about having a Splash Park.

She attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Assisted Living Facility. The Fair was fabulous.

Mr. O'Connor: Can't say enough good things about the Fair. It is the absolute favorite time of the year for the kids in town. He thanked for everyone who participated and pulled everything off. It is a lot of work putting it all together.

He met with the EDIC last week. Christopher Heights is moving along with the number of people moving in.

9) **Questions from the Press:** Steve Hill from the *Sentinel* asked for spelling of names and numbers. He was given that information.


10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: 10/9/18

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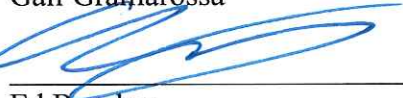
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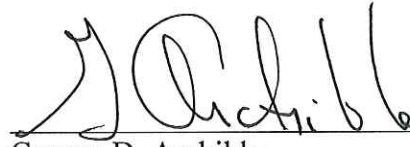
Nicholas O'Connor, Chairman



Gail Gramarossa



Ed Boscher



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