

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; Member Justin R. Evans; and Assistant Town Administrator Lisa M. Green. Clerk Brian J. Bezanson was absent. 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.

Chairman Kowalski announced the meeting is being recorded and televised by WHCA.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. **Second** Mr. Lamattina, **so voted 4-0.**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

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, August 6, 2019. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

BUDGET OVERRIDE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Mr. LaMattina provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Budget Override Evaluation Committee. The committee has not met since August 5th, but is scheduled to meet next on August 26th, at which time a financial consultant will be on hand for a presentation and to answer any questions the committee members may have. Mr. LaMattina also discussed an email he received from a member of the committee asking if the Board of Selectmen has discussed participating in the Old Colony Planning Council's Economic Development Self-Assessment. Mr. LaMattina feels this could be another step towards a solution, and asked that Mr. Lynam and/or Mrs. Green reach out to the town's OCPC representative, Fred Gilmetti.

NEW BUSINESS

Centralizing Attendance Records for Town Employees

Mrs. Green advised the Board that Mr. Lynam has been exploring centralizing attendance records for all employees in the office of the Board of Selectmen in order to keep better control of vacation leave, sick leave, etc.

Whitman Area Toy Drive: Request to Change Date of Fundraiser

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of the Whitman Area Toy Drive to change the date of its tollbooth fundraiser from August 31, 2019, to September 7, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a rain date of September 14, 2019. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.**

Crossing Guard/Special Constable: Reappointment

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to reappoint Annette Kesaris to the position of Crossing Guard/Special Constable for a one-year term, through June 30, 2020. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.** Chairman Kowalski noted that Mrs. Kesaris was inadvertently omitted from the FY20 list of annual appointments.

Cultural Council: Rescind Appointments

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to rescind the appointment of Michelle Manning and Stephen Jenkins as members of the Whitman Cultural Council. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.** Chairman Kowalski noted that Ms. Manning resigned and Mr. Jenkins, who was appointed to the WCC on April 30, 2019, was never sworn into office.

Chairman Kowalski announced current Board/Committee vacancies; and asked anyone who is interested in filling a vacancy to contact the office of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Bruce Perry on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, dba Whitman Food Pantry, Holy Ghost Parish, for a One-Day Liquor License on Saturday, September 21, 2019, on the premises located at 49 School Street, in connection with a pasta dinner; and to waive the fee for said permit. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.**

Application for Junk Collector's License: Environmental Pick-up Corp.

Chairman Kowalski advised the Board that Mr. Melchione is purchasing the current business from Michael Conway. Approval of the application should be subject to receipt of the license fee and a final inspection/approval of the Building Commissioner, Robert Curran. In addition, the current license held by Conway Scrap Metal should be rescinded. Mr. Salvucci asked the applicant if Paul Street would be used as an access to the business. Larger vehicles traveling on that road could cause damage and Paul Street is a private road that is not maintained by the town. Mr. Melchione explained that he has spoken with the residents of Paul Street regarding the condition of the road, and he has already made some repairs and has agreed to help with more. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the application of Environmental Pick-up Corp., dba Conway Scrap Metal (Joseph Melchione), for a Junk Collector's License on the premises located at 36 Vincent Street, subject to receipt of the license fee and a final inspection/approval of Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer Robert Curran; and to rescind the current license held by Conway Scrap Metal, Inc. (Michael Conway), effective upon the issuance of the license to the new owner. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Helen Iannone, President of Whitman Youth Soccer, to hold the Opening Day Parade on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., in accordance with the route outlined in a letter received on August 20, 2019. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 4-0.**

The Board set their September meeting schedule for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kowalski announced that in honor of Chief of Police Scott Benton's upcoming retirement on September 16, 2019, the Board would like to take a moment to recognize Chief Benton for his nearly 33 years of service to the Town of Whitman. Before presenting Chief Benton with a proclamation that outlined just a few of his many achievements throughout his career, Chairman Kowalski read the proclamation into the record. The Board of Selectmen then congratulated Chief Benton and wished him well in his retirement.

At 7:12 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with the M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21a, (1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual; and (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. **Second** Mr. LaMattina. Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes. Vice Chairman Salvucci – yes; and Chairman Kowalski – yes. **So voted 4-0.** The meeting will reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

At 7:43 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk