

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Lakeville Public Library – 4 Precinct Street

On February 27, 2020, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 3:00 PM at the Lakeville Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Fabian. Selectmen present were: Chairman Fabian, Selectmen Powderly and Selectman LaCamera. Also present were Maureen Candito, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant and Lorraine Carboni, Town Coordinator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Board of Selectmen Announcements

Chairman Fabian read the announcements.

Public Input Session

There was no public input.

Discuss wording and vote for April 6th Ballot Question regarding Route 79 Project

Selectman LaCamera said last year, residents were given the opportunity to vote on a \$4 million question for Route 79 and other roads. The cost for the Town for Route 79 is \$2.3 million with \$10 million in grant money to do the construction work. The Townspeople should be able to vote on this again because if not, we lose the money on June 30th. The question on the ballot would fund our share of \$2.3 million.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Powderly and seconded by Selectman LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To approve the question as presented and place the following question on the April 6, 2020 Election Ballot: Question 1: Shall the Town of Lakeville be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Route 79 (Myricks St./Rhode Island Road) Rehabilitation Project? YES _____ NO _____

Unanimous in favor.

Revisit and vote on Cannabis Control Commission letter for Northeast Alternatives

Steven LaBelle of Northeast Alternatives was present for the discussion. Chairman Fabian noted this was tabled from the January 27th meeting. The Cannabis Control Commission is asking the Selectmen to affirm that Northeast Alternatives is or is not in compliance with municipal by-laws or ordinances for 310 Kenneth Welch Drive. The Building Commissioner has submitted an

email stating that the current zoning for that property allows for Marijuana Cultivation by Special Permit and is compliant.

A motion was made by Chairman Fabian and seconded by Selectman Powderly pursuant to 935 CR 500.102 (1) (d), the Lakeville Board of Selectmen affirms that Northeast Alternatives is in compliance with municipal bylaws or ordinances and authorizes the Chairman to sign the Municipal Response.

Discussion: Selectman LaCamera said the Host Community Agreement (HCA) calls for cultivation, retail and medical. Is this only for cultivation? Mr. LaBelle said the plan is just to do cultivation. Selectman LaCamera asked if the Board needed to modify the HCA to eliminate retail and medical. Selectman Powderly said it doesn't make sense to do that. They are allowed to do the other things if they would like. Mr. LaBelle said the intent is to allow them to cultivate for medical and recreational uses. We are not going to sell retail medical or recreational; just grow for their other retail locations. Mr. LaBelle noted that if the HCA is changed, they would have to go through the Cannabis Control Commission all over again and that would put them out eight (8) months.

Selectman LaCamera asked what does the fee per pound mean and is that for product or plant. Mr. LaBelle said it is for anything that is wholesaled out of the facility. No fee would be paid for unsold product. Selectman LaCamera asked about edibles. Mr. LaBelle said it is not spelled out in the agreement. He believes it is speaking of the marijuana itself. He said his other facilities pay 3%. He does not foresee doing much in edibles; they have a place in Fall River that does edibles. Selectman LaCamera asked about an updated financial statement. Mr. LaBelle said he could provide that. Selectman Powderly suggested putting a review of the HCAs on as a future agenda item. Chairman Fabian agreed. Selectman Powderly suggested meeting with Town Counsel first.

The vote on the previous motion was unanimous in favor.

Receive and vote to accept Letter of Retirement for Michael Vickery

Chairman Fabian said the Board has received a retirement letter from Michael Vickery.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Powderly and seconded by Selectman LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To accept the retirement letter from Michael Vickery, effective March 31, 2020.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss scheduling Public Information Meeting on Route 79 Project

Chairman Fabian said the Board is trying to put together a public information meeting on the Route 79 project on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Brian Day asked about how the meeting will be run. Selectman LaCamera said there will be a presentation from BETA and then open the floor up to residents for questions. Selectman LaCamera said post cards will be send to residents living along Route 79. Discussion occurred regarding publicizing the forum.

New Business:

Upcoming Budget Meetings

The Board Members reviewed the budget meeting schedule.

Old Business:

Discuss FY21 Budget

Chairman Fabian said the budget books will be ready tomorrow. Selectman Powderly asked about meeting with the School Committee on their budget. Selectman LaCamera said that the Regional Finance Committee will be meeting on March 19th to discuss the budget. The School Committee will be voting on April 8th on their budget.

Update on Freetown Special Town Meeting-February 15, 2020

Chairman Fabian said Freetown held a Special Town Meeting on February 15, 2020 regarding the F/L Lake District. This was postponed until their Annual Town Meeting on June 1, 2020.

Any other business that may properly come before the Board of Selectmen

Selectman LaCamera said that Senator Rodrigues and Representative Orrall will be attending the Selectmen's Meeting on March 16, 2020. He invited the public to attend with any questions.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Selectman LaCamera and seconded by Chairman Fabian at 3:40 PM to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically the Firefighters' Union, Police Union and Laborers' Union, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board, and the Chair so declares and not to return to Open Session.

Discussion: Selectman Powderly asked if the meeting was being held without the Town Administrator. Selectman LaCamera said yes.

Polled vote: Selectman LaCamera - aye; Chairman Fabian – aye; and Selectman Powderly – nay.

After additional discussion, Selectman LaCamera withdrew his motion and Executive Session will not be held.

Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Selectman Powderly and seconded by Chairman Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 3:42 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Letter regarding speed limit on Malbone Street (has been sent to Police Chief and Supt. of Streets)
2. Letter from Plymouth County Registry of Deeds regarding 2019 CPA Surcharges
3. Verizon 2019 4th Quarter PEG report (has been sent to Cable Commission)
4. Comcast Form 500 for 2019 (has been sent to Cable Commission)

List of documents provided at the Board of Selectmen Meeting of February 27, 2020

1. Agenda Sheet
2. Agenda Sheet
3. Agenda sheet; sample Town Meeting Warrant Article and Election Ballot Question
4. Agenda sheet; email from Building Commissioner; letter from Cannabis Control Commission
5. Agenda sheet; letter of retirement from Michael Vickery
6. Agenda sheet
7. Agenda sheet; final budget meeting schedule
8. Agenda sheet
9. Agenda sheet
10. Agenda sheet