TOWN OF CONCORD
SELECT BOARD
AGENDA
July 2, 2018

7 PM – Select Board Meeting Room – Town House

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda:
   • Town Accountant Warrants
   • One Day Special Licenses
     - New England Deaconess Assoc. 8/20 10am-7pm 80 Deaconess Road All Alcohol
   • Tour Guide Renewal

3. Town Manager’s Report

4. Dog Order Violation Update: 15 Chase Road

5. Review/Update APP #43 – Naming of Town Property

6. Vote to Approve Gerow Land Acquisition Purchase & Sale Agreement

7. Discuss 2018-2019 Board Goals

8. Discuss Town Manager Evaluation Process

9. Follow up on Board’s Actions from Town Meeting

10. Discuss Letter of Support for House Bill 4041 concerning Pollinators

11. Discuss Business Recognition Program

12. Public Comments

13. Committee Liaison Reports

14. Miscellaneous/Correspondence

15. Committee Nominations: Peter Hewitt of 261 Central Street to the West Concord Junction Cultural District Advisory Committee; Douglas Bacon of 410 Lowell Road to the Concord Housing Development Corporation; Amy Kaiser of 294 Commonwealth Avenue to the West Concord Advisory Committee; Nina Nickles First of 48 Eaton Street to the White Pond Advisory Committee

16. Committee Appointments: Vincent Carlson of 34 Everett Street to the Affordable Housing Funding Committee for a term to expire April 30, 2019; Christa Collins of 55 Highland Street and Joan Ferguson of 62 Nashoba Road to the Junction Village Open Space Task Force for terms to expire May 31, 2021; Nicole Palmer of 1771 Main Street to the Concord Housing Development Corporation for a term to expire May 31, 2021

17. Extend current Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee appointments to August 31, 2018

18. Committee Reappointments: Lise Holdorf of 449 Barrett’s Mill Road to the Agriculture Committee for a term to expire May 31, 2021; Gail Hire of 54 Nancy Road to the SuAsCo River Stewardship Council as full member for an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2021; Elissa Brown of 158 Laurel Street to the SuAsCo River Stewardship Council as associate member for a term to expire May 31, 2021; Thomas Piper of 106 Lee Drive to the Financial Audit Advisory Committee for a term to expire May 31, 2021

19. Confirm Town Manager Appointments: Karen Gibson of 1641 Main Street to Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee for a term to expire May 31, 2021

20. Adjourn

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TOWN OF CONCORD

TOURIST GUIDE LICENSE
OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Extract from the Bylaws of the Town of Concord, enacted at the Town Meeting held April 3, 1905, and approved by the Attorney General:

Article IX. No person shall in any of the public places or ways in said town solicit tourists to ride in carriages or other vehicles, to take meals, to employ guides, or to buy articles without first obtaining a license to do so from the Selectmen, which license shall be issued for definite time and shall be revocable by the Selectmen within that time.

Under the provisions of the above bylaw,

Susan Hansen

Is hereby granted a license up to May 31, 2019.

Chair, Select Board
Sir;

On 06-26-2018 at approximately 0820 hours ACO Condon and I inspected the fence erected by James Hitchcock at 15 Chase Rd.. He has build a fence at the front of his property, six foot stockade, on the Prairie St. side of his property which appears to be adequate to contain his dog "Blue". In the back yard he has erected fencing that divides his property and runs from his house to the rear of his property. This fence is six foot stockade, there is a gap on the the bottom where he has placed chicken wire between the ground and fence and he reported to ACO Condon he will be also filling the gap in with soil he has on delivery. The fencing as it stands is not adequate but will likely be when the soil is added.

Mr. Hitchcock has not repaired the fence at the rear of his property other than patching a hole with chicken wire. On 06-27-2018 at approximately 1320 hours I returned to the property and meet with Mr. Hitchcock. He was advised that the gap at the bottom of the fence and lack of progress at the rear of the property is not suitable. He does have three sections of six foot stockade fencing in his yard that he was advised should be erected on the back property line. This will leave the fence approximately six feet short and he will need to purchase one more section. I advised him I will recheck with him on Thursday 06-28-2018 as well as on Monday 07-02-2018. He assured me he will have the project completed soon. He was advised of the report being made to the selectmen's office.

Respectfully Submitted,
LT Joseph B. Morahan #018
It is the policy of the Board of Selectmen that the naming of publicly-owned property shall be done sparingly, for good cause shown.

Requests for naming of any public property, such as buildings, rooms within buildings, playgrounds, recreational facilities, squares, parks and other public facilities shall be considered at an advertised public hearing before the board or committee responsible for operating the facility (when applicable). The board or committee shall then refer a suggestion or suggestions to the Board of Selectmen with a record of the hearing and a committee recommendation for approval. If the facility is not under the jurisdiction of any other board or committee, the request shall be referred to the Board of Selectmen who shall hold said public hearing before making a decision.

It is the policy of the Board of Selectmen that renaming of a property be done very sparingly, for compelling reasons. Renaming of a property already named for a person or family shall be undertaken only by Town Meeting.

A property bearing a name other than that of a person or family shall be renamed in accordance with the procedure for Naming of Town Property.

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Distribution: All Department Heads
All Committee and Board Chairpersons
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The Select Board may, at their discretion, authorize the placement and display of commemorative plaques or other memorial markers within Town buildings or upon Town-owned lands to recognize contributions to the Town by individuals or groups. The use of commemorative plaques or other memorial markers may include but is not limited to the recognition of material donations, financial donations or service to the Community. The function, design and placement of all commemorative plaques by groups must be approved by the Select Board and the costs associated with the production and maintenance of the plaques shall be the responsibility of the group requesting display space. The Select Board reserves the right to relocate any commemorative plaque or marker should it be needed for the functionality of the Town’s overall operation. The Town does not assume responsibility for the replacement of damaged or missing markers, nor does the Town agree to maintain said markers in perpetuity.

It is the policy of the Select Board of Selectmen that the naming of property shall not be linked to any terms, conditions, of sale or transference to the Town of Concord unless expressly agreed to by the Select Board prior to the acquisition. Naming rights linked to the procurement of a parcel, or parcels, shall only be undertaken by the Select Board if it is determined that certain monetary valuations may be afforded to the Town in exchange for Naming Rights granted to a seller(s). In each instance, extreme care will be taken to review the individual circumstances related to the deal; the Select Board shall take into account area market comparisons for public land naming rights. As appropriate, the Town may seek professional appraisal services to determine an accurate valuation for naming rights as well as the overall appropriateness of the transaction.

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Process
The Concord Select Board annually affirms its values and guiding principles to align its goals and objectives for improving government as it interacts with the Town Manager, committees, task forces, citizens and other units of government. In so doing, the Board aims to lead and establish strategic priorities, to provide support and guidance and encouragement where appropriate and to be collaborative, open and inclusive at all times.

Values and Guiding Principles
Governance: Effective, Responsive and Transparent Governance
Financial Stability: Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Stability/Sustainability
Infrastructure: Sufficient, Well-maintained and Reliable Infrastructure
Natural Resources: Protection and Enhancement of Natural Resources
Sustainability: Sustainable Management of Energy and Resources
Quality of Life: Maintaining a high level of Town service to Concord citizens
Historic and Cultural Heritage: Preservation and Promotion of Historic and Cultural Heritage
Diversity: Economic and Social Diversity
Balance and Equity: Balance and Equity among divergent individual, Neighborhood and Town-wide interests
Regional and State Interests: Advancement of Concord’s Interests in the Region and the Commonwealth

Goals and Objectives
Specifically, the Board supports short and long-term goals and objectives in the following categories:

Effective Governance, Board Organization, and Communication
1. Take a leadership role in completing the town’s Comprehensive Sustainable Long Range Plan with Town Manager and town departments and plan for implementation of its recommendations.
2. Provide guidance and resources for all Town volunteers serving on boards and commissions to improve consistency and efficiency of public meetings and hearings. Continue training for boards and committees.
3. Promote open and transparent government through enhanced use of technology and increased public access television, among other things.
4. Implement the recommendation of the public private partnership committee to standardize a Memorandum of Agreement as part of the town’s engagement in such partnerships.
5. Continue to support the recommendations of the Estabrook Woods Access Study Committee.
6. Support the Recommendations of the Energy Futures Task Force including establishment of a Director of Sustainability, consultant, and supporting committee.
**Financial Stability**

1. Instill integrated fiscal policies among the Select Board, the Finance Committee, and the School Committee to manage Concord citizen’s tax burden.
2. Oversee implementation of Senior Means Tax Exemption.
3. Support management of Town services and budgets to maintain Concord’s Aaa bond rating and to avoid Proposition 2-1/2 Overrides.
4. Assist the Town Manager, as requested, in proactive engagement to full future senior staff vacancies.

**Balance, Equity and Diversity**

1. Engage and support the formation of a Concord Affordable Housing Funding Committee to work with CHA, CHDC, and CHF to pursue projects, which provide more types of affordable housing in Concord.
2. Work with business sector to establish retail diversity support systems.
3. Work with Police and other enforcement departments to demonstrate Concord’s commitment to its Welcoming Community status.
4. Continue to apply Concord’s Sustainability Principles in town decision-making, where appropriate, and seek economic, social, and environmental resiliency in both public and private sector development.
5. Support proactive planning for wastewater infrastructure, water, telecommunications, energy, parking, traffic, outdoor lighting.
7. Support the Town Manager in following through on recommendations or the Energy Future Task Force, including the hiring of a sustainability director, a consultant to assist this effort and the formation of a standing committee to advise.
8. Support the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee work and recommendations.

**Maintaining Concord’s Unique Character, Historic and Cultural Heritage, Agriculture and Natural Resources**

1. Encourage collaboration among town departments on planning priorities, conservation restriction, and land acquisition opportunities to preserve Concord’s rural and agricultural culture.
2. Enhance accessibility to recreation and conservation resources in Concord.
3. Review and Implement recommendations for the recreational use and long-term protection of White Pond and its ecosystem.
4. Continue to engage Concord in implementing Estabrook Woods Access Study Committee Recommendations where possible, work with private landowners and abutters and resolve legal right-or-way concerns.
5. Work with Natural Resources Committee on balancing dog friendly access and ecosystem protection on conservation lands.
6. Review and pursue establishing dog-designated park/s.
7. Pursue analysis of the condition of the Ball Benson barn and house, and work to identify potential relocation sites.
Regional and State Interests

1. Meet regularly with state legislators.
2. Participate in regional organizations of which Concord is a member such as HATS, HFAC, MPO, MAPC, BRSB, MAGIC.
3. Maintain active relationship with Hanscom AFB.
4. Actively participate in MA Fiscal Policy Committee.
5. Continue ongoing work with Minuteman High School.
6. Work with Cultural Arts Council and other state agencies with particular Concord engagement points.
INDEPENDENCE OF THE PRESS

ARTICLE 20.

WARRANT ARTICLE – BY PETITION

To determine whether the Town will vote to reverse the Town Manager's decision to acquire the CCTV (Concord Carlisle Television) Organization and make Town Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE

Upon a MOTION made by Ms. Gailus and duly seconded, the following was VOTED:

That the Town request of the Town Manager, and urge the Select Board to request of the Town Manager, that Concord Carlisle Television (CCTV) remains the independent non-profit provider of Public Educational Government (PEG) Access services to the Town.

Passed by Declared well more than Majority Vote
April 9, 2018

A True Copy Attest:

[Signature]

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk
Town of Concord  
Office of the Town Clerk  
22 Monument Square  
P.O. Box 535  
Concord, Massachusetts 01742-0535  

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2018  

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GOALS  

ARTICLE 23.  

WARRANT ARTICLE – BY PETITION  

To determine whether the Town, recognizing the Fourth National Climate Assessment Report (NCA4) released by 13 Federal agencies in fall 2017, will take action to maintain and regenerate our natural environment in order to protect our community and mitigate and build resilience to climate disruption by:  

a) urging the Select Board to designate the identification and implementation of cost effective solutions to mitigate future weather event impacts a top priority; and  
b) urging that a new committee be formed (or an existing committee be directed) by fall 2018 to address town resilience to future climate events;  
and further; to determine whether the town will urge that the designated committee  

a) be multidisciplinary and include members with expertise in such areas as restoration ecology, green water / transportation / waste management, regenerative land management and agriculture, toxic substance reduction, and green architecture; and  
b) serve as an advisory committee to town departments, committees, and boards, and interface with groups such as the MAGIC Climate Working Group, conservation groups, and other pertinent organizations and committees; and  
c) review and recommend modifications of town bylaws, policies and codes, including zoning and other proceedings to formalize improvements pertaining to climate resilience; and  
d) educate and raise awareness among Concord residents regarding resilience; or take any other action relative thereto.  

