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The meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

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Members Present: Chairman William Rooney, Manny Silva, Carmina Fernandes, Derek DeBarge and Brian Mannix

First order of business: The Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitation

6:00 p.m. Pat DeTomas interview for the Ludlow Cultural Council.

Ms. DeTomas I was hoping to give some input and new ideas working with the Council and I think it is something that I would enjoy and hopefully I would be helpful.

Mr. DeBarge: Could you give us a little history about the Ludlow Cultural Council of what you know it be.

Ms. DeTomas: Carla is the president and I know that they do plan the events for the concerts and different events at the center, I know they are doing an art event in April.

Mr. Silva: Thank you for coming forward and joining us and I am sure you will do fine.

Ms. Fernandes: Thank you for stepping up and I think you would be a great addition and they do a great job with many cultural events.

Mr. Mannix: Someone new with new ideas is great. The concerts, I do enjoy them and the idea of opening up more cultural things to more people and more places in town is a wonderful idea so with you being new to the committee, you can bring some of that in. You can work with the schools the cultural the ethnic groups in town and we need a little bit more awareness of and everything. Thank you.

Mr. Rooney: Thank you for coming forward. They do great things it sounds like you have a lot of interest and enthusiasm in it, so certainly thank you for coming forward.

Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. DeBarge to appoint Ms. DeTomas to be a member of the Ludlow Cultural Council. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Correspondence

1. Kim Batista, Town Clerk request the Board appoint Sandy Leacock as the Records Access Officer for the Board of Health.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. DeBarge to appoint Sandy Leacock as the Record Access Officer for the Board of Health. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

2. Sean Redding, Transmission Vegetation Management informing the Board that Eversource Energy will be performing planned schedule vegetation maintenance work on the transmission right-of-way.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #2. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

3. Jean Christy, P.E. Project Manager Tighe & Bond Post-Closure use Landfill Quarterly Inspection for Holyoke Street Landfill, Ludlow, Massachusetts.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #3. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

4. Eric Nelson, Westmass letter acknowledging the Towns interest for the 4.35 acre parcel located on the corner of State Street & First Avenue for the new Senior Center facility.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #4. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

5. Timothy Brennan, Executive Director regarding Solicitation of District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program Projects for FY2018. The 2018 DLTA Program scope is being revised by the Baker/Politio Administration to incorporate a new housing production incentive initiative.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #5. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

6. Todd Gazda, Superintendent/Chairman of the Chapin Building Committee requesting the Town acquire the three parcels located on the corner of Chapin and Fuller Streets to allow for a 90 foot baseball diamond to be part of the building project.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to have the Town Attorney look into the potential purchase of this property for the baseball field and to come back with an answer on possible cost before the Special Town Meeting. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

7. Mary Pichetti, Director of Capital Planning, The Massachusetts School Building Authority review comments for the Module C Feasibility Study Preferred Schematic Report for the Chapin Street Elementary School project received by the MSBA on October 30, 2017.
Moved by Mr. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Mannix to file item #7. Vote 5-0 in favor.

8. John K. McCarthy, Executive Director the MSBA has voted to approve the Town of Ludlow as part of the Feasibility Study to proceed into schematic design to replace the existing Chapin Street Elementary School and Veterans Park School with a new Elementary School for grades 2 thru 5.
Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file item #8. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

9. Anna Lucey, Charter Communications changes to the channel lineup.
Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file item #9 and to have Ms. Lucey come in and speak to us. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

10. MIIA report of the Nominating Committees.
Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file item #10. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

11. Patrick Paul, District 2 Highway Director, National Bridge Inspection Standards Bridge Inspection reports for Holyoke Street/Higher Brook, West Street/Higher Book, Piney Lane/Broad Brook.
Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file #10. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

12. Tim Brennan, Executive Director, PVPC for the Boards review and comment, The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission 2017 Major Accomplishments and The Pioneer Valley Planning Top Ten resolves for 2018.
Moved by Ms. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to file item #12. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

13. Maura Healey, Attorney General, approval of Article #5 from the October 2, 2017 Ludlow Special Town Meeting.
Moved by Mr. Silva seconded Ms. Fernandes to file item #13. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

14. Application for a Liquor License transfer from Dias-Nuno, Inc. DBA Primavera Café Restaurant to Laires, Inc. DBA Primavera Restaurant. Board to schedule a hearing.
Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Fernandes to file item #14 and to schedule the hearing for Laires, Inc. DBA Primavera Restaurant. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

15. Derek DeBarge, Chairman, Capital Improvement Planning Committee report recommending approval for the potential Senior Center project and Chapin Street Elementary Project.
Moved by Mr. Silva seconded Ms. Fernandes to accept the report from Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

16. Chief Pease, Fire Department informing the Board that Deputy Chief James Machado will be retiring on January 6, 2018 after 29 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ludlow.
Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded Mr. Silva file item #16 and send a letter of accommodation for his work and thank him for his years of service. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

17. Chief Pease, Fire Department requesting the Board call for the lists and schedule the promotional interviews for the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Captain vacancies.
Mr. Mannix feels that we do not need to fill the position of the Deputy Fire Chief.
Mr. Silva request that the Fire Chief come and explain what problems he would have with not getting the Deputy Fire Chief position filled right away.
Mr. DeBarge: This could be an acting position or we say no to one and yes to another and we will have to figure it out so whether we table it or discuss it maybe it is a bigger issue for just one department.
Mr. Silva: I would like to know what the Deputy Chief does and every day I see fire and if this will have an impact, so if we do not appoint this person and our Fire Department is in disarray.
Ms. Fernandes: As the leaders of the town and I do agree we have major decision to make for the residents because their taxes keep going up they are not going down.
Mr. Rooney: I would just weigh in that is good point and we have been talking about it for months, I think it certainly makes sense to bring the Chief's in and listen to what they have to say ad now we are entering that very though time.

Moved Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Mannix to put off item seventeen until after we request the Fire Chief to come in and speak with us. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

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18. Chief Madera, Police Department Monthly Crime Briefs for June, July, August, September and October.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. DeBarge to file item #18. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

19. Chief Madera, Police Department request the Board of Selectmen appoint Detective Sean Knox to the position of Acting Sergeant to replace the Sergeant who will be out for a six month period with a work related injury.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. DeBarge to request that the Police Chief come in on the same day as the Fire Chief. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Unfinished Business

Board to approve and sign the Executive Session minutes of November 28, 2017.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Mr. Silva to approve the minutes of the Executive Session minutes of November 28, 2017 with all members present. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to officially close the January 22, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant for January 22, 2018. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve and sign ten copies of the January 22, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to sign and approve the ten copies of the Special Town Meeting Warrant for January 22, 2018. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to sign the Entertainment License for Gremio Lusitano Club, Inc./Franklin Field.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Mannix to sign the license for Gremio Lusitano Club, Inc./Franklin Field. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to sign Common Victualler License for Starbucks Mass Pike East and Mass Pike West.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded Ms. DeBarge to sign the Common Victualler License for Starbucks Mass Pike East and Mass Pike West. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of December 12, 2017.

Moved by Mr. DeBarge seconded by Mr. Silva to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of Tuesday, December 12, 2017 with all members except Ms. Fernandes was absent. Vote: 4-0-1 in favor, Ms. Fernandes abstained.

New Business

Board to appoint Michael Assaf, Director of IT, School Department to the Cable Committee as the Schools representative.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Mr. Silva to appoint Michael Assaf, Director of IT to the Cable Committee. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Police Dispatchers, National Correctional Employees Union, Local 130.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to table. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to appoint the Special Police Officers as listed on the Police correspondence to be effective January 1, 2018.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Mannix to appoint the Special Police Officers. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to approve and sign the contract between the Town of Ludlow and the Town Administrator.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded Mr. Mannix to approve and sign the contract between the Town of Ludlow and the Town Administrator. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to open the Warrant for the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting and will close the warrant at their March 6, 2018 meeting.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Mannix to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 14, 2018. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Board to peruse the Selectmen minutes of October 4, 2017

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Closing Comments

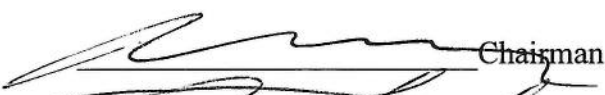
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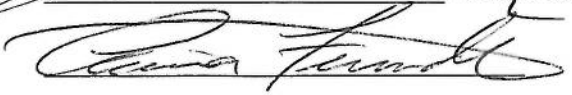
Mr. Mannix: There is a lot pressing things coming before the Town over the next three months that we all need to go over every budget and everything else and from today forward we all need to take a good hard honest look forward and make some real good decisions.


Ms. Fernandes: I agree we have a lot of tough decisions ahead of us and they are not going to easy and we are going to have to make them so we need to start thinking about them and getting all the information that we need to make those decisions as best as we can so it is either raising taxes or reducing expenses, so it is as black and white as that.

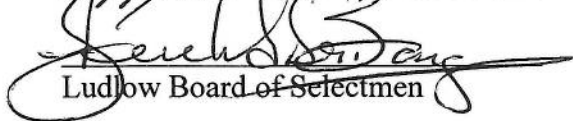
Mr. Rooney: Wreaths across America was a great event and put things in perspective for the holiday season.

Moved by Mr. Mannix seconded by Ms. Fernandes to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

 Chairman





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