

# **Town of Dudley**

## **Board of Selectmen**

Highway Commissioners

Cemetery Commissioners

January 10, 2022

Dudley Municipal Complex

71 West Main Street

Dudley, MA 01571

Approved 1/24/22

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### **1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:**

Honorable Chairman John Marsi opened the meeting at 6:30pm. In attendance were Hon. Kerry Cyganiewicz, Hon. Jason Johnson and Hon. Steven Sullivan. Also, present were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Hon. Paul Joseph was absent.

### **2. Consent Agenda**

**Steven Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda which encompassed approving the meeting minutes of December 20, 2021 and appointment of Cheryl Leyden with a term to expire June 30, 2025 as a member of the Council on Aging. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

### **3. Town Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Ruda stated that we received, through the Complete Streets Grant, the amount of \$400,000 for construction of the sidewalks on Mason Rd. We are currently working with the Highway Department, Water/Sewer Department and Planning Board on this project and in the spring we'll hold a Public Hearing for abutters. Also he has asked MassDevelopment for help with a feasibility study for the purpose of developing the property owned by the town behind the Dudley District Courthouse. There are 50 plus acres. Conservation Commission and CMRPC will be meeting with Mass developers in the near future. The town received a \$1000 grant from the Cultural Council for the open space project near the town hall. We thank the Cultural Council for their support. Finally, a vaccination clinic will take place on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for first, second and booster vaccines. You can sign up online or by calling the Board of Health. Steven Sullivan motioned to accept the Town Administrator's Report. Jason Johnson seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

### **4. Public Hearing:**

### **5. Licenses:**

### **6. Old Business:**

### **7. New Business:**

- a. Sophia Szydlik – Discussion regarding new tenant/potential new Class II license holder at Henry's Sales and Service, 65 Schofield Ave. – Ms. Szydlik came before the Board. Their prior tenant was evicted, and the property has been cleaned inside and out. A potential tenant, who is local, would like to rent from them and sell vehicles. She wanted to discuss this with the Board so that there would not be any issues when this individual comes in for his license. Kerry Cyganiewicz stated that as long they stay with the same number of vehicles and there are no cars in the street there should not be a problem. She thanked the Board.
- b. Joint Meeting with FAA – No quorum for the FAA – DCRSD – Superintendent Lamarche, Richard Mathieu, Finance Director and Dave Siniscalchi, Facilities Director came before the Board to discuss capital improvements for the district. They established a multiyear plan for renovations at Mason Road and Dudley Elementary. 1. Replacement of two roofs on the Dudley Middle School and Charlton Middle School. The roofs have the original membrane and maintenance continually need to target repairs. The projected cost for the Dudley Elementary School roof is \$2,242,500.00 (Charlton will be handling their school needs). 2. New Bleachers for the field. This would include the press box, concession stand. At this time, they rent the bleachers for \$60,000/year. Cost would be \$2,400,000. 3. Communications and cameras – At this time they are on an analog system, and they need to convert to digital. - \$250,000. Architectural Review and Professional Fees were also included in the plan for all six buildings, excluding Shepherd Hill. Total cost \$9,957,900.00. Superintendent Lamarche stated that they are looking at Shepherd Hill in the upcoming years and since the building has good bones likely they would renovate instead of razing and rebuild. They are looking to put a debt exclusion question on the spring ballot. Finally, all stated that timing is not perfect to ask for this amount of money. A financial advisory will be attending the next school committee meeting to discuss the projects.

## **8. Department Head Comments:**

Fire Chief Kochanowski informed the Board he has a new Firefighter, Timothy Donahue who replaced John Bain. He will start 2\*/7/22. Also due to the forecast of extreme cold on Tuesday the senior center will be open as a warming station if needed.

## **9. Adjournment:**

Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to adjourn at 7:41pm and to convene into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(2) – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non union personnel and not to reconvene into public session.

Jason Johnson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

John Marsi, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

Respectfully submitted

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