

Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the Board of Selectmen  
Remote Participation Only  
May 11, 2020

Present: Daniel S. Carpenter, Doreen M. Goodrich, Lionel R. Berthiaume, Tristan J. Laliberte  
Also: Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson and CFO/Assistant Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz

The Vice Chairman Dan Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Mr. Carpenter identified himself as the Vice Chair and stated that he would be acting as chair for this meeting. He announced that the Chairman Kenneth Holstrom has resigned from the Board of Selectmen effective May 1, 2020 as he has moved out of town. He wished Mr. Holstrom and his family well.

Mr. Carpenter confirmed that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda were present and could hear him:

Members responded in the affirmative:

- o Doreen Goodrich- Yes
- o Lionel Berthiaume- Yes
- o Tristan LaLiberte- Yes
- o Dan Carpenter - Yes
  
- o Town Manager Julie Jacobson – Yes
- o Assistant Town Manager/CFO Ed Kazanovicz – Yes
- o Administrative Assistant Sharon Kwiatkowski - Yes
- o National Grid representative Steve Soucy -Yes

The Town Manager read the introduction to the remote meeting:

“This Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Board of Selectmen is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the “COVID-19 Virus.

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting on the Town's website, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will allow for public comment under Agenda Item #2.

For this meeting, the Board of Selectmen is convening by remote participation for the public only, although some members of the Board of Selectmen are physically located in the Selectmen's meeting room in Town Hall. Those members and employees are practicing social distancing in accordance with the Governor's Orders.

For the public to join the meeting remotely by telephone, call 1-408-650-3123 and enter Access Code 235-235-861. Or, the public can join via computer at [gotomeeting.com/join/235235861](https://gotomeeting.com/join/235235861). The remote access information has been posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join.

Please note that this meetings is being recorded by Auburn Cable Television.

Accordingly, those members of the Board of Selectmen, employees and members of the public who participate: please be aware that other folks may be able to see you, and please take care not to "screen share" your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording. All supporting materials that have been provided to members of this body are available on the Town's website. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda."

#### Public Hearings/Presentations

##### Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location - Church Street Plan Number #27867805:

Church Street – National Grid to install riser and spare sweep, conduits, and wires from pole 3 in Church Street Right-Of-Way. Install an underground riser and spare sweep on a new pole 3, and to install two concrete encased conduit and underground wires from pole 3 approximately 60 feet in a northwest direction in the public way, before curving into the private property of 10 Church Street as part of the Mary Stone School renovation.

The Board voted to open the hearing at 5:06 P.M. (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes.

Steve Soucy, a designer for National Grid, described the petition and the work to be done.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there would be any loss of service for the residents on Church Street or Central Street. Mr. Soucy said that there would be no large-scale disruptions; any loss of service would be minimal. Mr. Soucy also discussed the time frame for the work to be completed.

Mrs. Goodrich observed that the property owner at 14 Church Street was not on the abutters list and did not seem to have been notified about the hearing. She stated her concern because the property is a direct abutter.

Mr. Soucy replied that he wasn't sure and asked who was responsible to notify the abutters. The Town Manager advised that the Selectmen's office takes care of notifying abutters for the petitions for pole locations and related work.

Mr. Robert Skarza of 11 Church Street said that he observed from the location map that the existing pole will be moved across the street and he wanted to confirm that. He also talked about a large transformer that sits close to his driveway and the church parking lot. He asked if there was work planned to be done on the transformer.

Mr. Soucy confirmed that the pole would be moved and he further described the work to relocate the pole and the transformer.

Mr. Skarza asked to be notified when the pole was being moved so that his children would not be in the driveway. He also stated that he wanted to be sure that the people at 14 Church Street were informed about the plan because they have three children.

There were no other residents wishing to speak on the matter.

Following the discussion the Board of Selectmen voted to continue the hearing until the next meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> and to make sure the owner of 14 Church Street is notified (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location - Church Street:

Church Street – National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Church St. beginning at a point approximately 310 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Central Street and Church Street and continuing approximately 5 feet in a northwest direction. Relocate pole 3 approximately 5 feet in a northwest direction on Church Street due to the renovation of 10 Church Street (former Mary Stone School).

The Board voted to open the hearing at 5:22 P.M. (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Soucy described the petition and the work to be done.

Mrs. Goodrich expressed the same concerns as with the previous hearing about the lack of notice to 14 Church Street.

Ms. Cindy Ryan of 2 Church Street then called in and asked what work was to be done from the first hearing. Mr. Soucy gave her an overview of the petition for informational purposes.

Mr. Skarza talked about a branch that hangs over the wires and he asked if that would be cut and who would initiate the work. Mr. Soucy described the process to Mr. Skarza.

The Board then voted to continue the hearing to the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and to notify the property owner at 14 Church Street (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location – Elm Street Plan Number #29519788:

Elm Street – National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Elm Street beginning at a point approximately 1626’ feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Brook Street and Elm Street and continuing approximately 35 feet in a southwest direction. National Grid to install pole 32-84 with anchor and guy wire approximately 35 feet southwest of existing pole 32 in order to support overhead wires being constructed to serve a new home at 105 Elm Street.

At 5:31 p.m. the Board of Selectmen voted to open the hearing (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Soucy gave a synopsis of the work to service the new home at 105 Elm Street.

Mr. Corey Anderson at 103B Elm Street asked if there would be interruption of power during the work. Mr. Soucy replied that the work was just for a guy wire and he expected no interruption of service.

Mr. Laliberte then advised the Board of a brief interruption as his computer refreshed and he couldn’t hear the response to Mr. Anderson’s question. Mr. Soucy repeated his answer to Mr. Anderson as Mr. Laliberte requested.

There were no other members of the public wishing to speak on the petition.

The Board voted to close the hearing at 5:36 P.M. (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board of Selectmen then voted to approve the petition for:

Elm Street – National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Elm Street beginning at a point approximately 1626’ feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Brook Street and Elm Street and continuing approximately 35 feet in a southwest direction. National Grid to install pole 32-84 with anchor and guy wire approximately 35 feet southwest of existing pole 32 in order to support overhead wires being constructed to serve a new home at 105 Elm Street.

(Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location – Elm Street Plan Number #29519824:

Elm Street – National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Elm Street beginning at a point approximately 915 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Elm Street and Stone Road (Auburn/Millbury town line) and continuing approximately 15 feet in a southwest direction. National Grid to relocate existing pole 30 and anchor approximately 15 feet in a northwest direction so it will be set alongside the driveway and be able to serve the new home at 103A Elm Street.

At 5:38 P.M. the Board voted to open the hearing (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Steve Soucy outlined the work for the new home at 103A Elm Street that included the relocation of existing pole 30.

Mr. Corey Anderson asked about interruption of service to the area. Mr. Soucy replied that there would be a brief (1 or 2 hours) outage to transfer the service.

Mr. Anderson asked if the neighbors could be told when the outage would occur. Mr. Soucy said that the workers would knock on doors to inform the neighborhood residents.

Ms. Sari Bitticks of 101A Elm Street asked when the work would be done. Mr. Soucy answered that it is yet to be determined because of COVID-19 questions, probably during the late spring or the summer.

Mr. Laliberte asked if the process would change because of the virus and the uncertainty of when things would get back to normal.

Mr. Soucy said that at this point he doesn't expect the process to change. He advised that the workers are social distancing now with masks and maintaining the suggested 6 feet and that practice would continue.

The Board voted to close the public hearing at 5:45 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board of Selectmen then voted to approve the petition for:

Elm Street – National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Elm Street beginning at a point approximately 915 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Elm Street and Stone Road (Auburn/Millbury town line) and continuing approximately 15 feet in a southwest direction. National Grid to relocate existing pole 30 and anchor approximately 15 feet in a northwest direction so it will be set alongside the driveway and be able to serve the new home at 103A Elm Street.

(Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board then voted to move forward agenda item 4b) Vote Recommendations on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board considered the following articles sponsored by the School Committee.

School Superintendent Maryellen Brunelle gave an overview of Articles 13 through 18.

Article 13. Appropriates \$150,000.00 from Medicaid Receipts within General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department operating budget for FY2021.

Article 14. Appropriates the interest earned (\$7,117.80) by the Auburn High School Gymnasium Health and Recreational Trust Fund to offset School Dept. costs at Auburn High School in support of community health and activities at Auburn High School gymnasium and related facilities and equipment.

Article 15. Appropriates \$3,000.00 from McKinney-Vento Receipts within the General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for FY2021 to fund Transportation for students to and from school who have become homeless during the fiscal year.

Mrs. Goodrich made a motion to take Articles 13 through 15 together and recommend approval. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 16. Authorizes the School Superintendent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding with the Dept. of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) as a result of the appropriation of said reimbursement(s) per Mass. General Law Chapter 44, Section 70.

Mrs. Goodrich made a motion to recommend Article 16 for discussion and recommend approval. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion.

Following Mrs. Goodrich's question about the funds, Dr. Brunelle confirmed that this money has been allocated and will be reimbursed to the Town when the State is able to do so.

The Board of Selectmen then voted by roll call vote on the motion to recommend approval of Article 16: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 17. Re-purposes CIP funds by amending Article 3, of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Central Building Rehab and authorize the amount of \$45,000.00 originally intended to be used for window replacement at the Central Administration Building to now be used towards the procurement of a new District truck for the School Dept.

Article 18. Re-purposes CIP funds by amending Article 17, of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Central Administration Building Rehab and authorize the amount of \$3,862.00 originally intended to be used for window replacement at the Central Administration Building to now be used towards the procurement of a new District truck for the School Dept.

Mrs. Goodrich made a motion to take Articles 17 and 18 together and to recommend approval. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor by roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 19. Accepts the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Fifth C to allow for an exemption of the real and personal estate belonging to, or held in trust for the benefit of incorporated organizations of veterans of any war in which the United States has been engaged to the extent of \$1,500,000, if used and occupied by such association, and if the net income from the property is used for charitable purposes.

Steve Gallant of the American Legion post participated remotely and explained the article.

CFO Ed Kazanovicz advised that acceptance of the MGL by the town meeting would exempt a portion of the current taxation assessed to the Legion as a not-for-profit agency. Mr. Kazanovicz said that he and the Assessors have no objections to the article.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson said that the administration concurs with the article. It only applies to the veteran's organization that owns property in the town. She spoke about their hardship due to the fire.

Mrs. Goodrich spoke in support of the article. She asked who determines net income.

Mr. Kazanovicz replied that the net income is determined annually through the Assessor's office by an income-to-cost approach.

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval of Article 19 (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 20. Appropriates \$1,600.00 from general fund revenues for the purchase of Narcan.

Police Chief Andrew Sluckis explained the article needed to equip the other half of the police cruisers with Narcan.

Mrs. Goodrich asked about the life span of Narcan and if the funds requested would be sufficient for his needs.

Chief Sluckis replied in the affirmative and he said that he believed that the life span is 1.5 years.

Mr. Laliberte questioned if the Fire Department has similar issues as those described by the Police Chief.

Chief Sluckis said that he believes that once the Fire Department dispenses the Narcan they replace it right away.

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval of Article 20 (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 1. Hear the report of the Finance Committee, other Town Officers and Committees.

The Board of Selectmen voted to defer to the petitioner (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 3. Raises and Appropriates FY2021 Budget.

Mrs. Goodrich made a motion to recommend approval of Articles 3 and 4. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion.

In discussion, CFO Ed Kazanovicz commented on the budget and advised the Board that budgets will have to be reconsidered from top to bottom because of the loss of State revenue that would mean the loss of State Aid. The administration will be seeking a town meeting in the summer to address the matter once the impact is known.

Mrs. Goodrich then made a motion to amend her motion to be for Article 3 only and moved to recommend approval of Article 3. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the amended motion and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 4. Capital Improvement Budget for FY2021.

Ed Kazanovicz advised that the administration might have to delay some capital purchases, but that it is too soon to determine the impact.

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval of Article 4 (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 5. Short Term Borrowing Authorization.

The Board voted to recommend approval (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 6. Authorizes Selectmen to Secure Grants.

Article 7. Authorizes Selectmen to Hold Public Auction.



Article 8. Authorizes Banking Agreements.

Article 9. Establishes or Renews Revolving Funds, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53D and MGL Chapter 71.

Article 10. Authorizes Town Manager to Secure State Funds for Roads and Bridges.

Article 11. Appropriates Chapter 90 Funds, if available, for road repair.

The Board of Selectmen voted to take Articles 6 through 11 together as standard operations articles and to recommend approval of all them all (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

DPW Director Bill Coyle explained the following articles submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Article 27. Appropriates \$25,000 from sewer retained earnings to replace the sewer channel grinder at the Pinrock pump station.

Article 28. Amends Article 16 of the 2004 Fall Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of funds of \$16,858.45 to install biofilter air filtration system at the Pinrock pump station and add \$16,858.45 to replace the sewer channel grinder at the pump station.

Article 29. Authorizes the borrowing of \$300,000 to replace the sewer main located under the Bancroft Street Bridge over the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Article 30. Appropriates \$3,000 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to replace hazardous trees that were removed.

Mr. Berthiaume made a motion to take Articles 27 through 30 together and recommend approval. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 12. Appropriates \$500,000.00 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB). Given the current situation with COVID-19, CFO Kazanovicz discussed the possibility to hold this article until more information is provided by the State and the Town Administration may defer the appropriation for one year.

The Board of Selectmen voted to take no action at this time on Article 12 (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson discussed the following three articles (24, 25, and 26) related to the Mary D. Stone Elementary School Project by Pennrose Properties. She explained the easements requested in each article that would be needed to make the project work.

Article 24. Accepts a permanent, non-exclusive access easement for vehicular and pedestrian traffic to pass and re-pass over and upon that portion of land consisting of 4,213 square feet more or less and labeled ‘Proposed Access Easement’ (the “Access Easement Area”) shown on a Draft

Plan, entitled “Easement Plan” dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering.

Article 25. Grants a permanent, non-exclusive, parking and utility easement to Pennrose Properties, LLC, or its designees, for parking use and to permit the installation of, connection to, and discharge of stormwater into, a groundwater recharge system within that portion of land consisting of 3,752 sq. ft. more or less and labeled ‘Proposed Parking and Utility Easement’ (the “Easement Area”) on a Draft Plan entitled “Easement Plan” dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering.

Article 26. Grants a permanent, non-exclusive, landscaping and maintenance easement to Pennrose Properties, LLC, or its designee, consisting of 2,300 sq. ft. more or less, and labeled ‘Proposed Landscaping and Maintenance Easement’ (the “Easement Area”) on a Draft Plan entitled “Easement Plan” dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering.

Article 21. Appropriates \$25,000.00 from general fund revenues for the care and maintenance of the Julia Bancroft School building. “Mary D. Stone School building” was removed from the article.

The Board of Selectmen voted to take Articles 21, 24, 25 and 26 together and recommend approval of all the articles (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 22. Accepts Mass. General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 19H, which reads: “Notwithstanding the limitation contained in section Nineteen G, in a city or town which accepts this section, the total amount of additional compensation payable to its clerk who also serves as a member of its board of registrars of voters shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

The Town Clerk, the sponsor of the article, could not participate in the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Article 23. Amends Section 2.04 of the Auburn General By-laws entitled ‘Presiding Officer’ by adding a new subsection (2) which reads:

- 2.04: Presiding Officer
  - (2) On matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters.

The Board voted to take Articles 22 and 23 together and to take no position at this time (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Article 2. Fixes the Salary of Elected Officials for FY2021.

The Board of Selectmen voted to take no position on Article 2 at this time (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board voted to move forward agenda items 5a) and 5b) Votes regarding Faith Avenue – motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume – roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Town Manager Items

Board of Selectmen Vote to Accept New Roadway Faith Avenue.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson gave the background on the relocation of Faith Avenue as voted by special legislation filed after the town meeting authorization.

Mr. Laliberte made a motion that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2018, accept as a new Town way, a subdivision roadway on property located at Faith Avenue and Washington Street in the Town of Auburn as shown as Parcel B (not a Building Lot) on a Plan entitled “Plan of Acceptance” prepared by Waterman Design Associates, dated September 18, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 948, Plan 39, which new Town Way was constructed by Massad Family, LLC, at its own expense, in accordance with a decision issued by the Auburn Planning Board, dated November 7, 2017.

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Board of Selectmen Vote to Discontinue a Portion of Existing Faith Avenue.

Mr. Berthiaume made a motion that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2018, discontinue as a Town Way that portion of Faith Avenue shown as “Portion of Faith Ave. to be Discontinued and Abandoned” in three notations on a Plan entitled “Plan of Acceptance” prepared by Waterman Design Associates, dated September 18, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 948, Plan 39.

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

The Board voted to move forward agenda item 4d) Request for a Recognition Letter for Town Resident Jane Van Winkle's 95th Birthday (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Carpenter explained his request for the letter recognizing Ms. Van Winkle’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the letter as requested (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Communications

There were no items.

Recognize and thank Tristan Laliberte, Board member, for his service to the Town.

Mr. Laliberte is not seeking another term on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Laliberte made remarks saying good bye to the Board, town officials and employees and wishing the best to all the town residents.

Board members, the Town Manager and Chief Financial Officer made statements acknowledging Mr. Laliberte for his service and hard work on the Board of Selectmen over the past three years and wishing him good luck in his future endeavors.

Gift Acceptances in Accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A

There were no items.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

There were no items.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of April 13, 2020 and March 9, 2020. There being none, the Vice Chairman accepted the minutes of April 13, 2020 and March 9, 2020 as written.

Mr. Berthiaume commented on the resignation of Kenneth Holstrom from the Board of Selectmen because he has moved out of town. He said that Mr. Holstrom served on the Board of Selectmen for several years and was also a member on a number of town boards and committees as well as being a call firefighter for many years. Mr. Berthiaume said that Mr. Holstrom would be missed. He added that Kim Holstrom, Ken's wife, has also worked for the town and has served on town boards and committees, most recently the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Goodrich stated that she would support inviting them in to a meeting when it becomes possible to acknowledge them for their many years of service to the Town of Auburn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mrs. Goodrich) roll call vote: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Submitted: Sharon A. Kwiatkowski  
Adm. Assistant to the Town Manager

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 11, 2020 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- May 11, 2020 Agenda
- Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location Church Street- Plan Number #27867805; Location Map: Copy of Notice to Abutters
- Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location Church Street; Location Map: Copy of Notice to Abutters
- Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location Elm Street – Plan Number #29519788; Location Map: Copy of Notice to Abutters
- Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for Pole Location Elm Street – Plan Number #29519824; Location Map: Copy of Notice to Abutters
- June 2, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- Vote to Accept New Roadway Faith Avenue
- Vote to Discontinue a Portion of Existing Faith Avenue
- Minutes of March 9, 2020 and April 13, 2020