

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 10, 2022**

In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Justin R. Evans; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; and Town Administrator Lincoln D. Heineman.

Chairman Kowalski asked everyone in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence dedicated to the people of Ukraine.

Chairman Kowalski announced the meeting is being recorded and televised by WHCA.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Chairman Kowalski opened public forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Junk Dealer's License Application: JC's Things (Stacey Brueggeman Danforth)

At 6:05 p.m. Chairman Kowalski opened a public meeting in connection with the application of JC's Things (Stacey Brueggeman Danforth) for a Junk Dealer's License on the premises located at 356 South Avenue. Chairman Kowalski advised the Board that if this application is approved, the vote should include rescinding the Junk Dealer's License held by JC's Things (Carl Danforth) on the premises located at 356 South Avenue.

Mrs. Danforth advised the Board of the recent death of her husband, Carl Danforth. She would like to keep the business open and is applying for a license in her name.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the application of JC's Things (Stacey Brueggeman Danforth) for a Junk Dealer's License on the premises located at 356 South Avenue; and to rescind the Junk Dealer's License held by JC's Things (Carl Danforth) on the premises located at 356 South Avenue. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Chairman Kowalski read a letter he received from Eileen Gibson, Executive Director of the Whitman Housing Authority, into the record (see attachment).

COVID-19

In an update to the Board, Fire Chief Timothy Clancy announced there are 43 positive cases in Whitman; the positivity rate is 5.81 percent; and the state vaccination rate is 68 percent. The Fire Department will resume vaccine clinics when recommended by the CDC.

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to

M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation relative to a claim by the Whitman Police Union and a Union member as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, as declared by the chair. **Second** Mr. Bezanson. Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; and Chairman Kowalski – yes. **So voted 5-0.**

At 6:31 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to reconvene in Open Session. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Security Camera Policy

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adopt the Security Camera Policy & Procedures as presented. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Town Administrator Evaluation

Chairman Kowalski announced he has received evaluation forms from all members of the Board, along with Mr. Heineman's self-evaluation. Chairman Kowalski will prepare a report and present it at the next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Facilities Manager Position

Mr. Heineman reminded the Board of Town Meeting's approval to fund a full-time facilities manager position. The Personnel Policies specify non-union positions must be advertised at Town Hall and on the Town website for 10 business days. Chairman Kowalski suggested discussing the interview process at the next meeting. Mr. Heineman agreed to post the position.

Boston Sparks Association Request to Use Armory Building

Mr. Heineman advised the Board that he, Chief Clancy and Todd DeCouto recently met with Boston Sparks Association, a 501 c3 that provides Fire-Police incident support. The organization has requested to keep one of their vehicles at the Armory and is offering to provide some upgrades to the building, specifically security and lighting. There was no objection from the Board.

Mr. Heineman announced this is the last meeting Mr. Bezanson will be attending due to his decision not to run for re-election. He then commended Mr. Bezanson for his 18 years of service as a member of the Board of Selectmen. State Representative Alyson Sullivan presented Mr. Bezanson with a citation from the House of Representatives and thanked him for all the help he has given her over the last three and a half years. Chairman Kowalski also thanked Mr. Bezanson for his service. After a few words from Mr. Bezanson, he was presented with a gift from members of the Board, the Town Administrator and the Executive Assistant. Mr. Bezanson's wife, family members and friends were also in attendance.

At 6:51 p.m. Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second** Mr. Salvucci, **so voted 5-0.**