

# **Town of Dudley**

## **Board of Selectmen**

Highway Commissioners

Cemetery Commissioners

February 28, 2022

Dudley Municipal Complex

71 West Main Street

Dudley, MA 01571

**Approved 3/7/22**

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 6:30pm. In attendance were Hon. Kerry Cyganiewicz, Hon. Jason Johnson and Hon. Steven Sullivan. Hon. Paul Joseph requested to join by remote participation per 940 CMR 29.10 and he identified himself. Also, present were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. All votes will be roll call votes.

### **2. Consent Agenda**

**Steven Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda which encompassed approving the meeting minutes of February 7, 2022; Approve the request from the Dudley Little League to hold their annual parade on Saturday, May 7, 2022 with a rain date of Saturday, May 14, 2022; Approve the request from Sean Bowes to hold a toll booth on Saturday, June 4, 2022 with a rain date of Saturday, June 11, 2022 for the Pan Mass Challenge; Approve the request from Chief Steven Wojnar to attend the International Chiefs Conference in Dallas, TX in October 2022; Approve the request from the Board of Health to hold Earth Day on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8:00am to noon at the highway barn; and Approve the request from Linda Bazinet, President of the Black Taverns to use the Town Common as well as a parking waiver on Center Rd. for Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 7am to 4pm for their annual craft fair. Jason Johnson seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**John Marsi, Aye**

**Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye**

**Steven Sullivan, Aye**

**Jason Johnson, Aye**

**Paul Joseph, Aye**

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

- a. Mr. Ruda stated that MassDEP is requiring the town to test private wells, an additional 500 feet, on Eagle Drive for possible sources of PFAS. The results from the previous tests indicated very little PFAS in the wells but an additional 15 wells will be tested. A student from Dudley applied to Norfolk Agricultural Vocational High School. The student was denied by the superintendent based on the fact that Bay Bath has the local program. Regarding the

budget he is recommending we use qualified ARPA funds for annual compliance. The Community Host Agreements are a little behind and we anticipated the revenue. Finally, he is working with Jason Johnson regarding the betterment program costs such as engineering and permitting. He would like to use the ARPA funds to reduce the betterment costs to the residents.

- b. PACE Program – Rescheduled to 3/14/22.
- c. Thursday evening hours at town hall – Mr. Ruda recommended department heads make the decision. Some clerks have after hour meetings so we can try to assign up to four (4) hours which is a good value to cover it. Jason Johnson would like to approve the waivers for a three-month trial period. Richard Carmignani stated it is very important for his office to open on Thursday night. As the weather gets warmer and summer approaches foot traffic slows down. Jason Johnson motioned to accept the waivers until the end of May 2022. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded for discussion. He would like in future correspondence for all department heads to use the template given to them by Mr. Ruda, so everything is consistent and it is easier to compare – standardization from Mr. Johnson. This issue will be taken up at the June 6, 2022 meeting. Roll Call Vote:  
John Marsi, Aye  
Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye  
Paul Joseph, Aye  
Steven Sullivan, Aye  
Jason Johnson, Aye
- d. Town Administrator – Grants Spreadsheet – Mr. Ruda presented the Board with a spreadsheet with the grants he has submitted since 2019 when he became TA. He summarized the grants and explained some were awarded, some in progress and a few were not awarded. The total amount requested was \$1.7 million and \$1.6 million has been awarded. He would like to schedule his progress review. Kerry Cyganiewicz and Jason Johnson will facilitate the review and John Marsi and Steven Sullivan were chosen to negotiate the Town Administrator's contract renewal.
- e. Town Meeting Warrant: Jason Johnson motioned to open the town meeting warrant today, Monday, February 28, 2022, close the warrant on Monday March 21, 2022 @ 4:30pm and Post the warrant prior to Thursday, May 12, 2022. Steven Sullivan seconded.  
Roll Call Vote:  
John Marsi, Aye  
Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye  
Paul Joseph, Aye  
Steven Sullivan, Aye  
Jason Johnson, Aye

#### **4. Department Head Comments:**

Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent, stated the Shared Streets Grant was submitted today. He is hopeful this grant will provide us funding for some traffic configuration at the intersection of Airport Rd, Dudley Hill Rd and Tanyard Rd. Also, Governor Baker awarded additional funds for Chapter 90. He is waiting for the amount and will keep the board informed.

#### **5. Board member Comments:**

Steven Sullivan stated he was sad to read in the local newspaper that Catherine Kabala, who has been on the school committee for 38 years, will not be seeking re-election. She has been a voice for the Town of Dudley in our school district and unhappy to see her go but understands it has not been an easy year for the school committee. Paul Joseph requested we ask Mrs. Kabala to our next meeting.

**S Adjournment/Executive Session:**

Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to adjourn at 7:38pm 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 and MGL Chapter 30A@21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, and not to reconvene into public session. Steven Sullivan seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

John Marsi, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

Paul Joseph, Aye

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Jervis

Administrative Secretary