



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2020

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. John Nason, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc Richard, Clerk

**ATTENDEES:** Mr. Peter Krawczyk and Mr. James Kordek

### Opened the Meeting at 4:30 PM

Mr. Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 31, 2020 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2020 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

### MUNICIPAL RELIEF LEGISLATION – CHAPTER 53 OF THE ACTS OF 2020

On April 3, 2020, the Governor signed Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, entitled “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting from COVID-19” (Act) which affords municipalities relief in key areas. One such area being Section 10-12 of the “Act” the Chief Executive Officer (Selectboard) to extend tax deadlines. With no objection and in consideration of residents’ fiscal challenges, the following motion was made: Motion to adopt the provision of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 10-12 as approved by the Legislature made by Mr. Nason; second; Mr. Richard – unanimous.

### CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Ken Lacey provided a draft contract that he is using in Sturbridge for congregate housing for First Responders. The purpose is to have a mechanism in place in the event that any of our First Responders need to either quarantine or isolate themselves due to COVID-19. The full Board is in agreement to assist any of our First Responders as needed. Mr. Nason stated that he is not necessarily in favor of a hotel in Sturbridge. The Office will contact both Chiefs to discuss the matter further and for additional information.

### POLICE ACADEMY REIMBURSEMENT

Officer Alexander Sinni resigned from the Police Department as of March 27, 2020. When hired, Mr. Sinni stated that he had no objections to reimbursing the Town any costs associated with the Police Academy Training expended by the Town on his behalf. The reimbursement would be during a five year timeframe. Although there was a verbal agreement, there was nothing in writing to recoup the money. The Board requested that an invoice be drafted and sent to Officer Sinni with several payment options available. The Board will consider additional action if necessary.

### BAN RENEWAL – TABLED AT THE TREASURERS’ REQUEST

### CHAPTER 90 – CONTRACTS – FY 21

Motion to award the Chapter 90 Contracts for FY 21 for the following:

#### Bond Construction

½" Washed Stone

Crushed Asphalt

3" – 5" Rip-Rap

¾" Washed Stone

Crushed Gravel

Fountain & Sons Construction

Murray Paving & Reclamation

Palmer Paving Corporation

Sealcoating, Inc.

Hired Equipment

Liquid Calcium FDR

Bituminous Concrete

Fiberized Crack Seal

### TREASURY WARRANTS

Motion to approve and sign the Warrants as presented made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous

Date: 3/30/2020			Date: 4/6/2020			Date: 4/13/2020		
	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll			80	40,695.81		82	35,495.09	
Vendor	79	729,101.05	81	30,158.30		83	72,661.10	

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi spoke briefly about the budgets and the concerns he has with the fiscal outlook. Additional discussions will need to take place with departments and the real possibility of budget cuts due to the COVID-19 impact. Both Mr. Nason and Mr. Richard were in agreement.

\*Although this is a working meeting, Chairman Nardi graciously acknowledged resident Peter Krawczyk. Mr. Krawczyk asked if this Board (BOS) was involved with or had any information regarding pushing for a “rubber stamp” on plans for doorways at Quaboag. The Board of Selectmen are not nor have been involved with anything regarding that matter nor have any knowledge of such. Mr. Krawczyk also questioned the memo requesting all departments to provide a supplemental budget reflecting a 5% reduction. Mr. Krawczyk expressed concerns over the Libraries and the effect it would have on both.

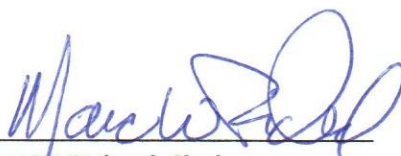
The FY 21 budget has not been set and again, due to the COVID-19 implications, the stark reality is that all departments could see cuts.

### NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

  
Marc W. Richard, Clerk