

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020**

The meeting was held 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 Justin R. Evans; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; and Town Administrator Francis J. Lynam. Chairman Kowalski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kowalski asked everyone 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 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 Monday, September 16, 2019. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 3-0-1 (Mr. Evans abstained).**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2019. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 4-0-1 (Chairman Kowalski abstained).**

SCHEDULED HEARINGS/MEETINGS

Marcello's: Application to ABCC re: Amendments to Liquor License

Chairman Kowalski opened a public hearing in connection with the application of Marcello's Enterprises, Inc., dba Marcello's on the premises located at 733 Bedford Street for change of ownership interest, change of stock interest, change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers and change of manager. Andre Piche, owner of Marcello's was present for the hearing. Due to the retirement of Mr. Piche's business partner, he is now the sole owner of the business. An application must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission with respect to the change in ownership of the business. Said application will be filed upon approval of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the application of Marcello's Enterprises, Inc., dba Marcello's on the premises located at 733 Bedford Street for change of ownership interest, change of stock interest, change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers and change of manager. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Personnel: New Hire – WPD

Mr. Lynam advised the Board that Chief Hanlon has completed interviewing candidates for the part-time Records Clerk position and would like the Board to authorize him to hire the candidate he has chosen. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to authorize the hiring of Melissa Madden to fill the position of Records Clerk for the Whitman Police Department. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Complete Streets Grant

Mr. Lynam announced that the Town received a Complete Streets Grant in the amount of \$363,674.00 to redesign the intersection at Essex Street and Park Avenue.

Lazel Street Foreclosure

Mr. Lynam advised the Board that the town has taken possession of a foreclosure on Lazel Street. The building has been secured and will be sold at auction.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Lynam announced that the Board of Selectmen will be meeting jointly with the Finance Committee and representatives from the Budget Override Evaluation Committee and the Buildings, Facilities and Capital Expenditures Committee on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET OVERRIDE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Mr. LaMattina advised the Board that lengthy discussion took place at the BOEC meeting last night; and that he will postpone his presentation until next week when the Board of Selectmen meet jointly with the Finance Committee and representatives of the BOEC and Buildings, Facilities and Capital Expenditures Committee. Mr. LaMattina noted that the BOEC will not be seeking an override for FY21, but one will most likely be on the table for FY22. He went on to say the BOEC feels confident that departments will be sustainable and some may see some growth which will provide money to fund some projects outlined in the Collins Report. Mr. LaMattina stated that 80 percent of the strategic plan is in place and will also be discussed next week. He then thanked all members of the BOEC for all of their time and efforts over the past few months.

Mr. Salvucci asked if there are any plans for the DPW. Mr. Lamattina said the two main projects being focused on are the middle school and the public works department. The BOEC is recommending an article be placed on the annual Town Meeting warrant with respect to a feasibility study of the DPW.

Mr. Bezanson also took a moment to thank all of the members of the BOEC.

Chairman Kowalski noted that the BOEC did the ground work for a strategic plan. He also thanked Mr. LaMattina for leading the committee.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Network Password Policy

The Board agreed to pass over this item until the meeting scheduled on January 28, 2020.

Gift Fund Policy

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the Policy for Accepting and Expending Gifts. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation: Cultural Council (Oliver Amado)

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Oliver Amado from the position of Member of the Whitman Cultural Council, effective December 15, 2019. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Resignation: Recreation Director (Oliver Amado)

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Oliver Amado from the position of Recreation Director, effective January 9, 2020. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Resignation: Reserve Intermittent Police Officer (Michael Brady, Jr.)

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Michael Brady, Jr. from the position of Reserve Intermittent Police Officer, effective December 18, 2019. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Board of Health: Request to Hold Rabies Clinic

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of the Board of Health for permission to use the Animal Shelter, Essex Street, for a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Requests for Tollbooth Fundraisers

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve requests for Tollbooth Fundraisers submitted by the following:

- American Legion Post #22: April 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain date: April 25, 2020)
- Whitman Baseball/Softball Association: May 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date: to be determined)
- Whitman Area Toy Drive: September 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain date: to be determined)
- Knights of Columbus: October 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain date: to be determined)

Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Best Buddies Road Race

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of the WHRHS chapter of Best Buddies to hold the Best Buddies 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on May 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the route outlined in a letter dated December 9, 2019. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Carousel Family Fun Center: Request for Special Licenses

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Charlene Conway for a special Amusement/Live Entertainment License on the premises located at 1055 Auburn Street (Carousel Family Fun Center) on Saturday, February 8, 2020, and Saturday, May 2, 2020, from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for private, adult-only roller skating events. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

At 7:16 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, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. **Second Mr. Bezanson.** Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; and Chairman Kowalski – yes. **So voted 5-0.** Chairman Kowalski declared that having this meeting in Open Session will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. The meeting will reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk