

Select Board
March 24, 2022

Robert Czekanski, Chair
Stanley Wysocki
Jonathan Keep

Via Zoom Remote Conferencing*

Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Czekanski called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board continued a hearing from March 10th, 2022 Mr. Morales of National Grid was present to respond to the concerns tree warden Mark Caisse voiced at the previous meeting. The Board viewed the new location map. No tree trimming is required as the pole falls in line with the exiting wires. Board had no questions.

Mr. Czekanski opened the hearing up for public comment.

Duane Wetzal of 42 Harvard Road inquired about guidewires. Mr. Morales confirmed that they would not be in the public way.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the petition of National Grid and Verizon to install one (1) jointly owned pole #6-51 on Harvard Road beginning at a point approximately 980' feet northeast of the centerline of Route 117 and continuing approximately 980' feet in a northeast direction to provide electric service to two new homes at 36 & 38 Harvard Road. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

EVENT REQUEST

Megan Moran of 401 Main Street, Cultivate Care Farm appeared before the Board to request to hold Spring Market.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the request to hold a Spring Market on Saturday, April 30th from 10am-2pm. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Board reviewed revisions to the Select Board statement for the warrant.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the revised Select Board Statement. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Article 3-Fiscal Year 2023 Operation Budget

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve article 3. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Article 12-Solar Lease

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call (2-1) to approve article 12. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-no, Czekanski-yes)

Mr. Keep commented that while he has been a strong proponent of solar at the transfer station, the development of Alta at 580 Main Street will bring a large concentration of people in a small area making the need for recreational areas an important consideration. The fencing takes a large parcel of Town land out-of-commission. Mr. Wysocki commented that with the accessibility issue there is not much that you can do with the parcel.

Article 14-Cell Tower Lease

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board unanimously by roll call to approve article 14. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Article 15-Citizen's Petition-Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts
Mr. Czekanski noted that the Advisory Committee voted to not make a recommendation.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board unanimously by roll call to approve article 15. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board unanimously by roll call to close the ATM Warrant for May 2, 2022. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board unanimously by roll call to sign and execute the ATM Warrant for May 2, 2022. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Website Update-Mr. Lowe provided an overview of the changes and improvements made to the website. The reports show that the Board of Health page, home page, transfer station, assessor's office and building department are the most visiting pages on the website. Mr. Lowe continued with an update of his performance to each of his FY22 Goals including oversight of the capital planning. Mr. Lowe in confident that next year we will have a complete 3-year plan with funding sources as we are well on our way. Mr. Lowe concluded that as a team the Town has gone through the pandemic very smoothly. The Board agreed that the operation of the Town has been well served through the pandemic. The Board had no comments or questions on Mr. Lowe's performance-to-goals. Mr. Czekanski reminded the Board to submit their Town Administrator reviews prior to the April 28th meeting.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Public Service Announcements-There were no public service announcements.

Class II License- The Board reviewed the license application for a Class II license for Castro Auto Repair at 333 Central Street in Hudson. The building sits in Bolton even though the address is in Hudson. The business was previously Beetle Bug II and there has been no change in use.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to issue a Class II license to Rodrigo Sales of Castro Auto Repair. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Bills/Payroll Warrants-

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve bills/payroll warrants W22-19 and W22-19A. (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Minutes-

No minutes were approved.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn at 7:37pm (Wysocki-yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen.