

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2019**

Chairman Dziokonski, Selectman Sargent, Selectman Connolly, and Selectman Kerrigan, Selectman Iacobucci were in attendance. Attendees were Solicitor Gibbons and Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Public Comment

There was none.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from January 9, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Moment of Silence for Mr. Bernard Gaughan a long-time teacher and coach and Mr. John "Fumb" McNamara former Fire Captain and Board of Selectmen member.

Utility Pole Installation Public Hearing – Park Street

Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing inviting the representative of National Grid forward for discussion. Mr. Harvey Morales representing National Grid was before the board. Mr. Morales explained he is before the board with a request to install a new utility pole on Park Street beginning at a point approximately 55 feet southwest of centerline of the intersection on Beacon Street. He explained it will be an upgrade to the system to improve service for customer satisfaction. Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor there was none. He opened for Public Comment in opposition, there was none. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented for the installation of a new utility pole. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

KRD Growers, Inc. Marijuana Cultivation & Retail Facility

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board has requested input from the Town Solicitor on the environmental work done at 89 Parker Street where KRD Growers, Inc. has submitted a proposal for marijuana cultivation and retail store on that site. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the board enter an agreement with the property owner regarding a tax abatement for environmental clean up to be completed by December 31, 2018. A Response Action Outcome report should be submitted. Mr. Jeff Cunningham property

owner and Tom Williamson of Williamson Environmental, LLC were before the board. Mr. Williamson explained the review has been completed and the DEP regulatory compliance is up to date the next reporting isn't due until June. The mediation work continues and the next step is removing the old hardwood flooring. He explained the excavation removal is done and additional water and air testing is due at the end of February with required reporting to the DEP in June. Solicitor Gibbons asked if as of June 2019, the response action outcome report will be completed and submitted to the town. Chairman Dziokonski asked Solicitor Gibbons if it is his recommendation to develop an agreement. Administrator Ward explained the board is looking for some direction to move to the next step. Chairman Dziokonski reviewed nothing has been approved by the DEP for use of the building, the permanent solution will be filled in June. Mr. Cunningham reviewed at this time it is being reported the air quality is the last testing to be completed, there is no hazardous material in the brook and testing will continue but there is no more work to be completed. Discussion continued the board reviewed the request is to begin negotiations for a host agreement with KRD Growers for the facility pending final approval of the DEP. Selectman Connolly reviewed the town has interest in the property and the property owner has made progress, and met requirements, if he fails to complete them the financial benefit of the tax abatement is at risk. He has demonstrated he has made progress, this shouldn't impede KDR Growers, Inc. Selectman Connolly made a motion to move to the next step and begin negotiations with KDR Growers, Inc on a host agreement. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent explained he will go head and vote on the agreement but would like to see the letter with the final solution, state the environmental cleanup completed, but he will vote yes to move forward. Selectman Kerrigan asked when the final reporting will be completed, it is June. Selectman Connolly explained that is a future matter, once the agreement has been made, it will be approved prior to completion. Selectman Iacobucci asked for clarification on the clean-up. Mr. Cunningham explained over the last year, no hazardous materials have been found on site, all the test results are on the state DEP website. Chairman Dziokonski explained the issue is with the property on Parker Street, the motion is to move forward with the agreement subject to the project going forward. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Cunningham thanked the board, he explained they have been helpful over the last few years and he knows this will be successful project and help Clinton. The property is environmentally better.

Crabgrass LLC- Marijuana Cultivation Facility

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the representatives of Crabgrass, LLC submitted all required documents to the board for a cultivation site at 55 Sterling Street. Solicitor Gibbons explained he has taken a look at the documents submitted and they have satisfied all requirements. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the request of

enter into negotiations for a host agreement with Crabgrass, LLC. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of February 2019: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Spruce Street Tavern, The Simple Man Saloon and Polish American Veterans. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed any additional requests be sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. The vote was unanimous

Old & New Business

Emerald City Growers, Inc. Host Community Agreement

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board has received the Host Community Agreement presented for review and approval, some amendments have been made from the last draft submitted. They included a list of Community organizations they intend to support through annual donations and removed the request to split the processing fee. Selectman Connolly made a motion to accept the terms and conditions of the host agreement submitted and move forward with a letter of non-opposition to be drafted and granted to the applicant. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent stated he is not voting in favor to support, he is aware of the prior tenant and the drug task force involvement. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the board is voting on the amended host agreement submitted. Chairman Dziokonski stated yes, the approval will be granted to include the support to the Community organizations an annual donation will be made to Mass Central Rail Trail, Maybarton Community Garden and WHEAT, Inc. The vote was 3/ 2 Selectman Kerrigan and Sargent opposed.

MMA Annual Conference

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board member recently attended the Annual MMA Conference, at this time member can share information from the workshop's members attended. Selectman Connolly explained he is not prepared at this time, at a future meeting he will review his notes. Board members agreed this can be reviewed at a future meeting.

Goals & Objectives

Downtown Decorative Streetlight Project

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to review the latest information prepared by the engineer. He will have more to update the board with at the next meeting.

Old & New Business

Revision of Marijuana By-Law

Selectman Connolly asked board members if they had any consideration to revise the marijuana by-law, he reviewed the by law allows for 2 retail locations. He would like to review an amendment to the by-law potentially allowing more. He would like to have it as a discussion item and gain some insight from the Planning Board and the Community & Economic Development Director. Chairman Dziokonski explained this can be scheduled on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Committee Reports

Communications & Marketing Subcommittee

Selectman Kerrigan reviewed the committee recently met and had a great meeting. The plan is to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month. He reviewed there was a spirited discussion on snow removal, this is a puzzle with many pieces. They are working on some lasting changes with the culture in town and how far to go with enforcement. The discussion included enacting some DPW changes with equipment and personnel. They also reviewed enforcement of state-owned property. They concluded with approaching the DPW Superintendent to offer his opinion and comments on the subject. He will keep the board posted.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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