



**SELECTBOARD**  
**TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**1 SOUTH ROAD**  
**WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027**

Minutes of April 17, 2019

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Art Pichette and Maureen Dempsey.

Others present were Steve Holt, Ginny Curtis, Julia Lennen, Louise Jasionkowski, Jean Webster, and Wendy Blow.

Minutes were taken by Cheryl Provost.

Warrants were signed for:     Payroll: \$76,940.13  
   Vendor: \$84,464.10

Minutes of April 8, 2019 were submitted.

- Interview for Council On Aging Coordinator was held with Elizabeth Perkins. Standard questions were asked. The members of the COA and Julia followed up by answering questions from Elizabeth Perkins and describing the current status of the board.
- Highway Dept., layout of King's Highway:  
The layout plan of King's Highway was reviewed. The response of no comment from the Planning Board was accepted. Maureen moved to lay out a portion of Kings Highway as a town way as shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Land Kings Highway Over North Branch Manhan River," dated March 20, 2019, prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., which plan was referred to the Planning Board and which plan is hereby adopted as a part of this order, and all land lying within the above described boundaries of a portion of Kings Highway is hereby laid out as a town way and forward to the Town Clerk for filing. Second by Art. Motion passed 2-yay's, 0-nay's.
- The draft warrant of the Annual Town Meeting and Election was reviewed, as amended April 8.
- Public Safety Complex Review Committee updates:  
Steve Holt reported there will be an informational session at 7:00 p.m., April 22 at the Town Hall to provide updates. A bon fire is scheduled for May 4. Flyers will be circulated in the Bell Tower and available at the 2 events.
- Zoning Bylaw Review Committee:  
Ginny Curtis resigned from the committee.
- Green Communities Celebration:  
A "celebration" to welcome new Green Designation Communities of Worthington, Sandisfield,

Wilbraham, and Westhampton is scheduled for May 2. Jim Barry, and other Reps from the Dept. of Energy Resources will attend. Invites will be sent to state representatives and senators, as well as the press. Request was made to hold the event in Westhampton Town Hall. So approved.

- Inspector of Animals nomination was not accepted by Cara Pease. She also will not continue as Animal Control Officer. Shayla Howe will respond to ACO calls in the interim. She is unable to permanently take the position. A search for candidates will be opened.
- The written response from the Planning Board as to the zoning bylaw proposal for appointment of a Planning Board Associate was reviewed. The Planning Board approved the article with recommendation that the Chair may activate the Associate. The proposed bylaw states that the Planning Board Chair may designate the associate.; they will be asked to clarify their recommendation. Public hearing on the bylaw is 7:30 p.m., April 29.
- Solar PILOT agreement:  
Roy Bishop Consultant emailed recommendations how to calculate the value of the land where the pending solar facility will be located. It is not directly related to the PILOT, but rather provides additional tax revenue forecast for the property. The information will be forwarded to the Assessors.
- Assessors Assistant search update:  
The Board of Assessors is conducting an interview April 17.

The Board of Assessor position is the only caucus nomination not accepted. Candidates are needed.

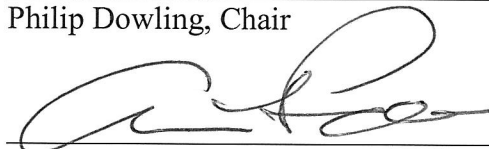
Discussion ensued regarding the caucus proceedings. The Westhampton Elementary School Committee had one position for three years at the caucus. An additional two year seat to fill a vacancy should have been included. Two nominations were made for the three year seat, one candidate withdrew and will seek appointment to fill the other seat.

- Correspondence was reviewed:
  - Finance Committee recommendations of articles to submit to voters. Committee approve all articles, with a 7-0-0 vote on all with the exception of the ambulance article which was approved 6-0-1.
  - Dept. of Environmental Protection official notice of procedures of their bid for a ten year contract for hauling. The information was provided at a prior meeting by David Blakseley. He and HRMC are working together on the town's requirements. The town meeting article (31) refers to this contract.
- Steve Holt inquired if funds are available to purchase a new screen for the Town Hall. The current one is in bad condition. With a new one more power point and videos can be used for presentations at meetings and hearings. Art and Maureen agreed a new screen would be put to use. Steve offered to get prices and report back.
- Ginny inquired about the status of the Crown Vic (PD). Chief White and Cheryl are working on disbursement.


- Maureen asked about the status of "JAWS". Discussion ensued regarding previous inquiries, the condition of the fence, and activity. Proof of current activity is needed to take lawful action.
- Administrative Assistant updates, Cheryl Provost reported:  
Discussion was held regarding the Annual Town Report cover photo. Agreed to use the aerial picture as seen on the website, with permission from Todd Alexander.
- Next meeting: 7:00 p.m. April 29 and May 13, 2019. Town Meeting May 11.
- Documents submitted:
  - Expense Report through 04/04/2019
  - layout plan for a portion of Kings Highway
  - draft warrant of Annual Town Meeting
- Documents signed:
  - order of layout of King's Highway
  - tag sale permit for Karen Croisetiére of 12 South Road
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

Philip Dowling, Chair



Arthur Pichette



Maureen Dempsey