



# Town of Bellingham

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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August 15, 2019

The August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 4:45PM by Chairman Spencer with Mr. Connor, Mrs. McNulty and Mr. Biagi in attendance. The meeting was called to order at the Senior Center located at 40 Blackstone Street in honor of the annual BBQ hosted by the Board.

Mr. Spencer thanked the Council on Aging, especially Josie Dutil, for inviting the Selectmen to host their meeting at the Senior Center and stated the Board had a brief agenda to get to before the BBQ.

### VFW Post 7272 – One Day Beer and Wine Permit

Patrick Pisani the commander at the VFW came before the Board to request a One Day Beer and Wine permit for a fundraiser to be held on August 25, 2019 in the parking lot behind the VFW. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Liberty House which helps homeless and struggling veterans by connecting them to available resources and providing a safe, substance-free transitional house.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the One Day Beer and Wine permit for the VFW Post 7272 on August 25, 2019 from 10AM – 2PM.

On a Connor/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the CRPCD Sewer Capacity Allocation request from Lincoln Properties for 7,150 gpd for the warehouse to be constructed at 160 Mechanic Street.

On a McNulty/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Order of Taking to complete the layout and acceptance of Box Pond Drive as a public way.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a request to refinance 10 Caryville Crossing, Unit 9 for the Department of Housing and Community Development.

On a Connor/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Mike McKeown Assistant Inspector of Plumbing & Gas.

On a McNulty/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the July 8<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.

On a Biagi/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the attached water, sewer, trash and capital improvement charges in the amount of \$16,000.15 for the month of July.

The Selectmen Fees agenda item will be tabled until September.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Fraine announced that the Wall that Heals will be coming into Town on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM and will be on display for the public Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>. A program guide can be found on the Town's website.

Mr. Fraine announced that Fox News' Zip Trip will be coming to Bellingham on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6AM-10AM and will be broadcasting live from the Town Common.

Mr. Fraine further announced that on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12PM the Town will be rededicating the newly constructed tri-centennial park at the sight of the original Town Common. Residents will be able to enjoy a luncheon and have a chance to view the ceremonial bricks that were purchased. Mr. Fraine stated there would be an article about this in the September edition of the Bellingham Bulletin.

Norfolk County Sheriff Jerry McDermott

Sheriff McDermott thanked the Board of Selectmen for allowing him the opportunity to co-sponsor the BBQ and to introduce himself to the senior residents of Bellingham.

Sheriff McDermott stated he had been appointed by Governor Baker in December 2018. The facility in Dedham he monitors was built to house 300 inmates but currently holds roughly 500, mostly young, male inmates that are dealing with drug and mental illness. The average stay is 114 days and the cost to taxpayers is \$211/night. The Sheriff's main focus is to get these inmates clean and sober and skilled in a trade so they have the tools to succeed when they are released. He stated he would be back at the senior center on September 5<sup>th</sup> to talk in greater detail about the programs he runs.

On a Connor/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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