



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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September 20, 2021

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Cindy McNulty. All Board members were in attendance and participating in the Arcand Meeting Room. Also actively participating in the meeting was Town Administrator Denis Fraine and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was accessible to the public either in-person or via the Zoom online option.

Bellingham Days Donation Presentation

Cindy McNulty presented via Zoom a donation in the amount of \$5000 to Josie Dutil Director of the Senior Center from proceeds that were raised from the carnival rides at the Bellingham Days. An additional \$5000 will also be donated to the Veterans and Memorial Day Committee. Josie thanked the Board and especially Mr. Fraine for all the hard worked that went into planning the event.

Gifts/Grants Acceptance

On a Spencer/Martinis motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to accept the gifts and grants as listed herein, with said expenditures to be under the direction of the parties noted:

Amount	From	For/Purpose	Spending Authority
Approx. \$3.3M less 3% (est @ \$100k) for County use	US Treasury (Federal Govt)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) [Fund 2708]	Various departments based on eligibility requirements
\$5,000	Bellingham Days – profits from carnival rides	Celebration Fund Account	Josie Dutil – Director of Senior Center
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Master Plan Discussion

Cindy McNulty explained that she met with Mr. Kupfer and Mr. Fraine to discuss the implementation strategies listed in the 2020 Town of Bellingham Master Plan and Mr. Kupfer identified 9 high priority and low hanging fruit items. The Board reviewed and discussed each of these 9 strategies and agreed they would put together a list of the ones they have initially identified as a starting point and will send it to the Planning Board. Please see attachment.

Phillips Drive

On a Martinis/Spencer motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to affirm and ratify the actions of the Board of Selectmen on October 4, 1995, to convey said land referenced on the attached sheet to Allan S. Elliott and Barbara J. Elliott forthwith, for consideration of Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) already received by the Town of Bellingham. Under discussion Mr. Fraine stated that this was an article that was presented and passed at the Fall Town Meeting back in 1995 but was never properly recorded with the registry of deeds.

Cultural Council

On a Grant/Spencer motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to reappoint Linda Trudeau as a voting member to the Cultural Council for a 3 year term and she will continue to serve as the Director.

On a Spencer/Martinis motion the Board voted 4-1 with Mr. Connor opposing to appoint Terri Graham as a voting member to the Cultural Council for a 3 year term. Under discussion Mr. Connor stated he does not agree with appointing anyone to a board or committee if they are not a Bellingham resident. The remaining board members agreed where this is not a stipend position and this particular board can have a maximum of 22 members they found nothing wrong with Ms. Graham's interest in joining the cultural council. The Board knows Ms. Graham from being the outreach coordinator at the Senior Center and all agreed she will be a wonderful addition to the council.

Fall Town Meeting Warrant

On a Spencer/Martinis motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to sign and issue the Warrant to the Finance Committee.

Abatements

On a Grant/Spencer motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the July abatements in the amount of \$1,848.23. Under discussion Mr. Spencer pointed out how the water abatements have come down tremendously. Mr. Fraine stated that Barbara Sooklal from the DPW is to thank for that.

On a Grant/Spencer motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the August abatements in the amount of \$1,609.00.

Minutes

On a Connor/Martinis motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the August 16th minutes as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Fraine stated at the conclusion of the meeting he would be requesting an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property.

He stated that there have been some delays with the Town Center project but the contractor should be gearing up again in the next week or so.

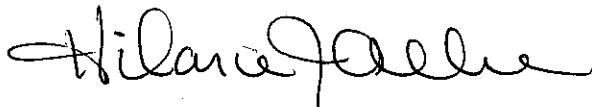
Mr. Fraine stated the roads committee recently met and stated there is well over \$1M worth of work that will be completed either this fall or next spring and Mr. DiMartino has done an excellent job prioritizing these projects.

The finance committee is getting ready for the November 17th Fall Town Meeting and will be meeting again on October 6th to start going over the warrant articles that involve financial matters. Mr. Connor suggested the Board do an open table discussion on the warrant articles and a Town Meeting preview that can be aired via Facebook Live or the ABMI cable station. The Board was in favor of doing this.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session to discuss the purchase of real property. All members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative.

On a Spencer/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM with no further business to be discussed at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hilarie J. Allie".

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant