



# TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building  
100 Maple Avenue  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
MINUTES

**Present:** Mr. Maurice DePalo, Chairman, Ms. Beth Casavant, Vice Chairman, Mr. John Samia, Selectman

**Absent:** Mr. John Lebeaux, Clerk, Mr. James Kane, Selectman

**Also Present:** Mr. Kevin Mizikar, Town Manager

Mr. DePalo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

## **Preliminaries:**

### **1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants**

On a motion by Mr. Samia, seconded by Ms. Casavant, the Board unanimously voted to approve warrants 2060, 2029, and 2062 as presented.

### **2. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2020, January 13, 2020, and January 14, 2020**

On a motion by Mr. Samia, seconded by Ms. Casavant, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes as written.

### **3. Announcements/Reports**

Mr. DePalo announced the timeline for absentee ballots and voting for the presidential primary election, the award of the S.A.F.E. grant for the fire department, and a presentation he attended at a MPO meeting by MassDOT regarding the Grafton Street and Route 20 project.

### **4. Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Mizkar reported that he has begun negotiations with the DPW and custodians union and will be in negotiations for the next 6 weeks. Mr. Mizikar also reported on the recent tour of select sewer pump stations, and that earlier this evening the Beal Building Committee voted to establish the guaranteed maximum price.

## **Meetings/Hearings:**

### **5. 7:10 pm – Public Hearing with Sangita Patel, President, Turnpike Discount Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Turnpike Discount Liquors, 166 Boston Turnpike, for a Transfer of Stock to Nitesh Patel. Hours of Operation Monday through Saturday 8:00am-11:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-11:00pm**

Ian Hedges, Attorney, and Nitesh Patel appeared before the Board. Mr. Hedges stated that Sangita Patel is transferring 50% of shares to Nitesh, currently the vice president of the company. On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to close the hearing. On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application.

### **6. 7:15 pm – Public Hearing with Tim Owen, Owner, Owen Incorporated d/b/a The Edgemere Diner, 51 Hartford Turnpike, for a Common Victualler License and for a transfer of an assignment of lease for 51 Hartford Turnpike**

Tim Owen, proposed owner appeared before the Board. Mr. Mizikar noted that this a 20 year lease that extends for 8-9 more years and there is no flexibility because it is set out in a public bidding process, but there is the option to

transfer. At the end of that period, it will have to be bid out again. No one from the public wished to make a comment. The hours of operation are daily from 6am to 2pm. Aside from ownership, nothing is changing in the operation. On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to close the hearing. On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve the lease transfer for the Edgemere Diner located at 51 Hartford Turnpike from Novangelo Corporation to Owen Incorporated contingent upon revisions and approval of the final lease document by Town Counsel, and furthermore, approve the common victualler application upon successful transfer of the lease.

**New Business:**

**7. Review and act on the One Day Beer & Wine request of Jeannie MacDonough, Saint Mary School, 16 Summer Street, for an Irish Pub Night on Saturday, February 8th, from 7:00pm-10:00pm**

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application.

**8. Review and act on the One Day Bingo request from the Shrewsbury High School Athletic Boosters Club for Wednesday March 4, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Tavern in the Square, 193 Boston Turnpike, pursuant to MGL Chapter 10 Section 38**

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve the license application.

**9. Review and act on the reappointment of Richard Ricker, Esquire, 11 Maple Avenue, to the Shrewsbury Development Corporation for a five year term to expire on January 31, 2025**

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve the reappointment.

**10. Review and act to sign the warrant for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election**

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to sign the warrant.

**11. Review and act on proposed dates for actions relative to the May 18, 2020 Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Mizikar reviewed the dates detailed in the memo.

**12. Review and act on the street light request from Kim Taubinger, 6 Ridge Road, for street lights on Ridge Road, Greenbriar Drive, and Sewell Street**

The Board requested that this item be sent to SELCO for their review and recommendation.

**13. Review and act on the street light request from Chris Nickle, 6 Lillian Terrace, for a street light at 6 Lillian Terrace**

The Board requested that this item be sent to SELCO for their review and recommendation.

**14. BOS Budget Workshop 2**

Mr. Mizikar reviewed a budget presentation and detailed departmental requests specifically within the Department of Public Works. Mr. Mizikar reviewed the fy21 revenue summary and fy21 budget summary, and detailed changes in the utility enterprise funds for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater.

Mr. Mizikar detailed the revenue increase from the rate change to be implemented in July 2020 as well as the reliance on the general tax fund from solid waste. For Sewer- the initial request is for an increase for enhanced maintenance for the sewer system. We are anticipating additional rates from two main areas, because of increased costs related to permitting in the Westborough treatment plant and anticipating having the ability to flow sewer in fy21 from the new infrastructure of the sewer pump station and sewer line on Route 20. The waste that goes to Blackstone and the City

of Worcester will also be more expensive. For Water, operations continue to fall in line with budget estimates. Capital investments are higher than previous years and we continue to maintain capital plan that's laid out to replace at least two miles of water mains to keep up with life cycle of water mains, and a second full year of repayment for the water treatment plant which is the main reason that water indirect charges are double than sewer. For Stormwater, we are in the first year of operation of utility and rates are slightly lagging due to challenges of getting accounts online due to parcels that don't have water or sewer on them. The Board discussed the additional DPW administrative support requested due to custodial needs at Parker Road Preschool.

**15. Discussion and establishment of a Beal RFP (Request for Proposals) Selection Committee**

Mr. DePalo suggested that he work with Mr. Cahill or Ms. Las to come up with a draft of the charge for the committee and makeup for the committee, and come up to the next meeting with a proposed draft charge and then advertise.

**16. Review and act on the request from Tom Paquette, Paquette Limited Partnership, on a request to tie into Water & Sewer at 36-38 Edgemont Road**

Mr. DePalo requested that the Board table this to the next meeting.

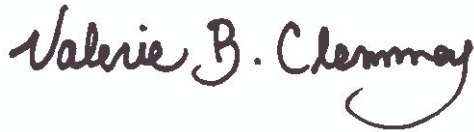
**Correspondence: The Board of Selectmen will review and possibly act on the following:**

17. ZBA Decision of January 6, 2020, from Brenda Mannion, 23 Ferncroft Road, for variance, for property located at 246 Boston Turnpike- so noted
18. ZBA Decision of January 6, 2020, from Margaret McLoughlin, 3 Walnut Drive, for special permit, for property located at 3 Walnut Drive- so noted
19. Email, dated January 10, 2020, from Page Czepiga, Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office, re: Notice of MEPA Consultation Session - EEA No. 16129 - Shrewsbury Landfill Phase V, Section VII Baseline Footprint Modification- so noted
20. Email, dated January 13, 2020, from Bryan Moss, 16 Ruthen Circle, re: Request for town to notify pregnant women about the latest study on fluoride's link to reduced IQ in children- Ms. Casavant made a comment that she understands the thinking, that this sets a precedent to notify the public regarding studies that are not conclusive. Mr. DePalo said this needs to be deferred to the Board of Health since this is their purview.
21. Letter, dated January 14, 2020, from Maurice DePalo, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, to Senator Brendan P. Crighton and Representative Kevin G. Honan, Joint Committee on Housing, re: Support for Senate Bill S2389- so noted
22. Email, dated January 14, 2020, from Jeremy Thompson, 495 MetroWest Corridor Partnership, Inc., re: Announcement of New Executive Director for 495/Metrowest Corridor Partnership- so noted
23. Letter, dated January 15, 2020, from Kyle Greaves, VHB, 99 High Street, Boston, re: Edgemere Crossing at Flint Pond DEIR- so noted
24. Email, dated January 16, 2020, from Keith Elmes, Animal Control Officer, re: Animal Inspector Report- so noted
25. Email, dated January 16, 2020, from Richard A. Methia, Cultural Council, re: resignation- so noted
26. Email, dated January 21, 2020, from Sandra Fryc, Chair, School Committee, re: Fiscal Year 2021 Superintendent's Initial Budget Recommendation- so noted
27. Email, dated January 21, 2020, from Sandra Fryc, Chair, School Committee, re: SPS State of the District- so noted
28. Memo, dated January 21, 2020, from Nick Repekta, Highway Division Manager, re: Snow Storm Report Saturday January 18, 2020- so noted
29. Email, dated January 22, 2020, from Anthony Senesi, CMRPC, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, re: Shared Services Survey- so noted
30. Email, dated January 22, 2020, from Susan Agenta, 171 Walnut Street, re: Toblin Hill Bridge- Mr. Mizikar stated that a solution for the site is designed and current estimate is over 1.4 million and has been a challenge. Ms. Casavant requested that the Town notify all the residents of the area with an update.

31. Email, dated January 22, 2020, from State Representative Hannah Kane, re: Governor Baker Files Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Proposal- so noted
32. Email, dated January 24, 2020, from State Representative Hannah Kane, re: Baker-Polito Administration Files for \$200 Million in Chapter 90 Local Transportation Funding, Highlights Fiscal Year 2021 Local Aid Proposals- so noted

On a motion by Ms. Casavant seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie B. Clemmey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Valerie B. Clemmey  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

**Referenced Materials**

Memo dated January 17, 2020 – Town Meeting Action Dates  
1/28/2020 Budget presentation