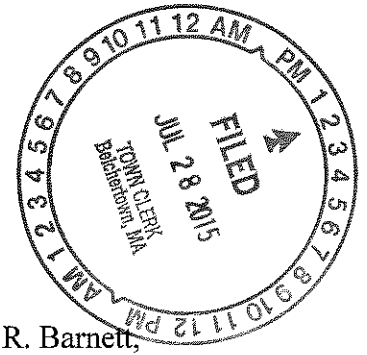


**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



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

1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Aponte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) **Sign Documents:**

- a) Warrant #1551 was signed for \$888,074.74.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes:

3) **Additions to the Agenda:**

4) **Appearances Before the Board:**

- 7:33 p.m. Sierra Pelletier – Appointment as Planning Board's Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits: Sierra Pelletier was present and Doug Albertson, Town Planner, presented an overview. This is a joint appointment with the Planning Board. He indicated that Ms. Pelletier will be attending UMass and is hoping to earn a planning degree. Ms. Pelletier has been attending Planning Board meetings for the last seven months.

Ms. Pelletier states serving in this capacity is consistent with her studies and overall plan for her future.

Mr. Barnett moved to appoint Sierra Pelletier to the Planning Board as the Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, term to expire June 30, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- 7:35 p.m. LeeAnne Connolly, LAND Grant for Holland Glen, Part 2, (Lower Waterfall and Parking Area): Ms. Connolly came before the Board and gave an overview of the grant. This parcel abuts the 290 acre property previously purchased as open space. The parcel contains Holland Glen water falls and is very scenic property. The property is currently owned by the Historical Association, Inc and the price is \$165,000, 68% of which is reimbursed from the State. Community Preservation money will be utilized as well as foundation grant funding. She requires a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen and a vote to grant authorization to endorse the application.

Randi Shenkman of 48 Warner Street spoke favorably on the concept and the boarder initiative of preserving this parcel of land.

Ms. Connolly stated the asking price is not definitive, discussions are ongoing.

Mr. Barnett moved the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the grant when it is ready. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Appointment of Facility Maintenance/Recreation Specialist: Mr. O'Connor asked the Board to table this appointment until the next Board of Selectmen meeting. No action taken.
- b. Accept Recreation Committee Member's Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Peg Louraine from the Recreation Committee. A letter will be sent to Ms. Louraine thanking her for her service to the Town.
- c. Appointment of Associate Member to Historic District By-Law Commission: Mr. O'Connor presented the details. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board re-appoint Anna Szmyd Marques to the Historic District Commission as an Associate Member, term to expire June 30, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- d. Set Date for Class II Dealer's License Hearing – Roger Brandt d/b/a Carz: The Board agreed to schedule the Class II Hearing for Roger Brandt d/b/a Carz for June 27, 2015.
- e. Award HCOG Bid #1087 – Cold Patch: Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved the Board award HCOG Bid # 1087 to Ondrick Material Earth, LLC, 729 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA (picked up bid price per ton at plant location + \$110.00 p/ton). Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- f. Award HCOG Bid #1088 – Hot Mix Asphalt, Stone Seal and Full Depth Reclamation: Per the recommendation of Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, Mr. Archible moved the Board award HCOG Bid #1088 – Hot Mix Asphalt, Stone Seal & Full Depth Reclamation as follows:
 - Hot Mix Asphalt (picked up): Palmer Paving Corporation
25 Blanchard Street, Palmer, MA
 - Hot Mix Asphalt (in place): Warner Bros., LLC
325 Amherst Rd., P.O. Box 91, Sunderland, MA
 - Stone Seal: All States Asphalt, Inc
325 Amherst Rd., P.O. Box 91, Sunderland, MA
 - Full Depth Reclamation: Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc.
57 South Road, Enfield, CTSeconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- g. Chapter 90 Project Request: Mr. Archible presented the details of the request. This is for resurfacing and crack sealing on various streets throughout the Town in the amount of \$884,300.00. Mr. Archible moved the Board sign the project request as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- h. Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests: Mr. Archible presented the details of the reimbursement request. There are two requests for signature. The first is in the amount of \$94,753.00 for improvements to roadways impacted by the prolonged 2014/2015 winter season and the seconded request is in the amount of \$5,842.65 for the Route 181 Footprint Road project. Mr. Archible moved the Board endorse the Chapter 90 reimbursement requests as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Barnett. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- i. Request for Evaluation – Intersection of Turkey Hill Road and Summit Street: Mr. Archible presented the details. Steve Williams, Director of Public Works, has received numerous complaints from concerned citizens regarding the Turkey Hill

Road and Summit Street Intersection. Per the request of Mr. Williams, Mr. Archible moved the Board forward a letter to Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – Local Technical Assistance Program to conduct an evaluation of the intersection and make recommendations regarding the traffic flow. Seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- j. Special Permit for Motor Vehicle Service Station/ Motor Vehicle Repair Shop – Routhier, 61 North Liberty Street: Mr. Barnett presented the details. The property owners are seeking to start a motor vehicle repair shop on their property which is zoned B1 – limited business. He suggested that the Board get Paul Adzima, Zoning Enforcement Officer involved as there were prior issues with this property. A letter will be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals recommending they take comments and or concerns from other Town Committees and Boards into consideration.
- k. End of Fiscal Year Transfers: Mr. Barnett moved the Board allow the three transfer requests submitted by the Town Accountant; the first in the amount of \$2,500 for postage needed for billing purposes; \$5,000 for paying plumbing and electrical inspectors and \$2,500 to pay for the Dog Officer part-time wages for the month of June. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- l. Endorse Council on Aging Grant Documents for Nutrition, Outreach and Companion Errand Transportation: Mr. O'Connor presented the details. The three Title III federal grants help support the Nutrition, Outreach and Companion Transportation programs. The grants do not commit the Town to any additional funding. Mr. O'Connor moved the Board endorse the Title III grants as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Archible. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- m. Executive Session – MJGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3: Ms. Aldrich moved the Board enter executive session at the conclusion of their regular session pursuant to MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 and not to reconvene in open meeting. Roll call vote: Aponte – yes, Archible – yes, Aldrich – yes, Barnett – yes, O'Connor – yes.
- n. Miscellaneous Matters:

6) **Town Administrator's Report:** None.

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

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

Mr. Archible: The latest word from massDOT is that by July 1st notice to proceed with the Rte. 181 project will be given. Recent early retirements have compounded the start date as they have no resident engineering staff to assign to this project.

Ms. Aldrich: Welcomed Mr. Barnett back. She mentioned the Board had received thank you notes from the Belchertown High School scholarship recipients. She mentioned that there has been some recent criticism of a problem at Jessica's Boundless Playground. She reminded everyone that it is a public playground, not owned by the schools. The school department will be putting up a sign indicating that during school hours of 11:30 to 1:15 there will be high usage of the playground. It is a public playground for ALL children of ALL abilities.

Mr. O'Connor: He continues to get up to speed with his liaison duties.

Mr. Aponte: Attended the Council on Aging forum. He attended a meeting with Mass Development regarding the master plan for the former State School. He mentioned the passing of Sally Dodge a long time resident of Belchertown.

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

10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator


Board approved/endorsed: July 27, 2015

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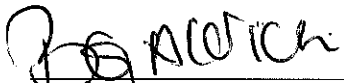
Endorsed by a majority:




Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman



George D. Archible



Brenda Q. Aldrich



William R. Barnett

Nicholas O'Connor