

Town of Dudley
Board of Selectmen
May 23, 2022 @ 6:00pm
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
68 Dudley-Oxford Rd.
Dudley, MA 01571
Approved June 14, 2022

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Honorable Chairman John Marsi opened the meeting at 6:07pm. In attendance were Hon. Kerry Cyganiewicz, Hon. Jason Johnson and Hon. Steven Sullivan, and Hon. Paul Joseph was absent. Also present were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary

2. Consent Agenda:

Jason Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of 5/9/22. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

3. Appointments:

Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator – Contract – Steven Sullivan thanked Mr. Ruda for his hard work and the his new contract is extremely fair. Steven Sullivan motioned to reappoint the Town Administrator and renew his employment agreement effective July 1, 2022, and that this reappointment included all roles in which he currently serves that are assigned to the position of Town Administrator including Chief Procurement Officer, Constable and Municipal Hearing Officer. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

4. Town Administrator's Report: n/a

5. Public Hearing:

Removal of four (4) shade trees on Mason Rd. – The Public Hearing opened at 6:11pm. Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent, stated that the trees have been marked and, because they are shade trees, we need to have a public hearing. They will be removed for the sidewalk project on Mason Road. Karen Crosby, 36 Mason Rd asked for the time frame for this project and if the trees will be cut and the stump ground down. Mr. Murray stated that the stumps will be removed. Also the contractor has received a Notice to Proceed and will be starting 6/6/22 beginning with the footpath from the fire station to Mason Rd. school. The project is a 60 day project so that it will be completed prior to the start of the new school year. The Public Hearing closed at 6:10pm. Jason Johnson motioned to approve the removal of the four shade trees on Mason Road. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

6. New Business:

- a. **MassDOT Traffic Control Agreement – Amended**– Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent, stated at our last meeting the Board approved this Agreement but a new revised Agreement was forwarded several days after the vote. With the revision a few ADA compliant areas were removed. This Agreement is funded through the federal government. Jason Johnson motioned to rescind the vote of 5/9/22 approving the Traffic Control Agreement. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0. Jason

Johnson motioned to approve the revised Traffic Control Agreement dated 5/24/22. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

- b. **Warrant Articles** – Discussion regarding the betterment articles took place. Tobin Subdivision and Misty Meadows will be recommended to pass over for the Special Town Meeting in the fall. Partridge Hill Rd. would like to proceed with the betterment program. As far as the petition article on the ban of plastic bags, the petitioner requested it to be tabled. Steven Sullivan motioned to vote on the warrant articles recommendations, including but not limited to road betterment articles, and any other actions relative thereto. Jason Johnson seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

7. Department Communication:

Jeff Murray stated that we have been awarded the Shared Streets grant for the intersection up near the golf course in the amount of \$176,854.

George Patrinos, Water/Sewer Superintendent, stated that we have had several water main breaks that has come at the same time as draining the water from Bates Rd. tank. MassDEP is baffled on the reason for this situation.

8. Board Member Comments:

Steven Sullivan publicly thanked Paul Joseph, who is not running for re-election after 20 years as a selectman. All agreed he will be missed.

9. Adjournment:

Steven Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 6:33pm and to convene into Town meeting. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary

****Documents physically identified, discussed, or considered by the Board:**
Public Hearing Notice for Removal of Four (4) Shade Trees;
Updated Traffic Control Agreement
Draft of minutes of 5/9/22 meeting to be approved;
Upcoming Selectmen meeting dates from July 2022 to December 2022

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary