

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 6, 2019**

The meeting took place in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located in the upper level of Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; Member Scott J. Lambiase; and Town Administrator Francis J. Lynam. Chairman Kowalski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 4-0-1** (Mr. Lambiase abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

James A, Loring, dba TLC: Rescind Class II License

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to rescind the Class II Auto Dealer's License for James A. Loring, dba TLC, on the premises located at 746 Bedford Street. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Auxiliary/Special Police Officer Appointment

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Chief Benton to appoint Peter E. Brown to the position of Auxiliary/Special Police Officer, through June 30, 2019. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Request for Use of Town Hall Auditorium

Mr. Lynam advised the Board that he received a request from Linda Healy to use the Town Hall Auditorium in order to hold a public hearing where she is challenging an education plan of the WHRSD. Ms. Healy indicated that her son is uncomfortable going to the high school for a hearing; however, Superintendent Szymaniak has offered her the use of any room in any school and she has refused. The superintendent feels Ms. Healy should follow the process and procedures of the district and Mr. Lynam is in agreement as this is not a municipal function. He then recommended the Board deny Ms. Healy's request and suggest she speak with the superintendent. Chairman Kowalski agreed, noting this is a school issue. Mr. Lynam stated that this is a regional issue. The superintendent is opposed to her holding the hearing at Town Hall and has advised Mr. Lynam that Ms. Healy has changed attorneys three times during this process. In addition, the superintendent and director of special education have advised Mr.

Lynam that the statutes are quite clear. Following discussion, all members of the Board agreed to deny Ms. Healy's request and advised Mr. Lynam to refer her back to the superintendent of the WHRSD. Mr. Lynam promised to notify Ms. Healy tomorrow.

Request for Payment Plan on Foreclosure Redemption

Mr. Lynam stated that approximately 2 years ago the Board agreed to delay foreclosing on a property on Lazel Street in order to allow the youngest child to complete school. There are now 7 adults living in the home. The last payment received for property taxes was in 2011 and there have been no payments on sewer and water. The owner was notified a year ago that the town would be foreclosing and the year for redemption has expired. The town can now take the steps to sell the property and the owner has been asked to make arrangements to vacate the property. The owner is now asking to establish a payment plan; however, she failed to make any contact with the Town Collector during the redemption period. Mr. Lynam explained that the town is at risk because it now owns the property. If a payment plan is allowed, it would put the town into a tenant/renter situation which is something that we cannot get into. After a brief discussion, all members of the Board expressed no interest in allowing a payment plan; and agreed to turn the matter over to the town's tax attorney in order to begin the eviction process.

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn to Town Meeting subject to the call of the chair. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

At 10:58 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk