

**SELECTBOARD AND BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, May 11, 2020**

Remote Zoom Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell, and Michael Nelson, Town Administrator Steven Ellis, Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz, Board of Health Chair Al Cummings, Fire Chief John Zellman, Finance Committee Chair Jen Audley, Parks and Recreational Director Jon Dobosz, and Director of Public Health Daniel Wasiuk.

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

Chairs open the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken.

Approve Selectboard Minutes and Board of Health Minutes of May 4, 2020 if available

Not available

Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

None

COVID-19 Updates and Action Items

- **Discussion of Reopening**
 - We are waiting for guidance from the Governor's Office; we are expecting concrete guidance from the Reopening Advisory Committee by the 18th.
 - Individual department heads have identified special issues that might be of relevance to their operations (in particular libraries, Council on Aging, and Parks and Rec).
 - The Emergency Management Team is meeting tomorrow to hear each individual's input.
 - Openings will take place in phases.
 - Priorities will be getting main government more operational.
 - Wasniuk wonders if the Board will be looking at making the guidelines more stringent than the minimal requirements (i.e. for food service and retail food). Getting clarification on State level parameters is important.
 - Conversations are being held by our local legislators on our behalf about recognizing the different positions between rural and urban areas.
- **Update on Seek Scan Temperature Measurements Systems Kit**
 - Legal Counsel indicated that it would be inappropriate for the Town to require testing at the door.
 - Residents may submit to a voluntary temperature check.
 - If someone has a fever, we do not have the right to deny them entry into the meeting.
 - Zellman is uncomfortable allowing sick people to enter large meetings.
 - Wasniuk is leaning towards not engaging the system due to legal issues.
 - Elan does not feel that any Town Meeting member would be rude enough to not leave the room if they are at risk. She feels that fear is going beyond what the science is able to tell us.
 - Audley says that Town Meeting members have stated that the temperature scanning machine does not make them feel safer.
 - *Nelson makes the motion to move forward with the purchase of the Seek Scan Temperature Measurements Systems Kit and use it initially at Town Meeting as a voluntary measure for Town Meeting folks to self-evaluate themselves before entering the meeting if they choose to do so. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Discussion and response to any new State Guidance of Development**

See "Discussion of Reopening."
- **Discussion of Town Meeting Logistics**
 - Audley would like us to pursue a solution that would allow people to participate remotely.
 - Ellis states that the draft of the legislation is unclear as to whether it expressly forbids a hybrid approach (some people at one location and some people participating remotely).
 - Audley feels that a hybrid-style Town Meeting would be very difficult, possibly impossible.
 - The Board would like Audley to continue her conversations with State Representative, Natalie Blais.
 - Singleton suggests encouraging Town Meeting members to try to get their questions asked during the two weeks before the meeting.

Board of Health Adjournment

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Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Cummings - Aye

**Chelsey Little, WPCF Superintendent
FY2020 Sewer Abatements**

- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 94 Federal Street, as recommended. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 37 Third St. Seconded by unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 1 Montague City Road. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate \$395 on the sewer bill for 16 Hatchery Rd. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 5 Millers Rd., as recommended. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 49 Main St. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 390 Turners Falls Rd., as recommended. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 127 Fourth St. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 41 Central St. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the sewer bill for 121 Greenfield Rd. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - No, Boutwell - No, Kuklewicz - No*

**Jon Dobosz, Parks & Rec Director
Rutter's Park Parking**

- Dobosz feels that there should not be long-term parking or overnight parking at Rutter's Park. In addition, he is worried that creating residential parking at the park may go against the grant requirements.
- Ellis feels that we should consider a single municipal parking area as we have a number of people in the vicinity that do not have any parking rights.
- Shapiro reiterates that he was told at the planning meeting that residents could use Rutter's Park for parking.
- Boutwell wonders if Superintendent Bergeron has a recommendation.
- Kuklewicz suggests creating public parking on Canal Street and Third Street.
- Ellis will instruct the Town Planner to come up with a more definitive plan, and will speak with the FCRHA to see if there are any restrictions in the areas that are potentially available.

Town Meeting Warrant - To approve and execute the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, attached hereto

- Kuklewicz lists aloud each Article.
- Kuklewicz and Ellis give brief explanations of several Articles.
- June 13 Town Meeting warrant will be revisited on May 18th

DPW Building Project Update and Change Order

- **Update on construction progress and schedule**
 - The carpenters union is now allowing its workers to go on the job site.
 - There have been some disruptions in terms of labor supply, which is slowing down the project.
 - The project is likely to be completed now around August 15 (as opposed to July 15 - 31).
- **Act upon DPW Building Committee recommendation for approval of a change order for electrical work not to exceed \$115,000**

Nelson makes the motion to allow the DPW to approve the change order for electrical work not to exceed \$115,000. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Town Administrator's Reports

- **Review and Execute letter of support relative to the Turners Falls/Gill Bridge Plaque**

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- **Proposed Community Compact Grant Submission - Finance Forecasting & Financial Management Capacity Building**
Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to continue with the Proposed Community Compact Grant Submission - Finance Forecasting & Financial Management Capacity Building. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting/Impromptu Skate Park**
Kuklewicz states that there is an impromptu skate park at the Indeck facility. We should lock that area back down and have further discussions about it. This will be on next week's agenda.

Upcoming Meetings: Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Meeting, **Monday, May 18, 2020**, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye