# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2021

**PRESENT**: Mrs. Diane Vayda; Chairman, Mr. David J. Pierce, Vice-Chairman, and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk
**ATTENDEES:** Mrs. Nancy Seeton, Mrs. Kelly Schlosstien, Ms. Angela Menard, Fire Captain Richard Lapierre, and the following Firefighters: Ethan Bagg, Josh Gagnon, Mike Martel, Jennifer Walker, Jonathan Bonin and Tyler Posusky

**Reconvened in Open Session (Executive Session Minutes under separate cover)**

### AFSCME, COUNCIL 93 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

After several months of negotiations with members of the AFSCME, Council 93, a three-year agreement was reached between the town and members of the unit. AFSCME ratified the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the Board voted to approved the provisions agreed upon. With that said, the following motion was made: Motion to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Town of West Brookfield and AFSCME, Council 93 as presented contingent upon a signed copy being provided by the Union made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

### NEW ENGLAND RUSTIC SHOP – ANGELA MENARD

Ms. Menard addressed the Board this evening and is seeking a General Permit from the town. She is opening a boutique at 17 East Main Street. She intends on carrying a variety of items including women's clothing, goods from local vendors as well as holding special hours that will cater to special events such as "Paint a Sign" night. Her immediate plans for hours of operation are Tuesday thru Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM and closed on Sunday and Mondays. The location and nature of the business is properly zoned and has met with approval from the Fire Department. With no objection from the Board, the following motion was made: Motion to grant the General Permit for Angela Menard d/b/a New England Rustic Shop, 17 East Main Street made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

### NANCY SEETON – 38 WEST MAIN STREET

Mrs. Seeton was before the Board this evening to express her concern over the parking spot that was installed (new construction) between her horseshoe shaped driveway. She cited visibility issues when trying to leave her driveway. She stated that she attended the public hearings that were held on the project and was reassured that there would not be a parking spot installed which would impede her line of site. With no objection, the following motion was made: Motion to have the parking spot removed as requested made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous. A sign will be placed there advising motorist that it is unlawful to park there. Highway Superintendent, Jim Daley will be notified of the Board's decision.

### CAPTAIN RICHARD LAPIERRE – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Caption Lapierre, who is also the Training Coordinator was in attendance this evening in order to introduce his new recruits. Over the last several months he has been actively recruiting individuals to serve as Call/Vol FF. Absent of a full-time staff, the town relies solely on volunteers. Daytime coverage is the most difficult as most people work out of town. Capt. Lapierre introduced each of them and gave a little background as to where they are with the fire academy. Ben Ash, who was unable to attend this evening is also a new recruit, however he has full academy training. Roberto Mondragon, who is currently at the academy this evening is coming along in his training. The

department has seen many positive improvements through Capt. Lapierre's efforts during his brief time with the town. The Board thanked him and the recruits for their willingness to serve the community.

**HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS (MARIJUANA FACILITIES)**

The Board reviewed a draft Host Community Agreement (HCA) for Harvest Chambers, Inc., who is proposing a facility at 113 West Main Street. The draft was provided by legal counsel after a number of discussions. Provisions are in place in the agreement that address the impact to the community. The developers and their counsel are scheduled to meet with the Board on September 7, 2021. There are a number of questions that linger; therefore, the Board has asked that Mrs. Acerra contact our legal counsel to see if she is available to attend in person. An invitation to both the ZBA and Water Department will be sent as well in the hopes that they would like to join us.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2021 as written made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

**WARRANTS**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 22 P4 and 22 W4 dated August 26, 2021 in the amount of $81,957.55 and $230,185.78 respectively made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The office received an invitation to the Senior Center's "Welcome Back Party". It is being held at the center on Tuesday, September 7th beginning at 12 noon. The office has replied for the Board and payment has been taken care of. The menu is attached. - ***Noted***
2. The office received a request for a Common Victualler's License for Robert and Colleen Mucha for their new business **"Kettle and Pine".** They have received the approval from the Board of Health. – ***With no objection, the following motion was made: Motion to grant a Common Victualler's License to Robert & Colleen Mucha, d/b/a Kettle and Pine made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.***
3. Stormwater Meeting tomorrow evening with 50 Boston Post Road as an agenda item for discussion. All department stakeholders have been invited to attend in order to what we hope will be forward movement regarding this matter. - ***Noted***
4. Dave Mazzarese submitted a letter of interest to serve as the Citizen-At-Large on the Stormwater Committee. ***– With no objection, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint David Mazzarese as Citizen-at-Large to Stormwater Authority made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mr. Pierce – unanimous.***
5. The office received an email from Tammy Dufresne who, as you may recall, stepped down as Chair from the White Christmas Committee at the beginning of the new year. They have recommended Amanda Wodyga to fill the position and she is willing to do so. – With no objection, the following motion was made: ***Motion to appoint Amanda Wodyga as Chair to the White Christmas Committee based on their recommendation made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.***
6. Town Counsel provided a draft Cease & Desist Order for the Board's consideration. As provided in your binder and detailed in an email, you can see that counsel cautions that lack of documented complaints to the office and the lack of town's harbor master's authority, which may weaken the town's case. She provides reasons in further details as outlined in her email. – ***Request that counsel look into establishing ownership of the strip through Mr. Corriveau.***

7. I received a call with a follow up email from Katrina Martin. She is the Representative from Tightrope Media System/Carousel. In 2016 we acquired a system from them (cable access) and they have since upgraded their servers. She is looking to see if this something we're interested in. – ***Mrs. Vayda requested a copy of the email for her review.***

**NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEXT MEETING DATES:** September 1, 2021 – 6 PM with the Conservation Commission
September 7, 2021 – 6 PM Regular Session

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

9/7/21
Date Approved