

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
September 12, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571
Room 321A
Approved 9/26/22

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 Jason Johnson opened the meeting at 6:33pm. In attendance were Honorable John Marsi, Honorable Mark Landry and Honorable Kerry Cyganiewicz. Also present were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Honorable Steven Sullivan was absent.

2. Consent Agenda:

John Marsi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda which encompassed approving a request for a parking waiver for the Dudley Grange #163 on Center Road from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, October 1, 2022 for the Annual Apple Festival, acceptance of minutes of August 22, 2022, and approval of the request from the Dudley PTO to use the beach area for their annual Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2022. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 5-0.

3. Appointments:

DCRSD School Building Committee – John Marsi motioned to appoint Stephen Lepper and Daniel Edmiston to the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District's School Building Committee – no term limits. Mark Landry seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Resignation: Connor Wieloch, Building and Grounds, resigned as of 9/16/22. Mr. Wieloch has accepted a position as Dispatcher for the SWCCC.

4. Citizen's Comments – n/a

5. Licenses/Permits:

Nichols College – Outdoor Entertainment License – Heather Bowes, representing Nichols College came before the Board requesting a license with a location at the Dudley Golf Club a/k/a Bison Den. A four-piece band will be playing. **John Marsi motioned to approve the request for Nichols College for a One Day Outdoor Entertainment License for Friday, September 30, 2022 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm located at Dudley Hill Golf Club, 80 Airport Road, Dudley, MA. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

6. New Business:

Drusilla Carter – Library Director – update on back to school and events – Ms. Carter stated that the library just finished the summer reading program. There were 499 participants. Saturday hours will resume on 9/10/22 and she gave the Board information about upcoming events and programs.

7. Town Administrator's Report –

Policy Review – Mr. Ruda requested the Board vote on two policies, Telework Policy and Notary Public Policy, which was reviewed by Town Counsel. Next meeting, we will be entertaining two people to review our HR Policy and there are many policies that they would like to have adopted. Also Mr. Ruda introduced Joy Hosford, our new social media and Public Information liaison. Joy came before the Board and introduced herself. She worked for the Webster Times as a reporter a few years ago and has since moved up to the north shore.

Mr. Ruda mentioned upcoming Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIP) and FAA meetings: September 20, 2022 – workshop with CIP and FAA @ 6:30pm. All department heads that would like to be included in the Capital plan will need to attend this meeting. Also the warrant is open as of tonight and will close on 9/23/22 at noon for Citizens petition articles only.

Stevens Mill update – Andrew Weddell, Project Manager for Stevens Mill LLC, gave Mr. Ruda an update. The usual development issues are being cleared, they have a signed access agreement, pricing for the job is going on at this time, the architect is 70% complete, the civil engineer has completed his plan and groundbreaking will be in February 2023.

8. Public Hearing:

n/s

9. Old Business:

Mr. Ruda requested the Board to discuss his goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Jason Johnson stated that in his opinion he would like to see the development of the position as it relates to the needs of the town. All agreed to work on his G&O.

10. Departmental Communications:

Chief Wojnar stated that his department is still waiting for several vehicles that were ordered last year. Hopefully within the next few months at least one of the cruisers will be delivered. Regarding his officers, there have been many calls on mental health issues. He officers will be sent to a 40 hr. training on crisis intervention. Which is very useful. Finally, Chief Wojnar announced that he will be retiring in January 2023 after serving 34 years in the department and 20 years as Chief of the Police Department in Dudley.

George Patrinos reported that the Bates Tank is now operational and the second tank on Dresser Hill Rd. will be worked on next week. The department has several water breaks too.

Jeff Murray stated that the paving of Dudley-Oxford Rd is complete along with Mason Road. The brine machine has been delivered. Finally, he is working on a grant to fund some engineering work and culvert repair. The projects, funded by Winter Recovery Act

Program (WRAP) covered all work except for \$23,000. This was due to an increase in the cost for liquid asphalt. This amount will be paid out of other accounts.

11. Board Member Comments:

All thanked Nichols College, President Glenn Sulmasy, for his invitation to the football game last Friday night and the excellent fireworks display.

12. Adjournment:

John Marsi motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary

** Documents physically identified, discussed, or considered by the Board:
Draft minutes of 8/22/22
Letters of Intent for Dan Edmiston and Stephen Lepper
Policies – Telework and Notary
Nichols College – Outdoor Entertainment License Application