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Meeting Minutes

Minutes accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 5/16/23 a roll call vote of 5-0

6:00 p.m. – May 02, 2023

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jeff Bannon, Vice Chair Jonathan Anderson, Clerk David Hall & Select member Jesse Limanek. Select person Wendy Mead is via zoom.

Also in attendance in person: Town Manager James Smith & Town Accountant Tim Harrison and Deb Jacques, secretary

Chairperson Bannon recites the Hybrid Opening Statement which went in to effect March 29, 2023

Public Forum – N/A

Select person Hall motions to accept as presented the April 18, 2023 Select Board meeting minutes Vice Chair Anderson seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

****Public Hearing**** Pole Hearing – Old Mill/Manchaug Rd. Public Hearing as advertised in the 4/6/23 Millbury Sutton Chronicle is read into record by Select person Hall. Present via zoom- Rob Greene with NGrid. Rob Greene explains to the Select board this is to put in a midspan pole for a new construction. Select person Hall asks what is a midspan pole- Rob replies a pole between two existing poles to take up the slack. Select person Mead asks if this is underground service- Rob replies the majority is underground. Hearing no other comments- Select person Limanek motions to close the Public Hearing, Vice Chair Anderson seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote. Select person Limanek motions to approve pole hearing #30560213 from NGrid & Verizon for Old Mill/Manchaug Road as advertised in the April 6, 2023 Millbury Sutton Chronicle, Vice Chair Anderson seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

Dudley Gendron- request- 2 special one-day liquor license requests- Select person Limanek steps down as he is an active member of the Sons of the American Legion. Present is bar manager Christi Dresser via Zoom- Town Manager Smith explains the 1st is for Mother's Day- May 14th – change the pouring time from 10AM to 8AM so Mother's Day Breakfast can offer Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. The second is for a wedding on July 1st - outside license from 1PM to 7PM- this will be a tented event. Christi Dresser says they thought of offering the drinks during Mother's Day breakfast last year but did not have the time to request. Select person Hall asks how many are expected for the wedding- Christi replies 100-120. Select person Hall asks if there could be an issue with parking. Christi replies no they have events that have that number of people and parking is not an issue. Also asked is if they think they will need a Police detail- Christi said no. Select person Mead asks if there will be TIP certified bartenders- Christi replied always. Chairperson Bannon is concerned with the outdoor wedding and number of attendees- Christi replies they have weddings there often (2 last month) but they are normally inside. Hearing no other comments/concerns Select person Mead motions to approve the Dudley Gendron Post #414 at 156 Boston Road request for two special one day licenses the first, May 14, 2023 for an extension of liquor license hours to begin at 8am for Mother's Day Breakfast and on July 01, 2023 1:00pm-7:00pm for an outdoor tented wedding event- all alcohol is to remain in the flagged outdoor area Vice Chair Anderson seconds (Select person Limanek abstains) roll call vote passes 4-0-1

Sutton 4th Committee- Jonathan Rocheleau & Tom Fournier are here to discuss possible Fire Works event. Jonathan Rocheleau says they are only looking at Fireworks this year as all of the events (parade, concert and fireworks) are a lot to undertake. Last years event was funded 70% by businesses and does not want to request yearly as he would like to see some of those donations be made to parks as well. It seems like the main thing everyone wants to see are Fireworks. Unified has again agreed to sponsor them. Tom Fournier has agreed to be the lead on this event. Select person Hall likes the idea of yearly fireworks- Dave commends the committee

for all they undertook and all went well, Dave asks about vendors? Jonathan replies they did reserve the common as they are thinking of maybe an area band as well as the Lions Club serving food. When asked about parking- Jonathan replies the school, St Marks- which may result with a lot of foot traffic so some police details will be needed. Select person Limanek says great idea- scaled down event – you have gone through all the preparations before and you have done so well. Select person Mead thanks Tom Fournier for stepping up in this event. Vice Chair Anderson has no concerns – Jonathan has enjoyed the last two events. Chairperson Bannon was impressed with the level of detail- last year there was a big need for volunteers. Jonathon Rocheleau says going forward there may be an expense issue- he would like to share the cost between donations, attendees and the town (Police & Fire Details). The date of this event is Monday June 26th at 9pm.

DRAFT MOA with Elite Builders- Town Manager Smith updates the board that he, Town Council and Chairman Bannon have been in discussion with Elite Builders (Cohen Babcock) and a draft MOA has been drafted which is before the Board tonight. This draft will have changes as Elite Homebuilders have notified Jim that there are some issues and the draft will be sent back- redlined at which point Jim will forward to Town Council. Jim outlines the draft: max. 100 units, sidewalks to Galaxy, connection fees to sewer proposed cut in half (\$5000. Per unit to \$2500. Per unit) mitigation fund of \$300,000. and Local preference. Select person Hall says it is hard to focus on this draft as it is still unknown if this will happen because of the availability of water. Jim replies he has spoken to Shelly at Wilks Water as well as Elite Builders: Wilks water has requested additional capacity of water through DEP. Dave says he feels that they have not committed to this agreement but if it moves forward it is better to have an MOA in place- it is not worth a conversation until agreed on by both sides. Jim replies he does feel this was negotiated in good faith- now it is in the hands of the attorneys. Select person Limanek doesn't see any type of benefit what so ever- if the state grants more water to Wilks water it could end up being a real issue for existing users should they run out of water. Jesse says the affordable is really not affordable- it is high and what about the land under Millers Pond – are they going to take possession of this – Jesse states he is not voting for this – the town is not getting anything. Select person Mead has issues with page 2 D1 – the water fee should not be under town- it is private company. What is needed for local preference? Page 3 – E- issue with the last sentence and 1 elevator is insufficient for 100 units- it is not right to take action at this time. Vice Chair Anderson is concerned with the connection fees- Wilks has a large sewer project due to begin and we are waiving fees- Jonathan would like an updated traffic study as the one they supplied was dated and he says he is interested in the final draft but doesn't feel there is much for us to gain. Chairperson Bannon says this is the only shot we have to an agreement- in regards to the mitigation funds/connection funds is money that comes back to the town. Another positive is 89% of the units are 1-2 bedrooms- this will be less of an impact to the schools.

Town Manager Update:

- Parking Lot bid opening- Bids opened April 27th at 11am- nine companies pulled bids/ 7 submitted proposals- town meeting approved \$300,000. For the project- 2 came in below that. The lowest bidder is being vetted.
- The Elementary School Chiller- town meeting voted 2 capital items totaling \$230,000. to install a chiller at the Elem. School. Enterprise Equip. out of Boston delivered the chiller on April 21st. They are in the process of connecting the internal mechanicals to the chiller as well as the electrical. This should be completed in the next 2 weeks. The school facility manager Matt Murphy is overseeing this project.
- Town meeting postcards- the communications dept. sent out postcards reminding residents of town meeting and Warrant articles- the cost was \$733 to print and \$690. to mail. Thank you to Pam Nicholas and Christine Hicks.
- New Cemetery signs – Dave Pizzi with the Towns permission and assistance from Jim Renaud and Jim Johnson installed new signs at Old Howard and new Howard.
- Planning Board & Suttons Tree Warden will have a public hearing for tree removal on Monday May 15th at 7:15pm. To discuss the removal of 3 sycamore trees along Boston Road. The town hired a tree consultant and it was recommended the trees be removed due to the condition of them.
- Town Manager and Chairman Bannon will meet again next Wednesday with Peregrine in the hopes we can sign a new aggregation contract.

Announcement's / Round Table:

- Select person Hall thanks Select person Limanek for attending the Arbor Day Ceremony.
- Select person Limanek says the Arbor Day event was great. On Tuesday May 9th @ 12:30 at the Sr. Center, retired Major Michael Jones will be there to discuss the Worc. VA aid programs along with other speakers. Jesse also mentions the shelves at the food pantry are bare- a list of needed items will be on the towns face book page and attached to these minutes. Jesse invites the board to the Dudley Gendron on Memorial Day to visit all the cemetery's
- Select person Mead mentions an experience from a year ago and how 2 people showed her kindness. Wendy says to always pay it forward- keep an eye out for those in need.
- Vice Chair Anderson thanks Wendy for her story.

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn Vice Chair Anderson 2nds- all in favor roll call vote meeting adjourned 7:50pm

