



**TOWN OF  
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SELECTBOARD**

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*Minutes  
Selectboard  
Monday, May 20, 2019*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Ron Olsen and Drew Kellner along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Also present: Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Brett Hall, Buddy Dougherty, Mark Fessenden, Tom Solon, Jack Flanagan, Annett Quimby, Tricia Thompson, Cathy Ford, and Rui Loura.

6:30pm **Brendan** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

**Rui Loura** said he feels the wording of the Elderly Exemption requirements is ambiguous and could possibly put the Town in legal trouble. He suggested the Town seek legal counsel. **Tad** said we have reached out to several sources, including the state, for clarity on the requirements, including definitions of “income”.

**Brendan** acknowledged the recent passing of **Richard** and **Roberta Randlett**, and noted that **Richard** served as a member on the Planning Board for many years.

**Brendan** announced the American Legion’s Memorial Day ceremony will be held on the Town Hall lawn, Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. **Brendan** thanked the Women’s Club for volunteering this past weekend to clean-up the Grove for the coming season.

**Approve Minutes**

*Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve the minutes for the Monday, May 6, 2019 meeting as written; Voted Yes 3-0-1, Ron abstained. Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve five sets of non-public minutes for the Monday, May 6, 2019 meeting as written; Voted Yes 3-0-1, Ron abstained.*

**Approve Warrants**

*The Board approved Accounts Payable Warrant #19 in the amount of \$77,526.82, Payroll Warrant #20 in the amount of \$56,037.96 and Police Detail Payroll in the amount of \$250.00.*

**Appointments**

*Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to appoint Randy Haight to the Melendy Pond Management Committee; Voted Yes 4-0.*

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**Notice to Appoint**

*The Board gave notice to appoint Jordan Bailey as Full Member and Drew Kellner as Alternate Member to the Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council at the next Selectboard meeting on June 3, 2019.*

**Review Cornerstone Bible Church's Annual Agreement for the Chapel**

**Tad** said he updated the agreement for the new year and noted that we last increased rent in 2015. **Brendan** said he sees no need to increase rent since there have been no significant increases in utility or maintenance costs since then. **Ron moved, seconded by Drew, to accept the rental agreement as written; Voted Yes 3-0-1, Eddie abstained.**

**Discuss Removal of Two Large Pine Trees at Brookline Chapel**

**Tad** said the Joint Loss Management Committee had listed two large pine trees beside the Chapel driveway as a possible risk, adding he has received one estimate for \$2,800 to have them removed. **Ann** noted that some light trimming of the pine trees is needed across the street from the Chapel and suggested including that work in additional estimates that are sought. **Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to have Tad get two more estimates for the next meeting to remove the trees, including light trimming across the street; Voted Yes 4-0.**

**Discuss Potential Hawkers/Peddlers Ordinance**

**Tad** said the 250<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee Event Coordinator, **Jay Bishop**, advised that the Town should have a current Hawkers/Peddlers Ordinance in place for vendors at the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. **Tad** said there was an ordinance passed in 1963, but it is clearly outdated. He said he is working on an updated draft of the ordinance and shared an initial draft with the Board. **Eddie** said he would be in favor of a one-day ordinance. The other Board members favored an ordinance that is longer-term. **Drew** expressed concern about having an ordinance that applies to yard sales. **Tad** said he would generate a second draft that focuses primarily on vendors that are passing through town and that allows for discretion on the part of the police.

**Public Hearing re Potential Prohibition of Animals at the Brookline Ball Park**

7:00pm - **Brendan** called the hearing to order and read an email from Recreation Commission member **Rich Vertullo** requesting a "No Dogs Allowed Policy" for the Town Ball Field, similar to what has been adopted at the Grove. **Mark Fessenden** shared the 1910 deed for the ball park, which states rules for the park need to be approved by voters at town meeting. **Tad** said he reached out earlier in the day for legal clarification on whether the deed's wording prevails or if the current RSAs, providing the Recreation Commission with the authority to set rules for town parks, takes precedence. He said he has not received a response yet. **Eddie** said, after thinking it over, he is now in favor of providing public receptacles and bags for animal waste as opposed to prohibiting dogs. **Tricia Thompson** of West Hill Road is against banning dogs. She said if people are not cleaning up after their dogs, having a policy will not change that. **Rich Vertullo** said the Recreation Commission would like to prohibit dogs for a few reasons. First, female dog urine kills the grass, second, some people do not pick up after their dogs and, third, we have a larger volume of people and activity at the park, which sets up the potential for an incident and/or injury.

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He said we are trying to be proactive with the influx of out of town people and it's reached a point that needs to be addressed. **Rich** said he wants it on record that the Recreation Commission is recommending dogs be prohibited. **Annett Quimby** of Quimby Road said the "no dogs" signs we have at the ball park were a result of the Recreation Commission's effort when she served on it years ago. She said they had the problem back then with people leaving their dog's waste for others to step in and she agrees with the current Recreation Commission from a safety standpoint as well. **Tom Solon** of Shady Rock Road said he supports restrictions on specific behaviors, but it doesn't guarantee results. **Cathy Ford** of Old Milford Road said she is against a "no dogs policy", but said we should have rules and we should take responsibility for providing bags and receptacles at the ball park. **Buddy Dougherty** of Ruonala Road said people say they have control over their dogs and let them run all over the trails. He would like to see a town wide leash law. **Brendan** said the Town has a leash law. **Rui Loura** said there is a hefty fine for no leash and that dog waste falls under littering, but we don't enforce it. He said he would be willing to donate to the cause to keep things clean. **Brendan** closed the hearing at 7:27pm. **Eddie** asked if it is worth consulting legal to see if the Town would be liable for incidents with dogs in public. **Tad** said he will seek legal advice. **Drew** said he is against the ordinance and would also prefer any rules go to town meeting in deference to the wording of the deed.

**Discuss Invitations to Governor and US Senators for 250<sup>th</sup> Parade**

The Board agreed to invite the Governor and US Senators to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. **Drew** said he has contacts at the state level and will pass them along to **Tad**.

**Review 2019-2020 Selectboard Task List and Timeline**

The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 task list and timeline. **Brendan** suggested we revisit last year's Capital Improvements Plan in August, before 2020 budget talks begin, and ask the Planning Board Co-Chairs and Finance Committee to attend. The Board agreed.

**Finalize Public Works Building Committee (PWBC) Charter**

**Tad** said **Mike** advised him that **Daryl Pelletier** expressed interest in serving on the PWBC. He said one other individual expressed interest, but he would be away at school for a portion of the year and therefore was unavailable. ***The Board gave notice to appoint Daryl Pelletier as the Resident at Large for the Public Works Building Committee at the next Selectboard meeting on June 3, 2019.***

*After a brief discussion, Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to amend a bulleted item in the PWBC Charter; Voted Yes 4-0. The Board signed the charter.*

**Review Mail Folder**

The Board reviewed the mail folder.

**Discuss Next Meeting Agenda**

It was agreed the following items would be on the next meeting agenda:

- Invitation letters for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade
- Appointments to Wild and Scenic & PWBC

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- Fire Chief Corey – periodic Fire Department update
- Open bids for new ambulance
- Legal advice – re Ball Park “No Dogs Allowed” ordinance
- Review Bids for removal of pine trees at the Chapel

***Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation; Roll Call Vote 4-0.***

***Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote; Yes 4-0.***

***Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 4-0.***

7:55pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

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Brendan Denehy

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Eddie Arnold

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Ron Olsen

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Drew Kellner