

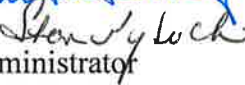


Board of Selectmen
October 10, 2019

Robert Czekanski 
Jonathan Keep 
Stan Wysocki, Chair 
Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Wysocki called the Board of Selectmen's executive session to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF EVENTS

Chris Puiia appeared before the Board and requested approval for the Greg Hill Foundation Jingle All the Way 5K on December 7th, 2019. It will be the sixth year of the race which has previously been held at Battle Road Brew House. Greg Hill is the morning host on WEEL. He started the foundation ten years ago. It supports people that have suffered a tragedy and aims to get money into people's hands within 24 hours. The race has been approved by the Chief.

On a motion by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board unanimously approved the Greg Hill Foundation Jingle All the Way 5K on December 7th, 2019.

TASTE OF THE MAZE

Eric Shartner appeared before the Board to request approval for the Taste of the Maze to be held at Shartner Farm on Saturday October 26th, 2019 10am – 5pm. Mr. Shartner will speak with the fire department prior to the event.

On a motion by Keep and seconded by Czekanski the Board unanimously approved the one day liquor license on Saturday October 26th for the Taste of the Maze event at Shartner.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the invitation of the Board, Nashoba Regional School District Superintendent, Brooke Clenchy and school committee member, Mary McCarthy appeared before the Board with an update. Superintendent Clenchy thanked Mr. Lowe and DPW Director Joe Lynch for their efforts related to the construction on 117. The school has not needed to do anything to alter bus routes. Superintendent Clenchy reported it has been the smoothest start to date. Programs are all up and running. Extended day has a waitlist. Extracurricular activities and sports teams are going with some minor adjustments in response to the EEE findings. For example curfews have been set for the athletic fields.

The buildings are in great shape. They are on regular cycles for inspection and the district is finding preventative work is paying dividends.

Superintendent Clenchy briefly reviewed the District Improvement Plan with the Board which includes 4 goals:

- Social/emotional focus and how it ties in with academics. The focus this year is on support of staff and how to implement in the classroom. Ms. McCarthy expounded that the social emotional piece is not extraneous when the focus is- on the whole child.
- Learning environments and structures.
- Powering Learning Opportunities-Aligning our curriculums.
- Literacy

Superintendent Clenchy noted that the safety component is really important and it falls into the second goal. Our staff are all trained in A.L.I.C.E.

Superintendent Clenchy commented on the benefit of having all of the plans aligned—the school improvement plans, the district plans, and her personal goals. She added that they will be looking at what a new building might look like and they are very excited about that. The district with get it cued up for “some” December.

Superintendent Clenchy confirmed that the District did submit a statement of interest this year to the MSDA. There were no defects in the application.

The leach field is finished and fully operational. The only hurdle was the uncovering of an old rubbish site which was avoided by shifting the leach field by 15 feet.

The oil tank has its concrete pad poured and all of the electrical work that was needed is done. They are ready for the new tank. A temporary tank is in place. They don’t have an estimate for when the new heating tank will come in.

Superintendent Clenchy referenced the waiver was received for the stabilization fund for the full day kindergarten.

Mr. Lowe mentioned as part of our full award of our Green Communities Grant \$84,000 goes directly to the control system for the boiler and should allow us to get going with the new boiler. He also informed that Town Planner, Erica Uriarte has submitted a grant for ADA. It is about \$7,600-\$7,800 for ADA compliant desks

Mr. Lowe commented that the next discussion item before the Board is the discussion of a Mosquito Response Committee which. He invited Superintendent Clenchy to be involved to which she accepted. Superintendent Clenchy explained the process by which the school made the decision to spray the athletic fields. The school found a natural product and sprayed the tree line twice after discussion with the Board of Health and the Town Administrator. Notes were sent out the parents. The response from parents was overall very positive. Spraying took place outside of the school day.

MOSQUITO RESPONSE COMMITTEE

Christopher Slade, Chairman of the Board of Health suggested that a group be formed to develop a comprehensive plan for dealing with mosquito issues in the future. The Board determined the Committee Members should include: Board of Health, Department of Public Works, School District, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, and the Town Administrator. Mr. Keep opined that two members of the community should be included and the positions should be advertised.

Scott Powell of the Board of Health said that the town has voted not to take part in the Alliance. One of the things that the committee should consider is why should we do this as a response to a crisis and not be utilizing a proactive approach. Mr. Czekanski agreed that the Committee might find options that are more palatable to a broader range of people. Mr. Lowe added that the fact that the school district was able to find a natural product might help to assuage people.

Mr. Lowe suggested that an overall charge be created and then after a few meetings they report back to the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board voted unanimously to establish a Mosquito Response Committee that is charged of investigating proactive and reactive protocols for dealing with diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.

Mr. Wysocki made a motion that the Committee consist of representatives from the School District, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, Conservation, Parks and Rec, Town Administrator, Public Safety, and two citizens for a total of 9 members. Mr.

Czekanski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lowe noted that we will advertise for the two citizens at large as soon as possible.

MAGIC Microtransit Study-

Ms. Uriarte informed the Board that the Town has been invited to participate in a Microtransit Study. The intent of the program is to use Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft to fill in the gaps of our public transportation system. It would supplement our MART van TNCs at a discounted rate. They would target seniors, residents with disabilities and veterans. Carlisle uses a concierge system to help seniors overcome the technology component. Ms. Uriarte would be looking for the Board's support for the IMA.

The end goal is to collect the data and after the grant money is gone to potentially allocate money to continue in the future.

NASHOBA YOUTH LACROSSE

Jason Reese appeared before the Board to request approval for placement of a shed at Tower Field for storage of equipment. He brought builder, Chris Boucher who has taken on the build for the league.

Their proposed size is 16 X 12. Mr. Boucher agreed to take responsibility for removal of the shed should its use become obsolete. Hypothetically, it could be moved. The location would be between the road and the field and would maintain necessary offsets. Materials would be rough sawed pine with a weathering stain. Board would like to review drawings but had no objections.

Mr. Czekanski made a motion to encourage the creation of a shed at the lacrosse tower field subject to final approval in the spring. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-

Mr. Lowe handed out a copy of the program for the ribbon cutting and drew the Board's attention to the timeline which was approaching 12 years from start to finish.

Update on Portico

Down to a small punch list.

Mass Works Project Update

Wattaquodock to Manor was shut down today. They are determining if they will take the sidewalk all the way to the library. Work will continue into December and resume when the weather breaks in the spring.

Restructuring Capital Planning- Mr. Lowe proposed that the Selectmen put the committee on hiatus for one year and put the Town Administrator in the charge of working with departments. Brian Boyle was present and reported that Mike Gore was also in agreement.

Mr. Czekanski moved that for the FY21 budget, Capital Planning be put on hiatus and that the Capital Planning process be put under the supervision of the Town Administrator. Mr. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lowe informed the Board that the Town would be pursuing a MVP planning grant to help the town deal with facing the change in climate. He has asked Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall to quarterback the planning grant application. Ms. Longvall asked the Board to sign a letter of support for the grant.

Mr. Czekanski moved to endorse the application to participate in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. Mr. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lowe announced that the Town received \$2,500 Georgia Pacific Grant for safety equipment and a charging station for tools.

Public Service Announcements—Mr. Lowe announced that coffee with the town administrator is scheduled for tomorrow at the Bolton Bean.

Board considered the pro forma vote recommended by town clerk. The pro forma vote was taken at the request of the Town Clerk to replace obsolete voting machines.

Mr. Czekanski moved that the Selectmen vote to discontinue the use of the AcuVote ballot scanning and tabulation voting equipment effective immediately and to use the DS200 precinct scanner and tabulator voting equipment beginning with the March 3, 2020 presidential primary election and all elections and primaries federal, state and local from this day forward. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Czekanski offered a consent calendar for the minutes: May 9, May 9 executive session, May 23, May 23 executive session, June 6, June 6 executive session, June 20 and June 20 executive session. Motion seconded by Keep. Board unanimously accepted the minutes.

Mr. Keep moved to accept the Bills and Payroll Warrant W20-08 and W20-08A. Mr. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair announced that the Board would not be going into executive session.

Mr. Keep moved to adjourn at 8:07. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen.