

The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 began at 5:30 p.m. This meeting was held during the Covid-19 crisis. Remote participation.

Members Present: Derek DeBarge, Chairman, Antonio Goncalves, Manuel Silva and William Rosenblum
Absent: Carmina Fernandes
First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

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94. Fontaine Bros., Inc. – Impact of COVID-19 on Chapin Street Elementary School Project and Notice of Schedule and Cost Impacts.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

95. Eric Gregoire, Finance Committee – letter to the Board expressing the Finance Committee's recommendations to postpone the May 11, 2020 Annual Town Meeting into June, 2020.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

96. Atty. Rose Crowley, Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy – opinion letter on budget submittal authority.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to file. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Board discussed the LPS Education Plan and Remote Learning Plan. The Board is very pleased with the process thus far.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum for the Board to vote to postpone the local annual town election to the date of June 1, 2020. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Board discussed the postponement of Town Meeting. It was table to the next meeting as we are waiting to see if there are concerns from the Town Accountant as to the closing of one year and opening/migrating to the next fiscal year.

Board to vote to table the reopening of the warrant to insert articles and remove articles that are not monetary articles.

Chairman approved and signed all bills, warrants and abatements. A record of all warrants is in the Selectmen's office for perusal until provided to the Town Accountant's office.

Closing Comments:

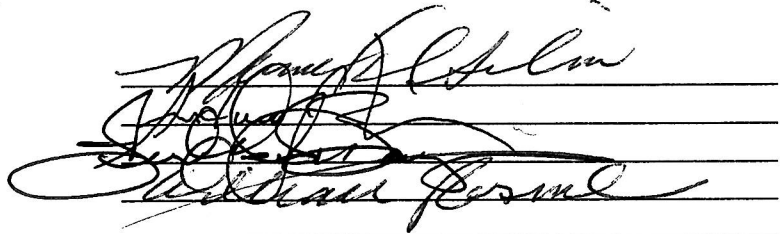
Mr. Silva hopes that everyone is practicing safety to stay healthy.

Mr. Rosenblum everyone stays safe and be diligent. The more diligent we are, the sooner this will pass.

Mr. Goncalves it pleases him to see that there is not a lot of residents out and about. Parks and tennis courts are still a bit of an issue but it's a very small amount. He asked if you are having any symptoms, please notify the Board of Health. Also, please be respectful to our first responders they are going through a lot right now and thank you to the first responders. Lastly, he wanted to let the residents know that the fifth Selectmen, Carmina Fernandes, is doing better and starting to recover from the virus.

Mr. Debarge stated that the Board of Selectmen have been inundated with phone calls, emails, etc. asking how many people in Ludlow have been infected with the virus. Because of the back log with the MAVIS system we did not have an accurate number but recently we have found out that Ludlow has 6 positive Coronaviruses confirmed. However, there could be many more that have not been tested or do not have any symptoms. He will contact the DPW and the School department to have all of the basketball hoops and tennis court nets taken down in order to discourage large gatherings there. Governor Baker extended the stay-at-home order for non-essentials until May 4, 2020. Please do your due diligence and stay home as much as possible.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn this meeting at 6:02 p.m., not return to open session. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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Ludlow Board of Selectmen

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