

Members Present: James A. DeLisle, Wayne R. Walker, Heather M. Billings

Others Present: Karen Murphy, Stephanie Lahtinen, Steve Wallace, Mike McDonald; Ned LaFortune, Christian McMahan, Wachusett Brewery

CALL TO ORDER

J. DeLisle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in room 205 of the Town Hall. He announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV and the Gardner News.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

W. Walker made a motion to approve the following warrants.

August 5, 2018	Accounts Payable	19-07A	\$1,093,405.92
August 10, 2018	Payroll	19-07B	\$184,436.35
August 10, 2018	Deduction	19-07C	\$97,266.22

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2018

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

W. Walker made a motion to approve the attendance of the Town Planner at a conference in Connecticut on October 18. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATIONS

Per Diem Dispatcher

W. Walker made a motion to approve the payroll authorization for Alexandra Hecker, as per diem dispatcher. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Highway Truck Driver/Laborer

W. Walker made a motion to approve the payroll authorization for James Barrette, as Highway Truck Driver/Laborer, filling a vacancy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IT Technician

W. Walker made a motion to approve the payroll authorization for Begum Nahar, as part time IT Technician, a new position approved at the May 6, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

WACHUSETT BREWING COMPANY PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT

W. Walker made a motion to approve the temporary parking agreement with Wachusett Brewery, as described in the license agreement provided by Town Counsel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REFER PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD

S. Wallace presented the six proposed zoning amendments to the Board:

- Amend section 205-37 of the Zoning Bylaw (Exemption for Cluster Housing) to allow cluster housing developments by Right instead of by Special Permit.
- Amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone three one-acre properties on Overlook Road from Industrial-I to Residential-I
- Add a new Section 205-41.1 that will regulate recreational marijuana, and amend the Definition section and Table of Uses accordingly.
- Add a new Section 205-41.2 that will ban the retail sales of recreational marijuana, and amend the Table of Uses accordingly.
- Add a new Section 205-40.1 that will regulate ground-mounted solar facilities.
- Amend Section 205.30.3 of Article VIII (Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements) and the Table of Uses to allow lots within the Commercial (C-1 & C-2) and Industrial (I-1 & I-2) districts to be used for parking lots that will serve commercial and/or industrial uses.

W. Walker made a motion to refer the zoning articles to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SET MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Selectmen will meet at 6:00 p.m. in room 205 on the following dates:

October 15 and 29; November 5 and 19; December 3 and 17; January 7 and 28; February 11 and 25
March 11.

DECLARE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL

W. Walker made a motion to declare the following property surplus and available for disposal:

2009 Dump Body (Everest Side Dump Spreader)
1994 John Deere 1145 Mower and Attachments

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. DeLisle moved that the board enter into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. according to MGL 30A, s. 21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. W. Walker seconded the motion. Mr. Walker indicated that the meeting would adjourn directly following Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned directly from Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.