

April 2, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

Members Present: Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Goncalves and Mr. Rosenblum

First Order of Business: Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Silva would like to welcome the two new Board members Mr. Goncalves and Mr. Rosenblum.

**Board to Reorganize:**

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Goncalves to nominate Mr. Derek DeBarge as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to nominate Mrs. Fernandes for Vice Chairman. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

**Visitations:**

Peter M. Ostrowski Inc – Public Hearing for a new Class II Motor Vehicle License for A.J. Auto Sales located at 219 Moody Street, Ludlow.

(Mr. Goncalves will be recusing himself from this hearing for conflict of interest reasons).

Mr. Silva: Mr. Ostrowski I hold a Class II Motor Vehicle License if you feel that there is any issue at all with me sitting there I will leave.

Mr. Ostrowski: No that is fine.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to open the hearing at 6:17pm for A.J. Auto Sales. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Mr. DeBarge: Your name sir?

Mr. Ostrowski: Peter Ostrowski, 129 Colonial Drive, Ludlow MA

Mr. DeBarge: Ok and you are representing your new business correct?

Mr. Ostrowski: Yes.

Mr. DeBarge: Um, the specifics of the building of the business please.

Mr. Ostrowski: Wholesale Auto.

Mr. DeBarge: You have the abutters paperwork?

Mr. Ostrowski: Yes, there are three or four that didn't return, but I have the white copies and the receipt from the Post Office.

Mrs. Fernandes: Is this the first time you are going to be operating a Motor Vehicle License?

Mr. Ostrowski: Yes.

Mrs. Fernandes: How many cars do you think you will be having on the lot approximately?

Mr. Ostrowski: We don't plan on having any cars on the lot unless we are stuck. We have several outlets for buying where we can bring them to. We don't plan on having any but if we do it might be only one or two for a day. Hopefully that's it.

Mr. Rosenblum: I think the max on that is five anyway.

Mr. Ostrowski: Five yes.

Mr. Silva: Mr. Ostrowski, you do have a

Mr. Ostrowski: 4 spots, an additional 4 spots.

Mr. Silva: The office space you have here, is that going to be your office?

Mr. Ostrowski: Yup.

Mr. Silva: The sketch here, that is going to be your office? It's required to have an office with a lock for title and all that. You see how I know that.

Mr. DeBarge: Could I see that.

Mr. Ostrowski: It is the front right-hand corner of the building.

Mr. Silva: Mostly wholesale? It's a tough business right now.

Mr. Ostrowski: It's a real tuff business.

Mr. Silva: Looks like everything is in order. The question I do have. There is usually an advertisement fee.

Mr. Ostrowski: Yes, I have to check, I don't know what it is.

Mr. Silva: Ok I will get that before you leave. I don't see the advertisement, I guess it's free. I have no further questions, Mr. DeBarge, Chairman.

Mrs. Fernandes: I am all set to.

Mr. DeBarge: I don't have any questions, I know he is a long-time business man in town, stand up business man. I'm good to go with everything.

Mr. Ostrowski: That is from the Post Office.

Mr. DeBarge: Got all his paperwork.

Mr. Silva: Everything looks in order other than the check, so Ellie will get that from him.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve the Class II Motor Vehicle License for A.J. Auto Sales. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to close the public hearing for A.J. Auto Sales at 6:23pm. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

#### Board of Public Works Representative – Annual Town Meeting Article Discussion and Intermunicipal Agreement w/ Chicopee for Joint Sewer Use

Mrs. Villano stated that the Intermunicipal Agreement w/ Chicopee for Joint Sewer Use is still in the hands of Town Counsel. This will have to be tabled.

Mr. Barry Linton is representing the BPW to discuss articles #7 and #8.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to support the recommendation of the BPW and put these two articles to delete in the Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

#### Dan Pallotta – P-Three Inc./OPM Senior Center Plan Update

Mr. Fred Lafeyette, Chairman and Jodi Zepke, Director of the Senior Center.

Mr. Pallotta stated that this is just a briefing as to where they are going. Nothing that will be shown tonight is finalized. There is still a long way to go, but he did want to show you what has been done so far and to give an update on the progress. This is the basic layout of what the Senior Center is going to be. They are trying to get the construction bids in for Sept or Oct. The footprint of the new building will actually be smaller than the current location, but it will have more program space, the new building will have much more usable space. The new building will have about 18,000sq. ft with about 15,000 usable sq. ft. and much more efficient. Mr. Pallotta will try to provide updates as they hit certain target dates and to keep everyone informed.



