GENERAL SESSION
The Chairman called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

205  Update:  
State House Update
State Representative Ken Gordon was present to provide an update on items he is working on at the state level. The BOS have invited both he and Senator Cindy Friedman to provide quarterly updates.

Items discussed:
- The transit program from Lowell to Burlington between the malls and The District areas to assist labor personnel to work in Burlington. This is a program that he has been working on for years.
- Education Opportunity Act to build on the foundation budget.
- Assisting with funding for Burlington school buildings.
- Amendment on Transportation bond bill with $1M request for appropriation for Burlington sidewalks.

Rep. Gordon requested BOS consideration to allow for signage to announce when and where he will be in Burlington to meet with the public. The BOS and Town Administrator Sagarino (TA Sagarino) thanked Rep. Gordon for providing the update and look forward to future meeting updates.

206 Appointment: 
- Police
- DPW.

Police:  At the recommendation of Chief Michael Kent, TA Sagarino appointed retired Police Officer Thomas Magee to the position of Special Police Officer and recommended the BOS waive the standard 15-day waiting period. Officer Magee had a 33-year career span with the town.

Motion:  Selectman Tigges moved to waive the standard fifteen day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
JOSEPH MORANDI, CHAIRMAN • JAMES TIGGES, VICE-CHAIRMAN • ROBERT HOGAN • MICHAEL RUNYAN • NICHOLAS PRIEST
DPW
DPW Director John Sanchez was present to report that Chuck Woods was retiring after more than thirty years with the town.

Mr. Sanchez recommended Matthew Davis be transferred from the Water and Sewer Division for a lateral transfer to the position of Water and Sewer Lead Foreman. TA Sagarino agreed with this recommendation and appointed Matthew Davis to this position and recommended the BOS waive the standard fifteen day waiting period.

Motion: Selectman Priest moved to waive the standard fifteen day waiting period for Matthew Davis's transfer. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (4-0-0)

Mr. Sanchez next recommended Christopher Hayes be transferred from the Highway Department to the Water and Sewer Department for a lateral transfer to the position of Water System Maintenance Craftsman. TA Sagarino agreed with this recommendation and appointed Christopher Hayes to this position and recommended the BOS waive the standard fifteen day waiting period.

Motion: Selectman Runyan moved to waive the standard fifteen day waiting period for Christopher Hayes. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved. (4-0-0)

Mr. Sanchez reported that Patrick Duran and Michael DeSimone did very well at the National Competition in Colorado in September of 2019. There were 40 teams. While there they also participated in training courses. The BOS again noted their skills and extended congratulations.

207 Update: MWRA Status
Mr. Sanchez provided an update on the connection to MWRA:
- Town Meeting voted to approve joining the MWRA approximately one year ago.
- We continue to work through the permitting process to officially join.
- The Legislatures and Governor have signed off on approval.
- The Environmental Reporting/NEFA process will be ready to submit in approximately one month.
- Permits are expected to go through during the winter months.
- Expectations are that we will be finalized to join in the summer of 2020.
- The pipe on Adams Street will be replaced next year with a properly sized pipe in order to tap into the system.
- Once all steps are complete and we have joined the MWRA, the town will no longer have to declare a water emergency/water ban in order to tap into the MWRA system.

The BOS thanked Mr. Sanchez for the work being done and for providing the update.

208 Public Hearing: Burlington Beer Works
The public hearing was opened on March 11, 2019 at which time it was agreed to postpone the hearing to October 7, 2019. At the request of the applicant, the BOS agreed to continue the hearing to October 28, 2019.

Motion: Selectman Priest moved that the Burlington Board of Selectmen allow to continue the public hearing with respect to the consideration for cancellation of an all alcohol liquor license of Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc. dba Burlington Beer Works from October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. as requested by the license holder. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (4-0-0)

209 Approve: Health Insurance FY2020 Rates
Treasurer/Collector Brian Curtin was presented the recommended Health Insurance FY2020. Meetings on the rates with the town's unions and consultant went smoothly and the proposed increase in rates for both active employees and retirees were before the BOS for approval. It was recommended to increase the active employees monthly premium by 3% in the three, quality, high deductible programs that the town partakes in: Blue Care Elect, Blue Cross and Harvard Pilgrim. The individual plans are $1,000 deductible - the town pays the first 500. On the family plans, it is a $2,000 deductible with the town paying $1,000 towards the deductible.

There are five different senior plans offered for retirees on Medicare over 65 plans. These rates are not set by the town but are set regionally per the number of people on the plans and the history of claims in the previous year. The increases to the retiree plans will be:

- 2.2% Blue Cross Medex
- 3% Blue Cross Managed Blue
- 5.3% Harvard Medicare Enhanced
- 3.2% Tufts Preferred
- 1.25% Tufts Preferred Supplement

The financial teams and Town Administrator were comfortable with these proposals he said. The high deductible plans have saved the town significantly. The health insurance trust fund and OPEB are doing well. TA Sagarino agreed with the recommended increases and through collaboration of departments, collective bargaining groups and committees, we are realizing excellent plan. The BOS thanked the teams for their work and for keeping costs manageable.

Motion: Selectman Tigges moved to approve the increase in the health insurance rates for FY2020 as presented and discussed. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

210 Update: Burlington Sidewalks

Steve Morin from the Sidewalk Committee was present to provide an update to the BOS on the work this committee has done. A report providing the need for maintenance and replacement was provided. Mr. Morin said that the committee canvassed Cambridge Street from the Billerica to the Woburn town lines. In addition to recommending $1M be considered for new sidewalks, the committee also seeks to ensure that the sidewalks will be kept up to date noting that some areas are dangerous. There are no warning lights at the Route 95 area or new Target and there are missing pedestrian lights in many important locations. Many sidewalks are deteriorating and they are working with Chris Hanafin, DAC Coordinator with respect to obstructed sidewalks. Committee members held a meeting with Representative Gordon who recommended a survey be completed on this state road and to work on receiving approval from MassDOT. The committee has a letter of support from the Planning Board to present to MassDOT and are seeking a letter from the BOS since the state has various funding for new sidewalks.

TA Sagarino and the BOS thanked the committee members for the work done on this project including Steve Moran, Bud Larson, Sean Connors, Adam Senesi, and Christine Warren.

Chairman Morandi agreed with a letter of support and asked that they continue to work with Engineering.

211 Approval: Historical Commission

Signage at Historical Museum
Chairman of the Historical Commission Joyce Fay was present with member Peter Copolla seeking approval to install a permanent sign at the Burlington Historic Museum on Bedford Street. The sign will provide better exposure and assist to advertise that the museum is there to visit. The various times they are open and events will be velcroed onto the new sign. The sign will be placed 30' back against a pine tree on the island in front of the building. It will not be illuminated at this time. Mr. Copolla said it was approved by the Building Inspector and a copy of his approval will be requested by the BOS staff.

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to approve the sign for the Burlington Historic Museum. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

Mr. Copolla said he would talk with the Recreation Department about the potential for lighting the sign.

212 **Approve: Alcohol Policy**

**AMC Theater**

Kate Boucher, Manager, AMC Theater, was present seeking BOS approval to allow the alcohol monitor to do additional duties. At this time the regulations do not allow the monitor to have other duties. Ms. Boucher submitted documentation showing that on weeknights, very few drinks are served. The BOS agreed that the weekday numbers were low enough to consider allowing the monitor to have other duties on Mondays through Thursdays and agreed on a 90 day trial period. These other duties will be done after patrolling has taken place. There have been no alcohol incidents reported with respect to the sale of alcohol at AMC. Ms. Boucher also previously met with the alcohol subcommittee.

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to allow the patrol monitor to do other duties for a 90 day period in addition to patrolling on Mondays through Thursdays at the AMC Theater. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

213 **Approval: Stop Sign**

Postponed.

214 **Recognition**

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

Chairman Morandi announced that Burlington was again awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2018. Burlington is one of only forty communities in Massachusetts to accomplish this achievement. The announcement of the award stated that the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The BOS were proud that the town has consistently been recognized and thanked TA Sagarino and all financial staff who worked together to produce another impressive CAFR.

215 **Subcommittee Reports**

**Selectman Runyan** reported that the Town received Platinum Status with respect to Life Sciences through the efforts of the Planning Staff and Town Meeting and Administration were all were thanked.

Truck Day was not held this year. Al Fay, Walter DeCoste and all committee members, departments and registrants were thanked for a wonderful event year after year.

**Selectman Tigges** commented that many are concerned with traffic in town and noted that introducing Life Science businesses to the community will bring in less employees and should reduce traffic.
Selectman Priest added that Platinum Status in the Life Science business makes us more competitive with surrounding communities who already hold that status, and he agreed that with the amount of lab space required, there will be less employees assisting to reduce traffic.

The process for the search for an Economic Developer continues.

The Sculpture Park Committee has been working on plans to bring before the BOs and then Town Meeting will be approached for approval of sculptures.

He attended a meeting with ISAC and was impressed with the members who are looking at the infrastructure.

216 Chairman’s Report
Chairman Morandi reminded residents that today was the start of hunting season at the Landlocked Forest.

All BOS members attended the outstanding Diwali festival.

PMC challenge at The District went very well and $90,000 was raised with 217 registrants. Well handled by all and The District Management company was thanked.

217 Town Administrator’s Report
TA Sagarino said the search for the Economic Developer is starting up.

The Fire Chief's job has been posted and interviews of internal candidates will be starting.

Town-wide flu clinic will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Certain vulnerable individuals can make an appointment at the BOH office.

218 Old/New Business: None.

219 Citizens’ Time: No one spoke.

ADJOURN
Motion: Selectman Priest moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved. (4-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough, Recording Clerk
BURLINGTON, MA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

205 Update: State House Update: -
206 Appointment: • Police, • DPW. appointment recommendations
207 Update: MWRA Status
208 Public Hearing: Burlington Beer Works - motion recommendation;
209 Approve: Health Insurance FY2020 Rates: recommended increase chart
210 Update: Burlington Sidewalks: letter to State Rep Gordon from Sidewalk Committee; report and pictures
211 Approval: Historical Commission -
212 Approve: Alcohol Policy: letter from AMC attorney; BOS policy; report of sales
213 Approval: Stop Sign
215 Subcommittee Reports
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217 Town Administrator’s Report
218 Old/New Business : None.
219 Citizens’ Time: No one spoke.

Adjourn