Board of Selectmen Present: Christopher Hartling, Chairman; Robert Hogan, Vice-Chairman; Mike Runyan; Joseph Morandi; James Tigges

Also Present: Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator

GENERAL SESSION
The Chairman called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

042 Appointments: Police Department
Chief Michael Kent was present and presented his recommendations for two appointments to the positions of full time police officer. Renoel Amagawin and Jacob DeSantis.

A vigorous hiring process had taken place for both positions, and at the recommendation of Chief Kent, Town Administrator Paul Sagarino (TA Sagarino) appointed Renoel Amogawin to the position of full time police officer with a start date of May 13, 2019 and recommended the BOS waive the standard 15-day waiting period.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to waive the standard 15-day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. 5-0-0

At the recommendation of Chief Kent, TA Sagarino appointed Jacob DeSantis to the position of full time police officer with a start date of May 13, 2019 and recommended the BOS waive the standard 15-day waiting period.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to waive the standard 15-day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. 5-0-0

043 Approval: Snow and Ice Deficit
John Sanchez, DPW Director, explained the recent storm events that brought the FY19 Snow and Ice account into deficit and recommended that the BOS authorize an additional $500,000 be allocated to that account bringing the total authorization to $850,000.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve authorization for an additional $500,000 for the Snow and Ice account for the remainder of the season. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)
Update: MWRA
At the May 2018 Town Meeting members approved the proposed plan for Burlington to join the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) and voted favorably to provide funding to begin the process of joining the MWRA. The Town has filed an Environmental Notification Form with the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as is required for admission to the MWRA in order to evaluate environmental impacts due to the connection.

Discussion: 61 Center Street Parking Lot
At the February 25, 2019 meeting, then Town Administrator John Petrin advised the BOS that the Planning Board requested a compromise be made when it comes to the amount of 53 parking spaces being proposed at the front of 61 Center Street. Mr. Petrin at that meeting advised the BOS to form a committee with various town officials.

TA Sagarino put forth the following recommendations for the committee and the BOS agreed.
- Brendan Egan, Director, Recreation
- Marge McDonald, Director, COA;
- Chris Hanafin, Director, Veterans Services and Disability Access Commission Coordinator
- Sgt. Gerry McDonough, Police Department
- Members of the Planning Board
- Tom Hayes and/or John Sanchez for Engineering and
- Selectmen Morandi and Runyan agreed to be on the committee.

34 Cambridge Street
The Chairman opened the public hearing with Attorney Paul Sporn present representing the licensee. Attorney Lisa Mead was present representing the town. The BOS had approved the transfer of this license in November of 2015 and revoked the license for non-use during a public hearing that in September 2018. The licensee appealed and the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission reinstated the license because it is their practice to allow a licensee a minimum of six months to commence operations or transfer a license from the date of a show cause public hearing. The attorney was informed that the licensee would have six months to either a) begin operating the license; b) file an application to transfer the location of the license, or c) file an application to transfer ownership of the license. Attorney Sporn said they have a broker and are seeking to transfer the license. The BOS agreed to leave the hearing open for six months, and if one of these goals is not satisfied within six months, the licensee would come back before the board.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: Selectman Morandi moved to continue the public hearing for Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc. d/b/a Burlington Beer Works located at 34 Cambridge Street for the G.L. 138, Section 12, All Alcohol Beverage license to be held on October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the cancellation of the license if one of the three requirements is not met. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)

Approval: Local Initiative / 40 B Condominium Project
Winn View Heights II
TA Sagarino said a written request was received from Gary Litchfield, Manager, Winn View Heights II, LLC seeking a letter of support from the BOS for an age restricted condominium development under the state's local initiative program. This program enables the town the opportunity to have affordable housing units. A required letter of support has been provided by the Burlington Housing Partnership. The project consists of 24 age restricted 55 and over
condominiums to include six affordable units. If approved by the board, it would be sent to the state for approval, and then a review process would commence with the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board was satisfied with the documentation provided. Chairman Hartling noted that the process is being handled by Jim Doherty, Housing Partnership.

**Motion:** Selectman Morandi moved to approve to supply a letter of support for the Local Initiative / 40 B condominium age restricted condominium project, Winn View Heights II. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)

048 Approval: Drainage Easement / General Walker Estates

Engineering has advised that this easement is on private property and is not the responsibility of the town. The approval of this easement would only allow for the town to access the property to conduct any necessary inspections. The BOS are required to be accepted and signed by the BOS.

**Motion:** Selectman Morandi moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the final, emergency only, privately owned Drainage Easement for the General Walker Estates Burlington, MA, as reviewed and approved by Burlington's Town Counsel with the stipulation as per counsel and the Planning Board's final decision that "Ownership as well as O&M of all storm water systems and BMPs should be clearly stated on the plans to avoid confusion in the future regarding responsibility of the storm water management facility. The deeds or a covenant should clearly specify the homeowner(s) or association or Property owner whom shall be responsible for owning the system as well as inspection and maintenance schedules" with it being stipulated that the drainage system easement is strictly for emergency purposes and not regular maintenance. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)

049 Subcommittee Reports

Selectman Runyan said that Bingo is back up and running at the COA.

Selectman Tigges said he would be attending a Massachusetts Sierra Club summit on Saturday, March 16, at Framingham State University for municipal leaders across the state for the start of a year-long series of Climate Leadership Summits.

050 Chairman’s Report

Chairman Hartling has been working with the Board of Health to curtail the problem of residents illegally draining sump pumps off their property and into street drains causing icing on other residential properties.

051 Town Administrator’s Report

• The Police Department is running free Rape Aggression Defense programs and to contact Police Department to apply.
• Participated in the delivery of Meals on Wheels the previous week. It was a rewarding experience.

052 Old/New Business

**Scholarship Committee Update:** Chairman Hartling commented on the quick action taken by the Selectmen's Office and the BOS to form a Scholarship Committee for the tax bill check off donations in order to properly separate these funds from the Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation. This initiative was approved at Town Meeting. The very productive group of individuals appointed to this committee were thanked for their great work. There will be two $5,000 scholarships to award in May. The group created an application and there will be a press release with applications due in May.
The following are members of the Scholarship Fund committee:

• Gina Leary
• Rosalyn Minassian
• Bill Boivin
• Jennifer Kosses
• Sheila Fitzpatrick
• Kent Moffatt
• Joe Attubato, Guidance Counselor at Burlington High School

**Adjourn:**
**Motion:** Selectman Hogan moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough, Recording Clerk