Laurie Smith, Chairman - Celebrate Ludlow Update

Ms. Smith stated that currently they have 13 people of their committee. The committee is made up of non-profit representatives that take part in the event. Everyone involved has a stake in Celebrate Ludlow and in the decision-making process it also helps with the work involved.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to donate an amount of \$3,000.00 as requested and has been the amount given every year to Celebrate Ludlow. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

**Correspondence:**

70. Notification of the Ludlow Elks Lodge 2448 Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Program, Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 5:00pm at the Ludlow Elks Lodge.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

71. Brian Shameklis, Chairman Safety Committee – recommendation to install a “Blind Driveway” sign to be placed just before 82 Center Street on the North side of the street.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to have Safety come in and discuss their recommendations for items #71, #74 and #82. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

72. Jean E. Christy, PE Senior Engineer Tighe & Bond – Post-Closure Use Landfill Quarterly Inspection Report Holyoke Street Landfill.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

73. Thomas Haluch, Chairman BPW – informing the Board that the DPWs Snow & Ice Removal Budget has been over expended as of the storm dated February 18, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to declare a State of Emergency for the DPWs Snow & Ice Removal Budget. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

74. Brian Shameklis, Chairman Safety Committee – recommending that a traffic study and professional review of the intersection of Rood, Church and Fuller Streets be completed.

(this correspondence is covered in the motion for #71)

75. St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry – requesting a Special One Day Permit for Trivia Night on April 27, 2019 from 6:30pm – 10:00pm at St. John’s Pastoral Center.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve the St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry request for a Special One Day Permit for Trivia Night on April 27, 2019 from 6:30pm – 10:00pm at St. John’s Pastoral Center and the request to waive the fee associated with this permit. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

76. Philip Brodeur, Committee Member, Scouts BSA Troop 180 – inviting the Board to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brendan Hiller on Sunday April 28, 2019 at 2:00pm at St. John’s Pastoral Center.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

77. Steven Santos – Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against the Board of Selectmen relative to the meeting posting and Board of Public Works notification of March 19, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to take no action until we hear further from Town Council on this matter. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

78. Chief Ryan M. Pease, Fire Department – informing the Board of Sharon Person’s retirement effective May 24, 2019 as the Fire Department’s Administrative Assistant.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to accept Sharon Person's retirement with regrets and a letter of thank you for her service. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

79. William Hayes, Eversource – informing the Board of the Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan for Western MA.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

80. Thomas A. Turco, III, Secretary, Commonwealth of MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security – informing the Board of the new law Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, "An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform."

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

81. Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co – providing information about living and working safely near a natural gas pipeline.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

82. Brian Shameklis, Chairman Safety Committee – requesting an update to the traffic study by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on the intersection of Fuller, Cherry and Cady Streets.

(this correspondence is covered in the motion for #71)

83. Notification of the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Charity Golf Tournament to be held on May 19, 2019 at Westover Golf Course, Granby MA.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

84. Keith Hancock, Contract Representative, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 98 AFL-CIO – requesting to open contract negotiations.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to file. (Mrs. Fernandes rescinded her motion to file and Mr. Silva rescinded his second)

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to send this notice to the International Union of Operating Engineers negotiator to begin negotiations. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

85. Derek DeBarge, Chairman Capital Improvement Planning Committee – recommendations for the FY2020 Capital Planning Budget article.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve the recommendations from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and place them on the 2020 Capital Planning Budget as an article. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

86. Robert H. Farr – Notice of Intent to remove property from Chapter 61B (Board needs to receive notice from Planning, Conservation, and Assessors before taking action)

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to table this request until we get further notification from the various boards. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

87. Charles T. Blanchard, Town Manager, Palmer – providing the Board with a copy of the Summary of Passenger Rail Charrette for the Town of Palmer.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

88. Board Reorganizations – Board of Health, DPW, School Committee and Planning Board.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to file. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

89. Maureen Cotti, Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Walk/Run Challenge Committee – requesting permission to hang a banner at Putts Bridge during the month of April.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to approve Ms. Cotti's request for Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Walk/Run Challenge Committee giving permission to hang a banner for 2-3 weeks during the month of April at Putts Bridge. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

90. Ludlow Cultural Council – requesting permission to display artwork on the fences at the River Walk on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 5<sup>th</sup>) from 10am – 2pm for the High School Art Show.



Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Goncalves to approve the request from the Ludlow Cultural Council for the Art display on the RiverWalk on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

**Unfinished Business:**

Board to close the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to close the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to approve and sign (10) ten copies of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve and sign ten copies of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to approve and sign (10) ten copies of the May 13, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve and sign (10) ten copies of the May 13, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to sign the Class II Motor Vehicle License for A.J. Auto Sales, if approved.

Board to sign the Special One Day Permit for St. Elizabeth Parish, Trivia Night on April 27, 2019, if approved.

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve the Selectmen's Minutes for February 5, 2019 with Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge and Mrs. Fernandes present. Vote 3-0 2 Abstention's

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to approve February 19, 2019 Selectmen's Minutes with Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge, Mr. Mannix and Mrs. Fernandes present. Vote 3-0 2 Abstention's

Board to approve and sign Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. DeBarge to approve the Selectmen Minutes for the meeting of March 5, 2019 with Mr. Silva, Mr. DeBarge and Mr. Mannix. (necessity vote was needed) Vote 2-0 3 abstention's.

**New Business:**

Board to designate the Town Administrator to approve and sign all department payroll and account payables.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to designate the Town Administrator to approve and sign all department payroll and account payables. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to designate a member of the Board of Selectmen to approve and sign all warrants and abatements.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to designate the Chair to approve and sign all warrants and abatements. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to approve and sign the contract between the Town and Dietz Architect for design services for the new Senior Center Building.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes to approve and sign the contract between the Town and Dietz Architect for the design services for the new Senior Center Building. (Mrs. Fernandes withdraws her motion)

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to approve and award the design contract to Dietz Architect and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract pending final review from the Town Council. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

Board to approve and sign the Integrated Contract between the Town and Police Dispatchers NCEU Local 130.

Moved by Mrs. Fernandes seconded by Mr. Silva to approve and sign the Integrated Contract between the Town and Police Dispatchers NCEU Local 130. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

**Closing Comments:**

Mr. Silva welcomed Mr. Goncalves and Mr. Rosenblum to the Board.

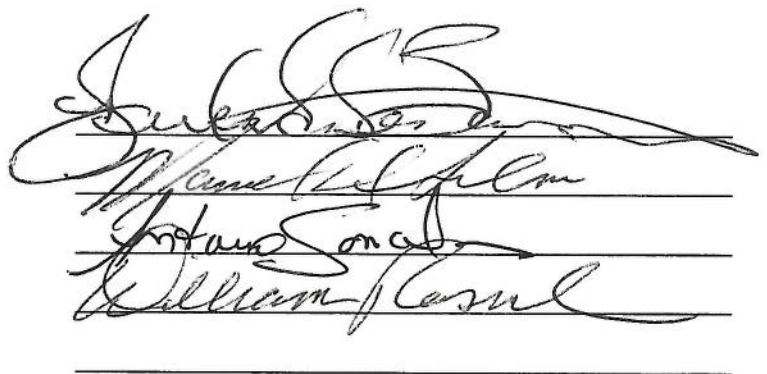
Mr. Goncalves is looking forward to working with the Board over the next year.

Mr. Rosenblum is also looking forward to working with the Board and to follow up on promises he made during his campaign.

Mrs. Fernandes would like to welcome the two new Board members and is very excited to work together.

Mr. DeBarge is glad to be back and appreciates the votes. He appreciates the vote from the Board to make him the Chairman. He looks forward to the next three years. He would have liked to see more voters at the polls.

Moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mrs. Fernandes to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

The image shows four handwritten signatures in black ink, stacked vertically. The signatures are written over four horizontal lines. The first signature is the most prominent and appears to be 'William DeBarge'. The second signature is 'John A. Silva'. The third signature is 'John A. Silva'. The fourth signature is 'William DeBarge'.

Ludlow Board of Selectmen

All related documents can be viewed at the Board of Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.