

Board of Selectman Meeting
307 Main Street
Gilbertville, MA 01031
January 9, 2023
ZOOM

In attendance; Julie Quink, Chair, H. Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Kelly Kemp, Clerk, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Visitor comments

Judi Korzec asked the Board of Selectmen to agree to turn down any additional proposal for racetrack or gaming in Hardwick Villages

Board of Selectmen will take under advisement and speak about this in a future meeting.

Ann Barnes asked about the abandoned properties 16 and 18 Church St in Gilbertville as they have been boarded up for a long time. Board of Selectmen will look into it.

Board of Health Contract with Leicester

Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) contract between Leicester and Hardwick Board of Health coalition is being cancelled. The Board of Selectman are in receipt of a letter from Francis Daigle Health Director from Leicester dated December 19. Addressed to The Board of Selectman and Stanley Remiszewski, Chair of the Board of Health that their services will end as of January 31, 2022.

Appointments

Appointment of the Treasure/ Collector Jessica Crawford.

Special legislation to combine Treasure/Collector position termed effectively. The Board of Selectmen will need to reappoint Jessica to the Treasure/Collector position. Change this to an annual appointment

KK made a motion to appoint Jessica Crawford as combined Treasurer/Collector as budgeted for this fiscal year term ending June 30, 2023

HRR seconded

Roll call

JQ (I), HRR (I) KK (I)

Appointment

Nicolas Paydos for the conservation commission. A Letter from Bill Zinni, Conservation Commission Chair, to consider him for the commission position.

KK made a motion to appoint Nicholas Paydos to the Conservation commission term ending June 30, 2023

HRR seconded

Roll call

JQ (I), HRR (I), KK (I)

Addition to census

Ryan Witkos, Town Clerk (RY) informed Board of Selectmen the Census will be going out. RY asked if the Board of Selectman would like to add anything to be put in the Census.

The Board of Selectmen would like to include open positions the town needs filled.

Execution easement for the pump station

The town received an easement regarding Hardwick Road pumping station. East Quabbin Lant Trust (EQLT) eased us a small portion apparatus that goes on the land. Gone back to council and EQLT signed i and Board of selectmen need to sign it.

KK made a motion to execute and accept the grant of easement from EQLT to the Town of Hardwick. A permanent easement in, on, or under a parcel of land being portioned of the property and shown as easement 13,600 square feet on a plan of land entitled Plan of Land in Hardwick MA prepared for DPC engineering date December 8th 2022 prepared by Sherman and Frederick.

HRR seconded

Roll Call

JQ (I), HRR (I), KK (I)

CMRPC alternate appointment

Erik Volheim would like to reappoint Meg Haight for CMRPC alternate. Meg spoke at one of The Board of Selectmans meetings. Eric Volheim, Chairman from the Planning Board, forwarded the letter today signed; naming Eric Volheim as Planning Board Delegate and recommends Meg Haight be reappointed. CMRPC does not have her on their officially.

KK made a motion to appoint Meg Haight as the alternate CMRPC representative for the Town of Hardwick

HRR seconded

Roll Call

JQ (I), HRR (I), KK (I)

Sewer commission

Special legislation submitted in July of 2022, abolishing the Hardwick sewer commission and delegating the Selectmen control and responsibility for the sewer department for the Town of Hardwick

Eagle hill quarterly sewer bil in the amount of \$30,447.04.

KK made a motion to approve the invoice for Eagle Hill School for their usage of sewer for their quarterly invoice in the amount of \$30,447.04

HRR Seconded

Roll Call

JQ (I), HRR (I), KK (I)

Selectmen Roundtable

JQ The Census is going out and there will be open positions within the town, if anyone is interested please fill these out and send back. If there are any interests in joining a board or committee in the future just reach out to Nicole with your interest and that will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

JQ is happy to see the engagement on the Town Common and hoping that engagement continues.

If there are any ideas from an individual or a group in helping the town build revenue please forward your information to Nicole.

KK checking in to see if we had a figure for the towns free cash. NP spoke with the accountant, and it is not certified yet. The amount looks to be around \$200,000.

Need to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting and retirement review to update our Personnel policy.

HRR made a motion to adjourn.

KK seconded

Roll Call

HRR (Y), KK (Y), JQ (Y)

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned 7:34 pm

