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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON

## *Meeting Minutes*

**DEPT./BOARD:** Burlington Select Board  
**DATE:** Monday, September 11, 2023 Regular Session  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Burlington Town Hall, 29 Center Street Main Meeting Room, 2nd Floor/  
and Cisco Webex On-Line Meeting

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### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Michael Runyan, Chairman; Joseph Morandi, Vice-Chairman; Nicholas Priest; Michael Espejo, James Tigges

**Staff Member Present:** Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator; John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator, Chief Connerty

Chairman Runyan called the Burlington Select Board meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **189 Appointment: Fire Department – Firefighter/Limited Assignment**

Chief recommended Benjamin Fischi for the new fire fighter position Paul accepted the recommendation and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period.

Chief recommended Cliff Comeau for a limited assignment position Paul accepted the recommendation and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period.

**Motion:** Member Priest moved to approve. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

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#### **190 Appointment: Housing Partnership Committee**

Paul made the appointment of Jack Nagle for the open seat and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period

**Motion:** Member Espejo moved to approve. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

SELECT BOARD:

MICHAEL RUNYAN, CHAIRMAN ♦ JOSEPH MORANDI, VICE-CHAIRMAN ♦ JAMES TIGGES ♦ MICHAEL ESPEJO ♦ NICHOLAS PRIEST

**191 Introduction: Lahey Hospital & Medical Center President**

Susan Moffat-Bruce took over as the President of Lahey about 6 months ago and came to introduce herself. 800 thousand ambulatory visits across all Laheys in a year. 60 thousand ER visits this year. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lahey, 43 years in Burlington.

**192 Update/Discussion: Girl Scouts and Culture Fest**

Meghna and Gwyneth came back to update the Board on how the Culture Fest went, it was held on a Monday with over 300 visitors. They will now be consulting with the Rec in hopes the Rec will make it part of one of their regular events. The Board would like to participate if this becomes a regular event. They were so thankful for all the help getting this idea into a successful Event. They were both awarded there Silver Award for the project.

**193 Citizen's Time**

Sarah Cawley, referenced the recent joint meeting by the SB and Housing Authority thanked them for getting back to her, 3 candidates applied one clearly highly qualified and one being a resident for many decades and a retired firefighter as his only qualification was selected also in 2020 when a position became available 2 candidates one highly qualified and one not and again that was the one selected, which leads us to question our leadership and make qualified candidates less likely to keep applying for open positions when being overlooked for friends we need to do better to get the right person. Martha echoed Ms. Cawley 1 candidate was more qualified but not selected, no faith in the process, which leads us to question the leadership. We deserve an explanation on why the more qualified candidate was overlooked. Shari Ellis wanted to thank the Girl Scouts it was a great event and hopes to see it continue, she also wanted to thank Sarah and Martha for speaking about the Housing Authority vote and asks the Board at a future meeting to explain the difference between Housing Authority and Housing Partnership Committee, she feels there might be some confusion (terms, responsibilities, vacancies) Joseph questioned community teamwork's if the Town could join forces to help residents with water assistance.

**194 Approval: Wegmans One Day Liquor License**

September 14, 21, 28 & October 5

Wegmans came before the Board again to request 4 additional days for Beer Gardens.

**Motion:** Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

**195 Approval: AMC Extension of Hours – Special Showing**

October 13,14,15,19,21,22,26,27,28,29,31, November 2,3,4,& 5

Manager from AMC came to request extended hours for special showing as they have done many times, they will work with the Police on the details of what will be needed

**Motion:** Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

**196 Approval: New Livery License – All Pro Limo LLC 619 Farms Drive**

A standard request for a new livery license all paperwork is in order to move forward.

**Motion:** Member Priest moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

**197 Public Hearing: No Parking Signs – Rosario Way**

**Applicant withdrew without prejudice**

**Motion:** Member Priest moved to accept. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Member Morandi moved to close. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

**198 Approval: Saheli Event – Town Common**

The group came to request to hold the annual event but also this year are hoping to light the gazebo and around the Town Common purple for the month of October. Also if the day of the event (October 28) could the Town Hall also be lit purple.

**Motion:** Member Priest moved to approve. Seconded by Member Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

**199 Discussion: Alcohol Policy**

A few more questions need to be clarified before they feel comfortable putting to a final vote

**200 Subcommittee Reports – Nick – nothing Jim –** The month of August the Fire yielded approximately 450 calls and India Independence day was once again a huge hit and the group is so appreciative of all the Town does to help and participate the award us with a Plaque. **Joe –** October 2<sup>nd</sup> opening day Archery only 15 out of licenses were issued this is the 10<sup>th</sup> season. Police are taking notice lots of stolen and damaged property happening up at the Landlocked Forest. **Mike E –** It was a great week in Burlington so much to be excited and proud of with all of the Water progress.

**201 Chairman’s Report –** Truck Day is being held September 17<sup>th</sup> on the Common and Hazardous Waste is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fox Hill

**202 Town Administrator’s Report –** 911 ceremony held this morning, the Police and Fire go above and beyond with this.

**Adjourn: Motion:** Member Tigges moved to adjourn 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Member Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,

Lyn Mills, Recording Secretary