EXCERPTED FROM HANDOUT  

Ms. Gill-Pazaris moves that the Town adopt the following resolution:  

RESOLUTION  

To take action to maintain and regenerate our natural environment in order to protect our community and mitigate and build resilience to climate disruption, Town Meeting urges the Select Board to:  

a. recognize climate resilience and the identification of cost effect methods to build resilience as top priorities;  
b. form a committee by fall 2018 to address town resilience to future extreme climate events;
and further, that said committee, among other things:

1. consist of a multidisciplinary team with specialized knowledge;
2. review and recommend changes and additions to current and new bylaws, regulations, policies; and
3. review proposals that affect natural systems; and
4. recommend resilience goals, actions; and implementation plans

VOTE

Upon a MOTION made by Ms. Gill-Pazaris and duly seconded, the following was VOTED:

That the Town adopt the resolution as printed in the handout applicable to this article.

Passed by Declared more than a Majority Vote
April 10, 2018

A True Copy Attest:

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk
APPRIOPRIATE FUNDS FOR 2229 MAIN STREET
(NMI/STARMET SUPERFUND SITE) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

ARTICLE 28.

WARRANT ARTICLE

To determine whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $25,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the purpose of creating a redevelopment plan for the property at 2229 Main Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE

Upon a MOTION made by Ms. Rockwell and duly seconded, the following was VOTED:

That the Town appropriate the sum of $25,000 from the Certified Free Cash Balance of June 30, 2017 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the purpose of creating a redevelopment plan for the property at 2229 Main Street commonly known as the NMI/STARMET Superfund Site.

Passed by Declared Near Unanimous Vote
April 11, 2018

A True Copy Attest:

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk
WARRANT ARTICLE

To determine whether the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 90, § 17C: Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled areas or business district in a city or town; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE

Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Whelan and duly seconded, the following was VOTED:

That the Town take affirmative action on Article 29 as printed in the Warrant.

Passed by Declared well more than Majority Vote
April 11, 2018

A True Copy Attest:

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk
Town of Concord
Office of the Town Clerk
22 Monument Square
P.O. Box 535
Concord, Massachusetts  01742-0535

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
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MORATORIUM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION DOG RESTRICTIONS ON CONSERVATION LAND

ARTICLE 44.

WARRANT ARTICLE – BY PETITION

To determine whether the Town will vote to urge the Natural Resources Commission to adopt a
two-year moratorium on implementing any new (2018) NRC dog restrictions on Conservation Land;
or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE

Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Shobrys and duly seconded, the following was VOTED:

That the Town vote to urge the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to adopt a two-year
moratorium on implementing any new NRC dog restrictions on Conservation Land.

Passed by Counted Vote: Yes: 234 / No: 152

April 12, 2018

A True Copy Attest:

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk
The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2164) of James B. Eldridge, Carolyn C. Dykema, Jason M. Lewis, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect Massachusetts pollinators, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2113) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the use and protection of pollinators by further regulating the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on certain agricultural land, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4041) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SMITTY PIGNATELLI.
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act to protect Massachusetts pollinators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Agricultural commodity” the following definition:–

“Agricultural use”, the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on land in agricultural use, as defined in section 1 of chapter 61A.

SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of, “Beneficial insects” the following definition:–

“Blooming season,” the period of the calendar year during which blooming or flowering plants are actively blooming, which shall include, at a minimum, the period between March 1 and October 31, provided, that the department may increase the period of time by regulation.

SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of “Fungi”, the following definition:–
“Horticultural use”, the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on land in horticultural use, as defined in section 2 of chapter 61A.

SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of “Nematode” the following definition:-

“Neonicotinoid,” a pesticide belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals which act selectively on nicotine acetylcholine receptors of organisms and are absorbed into plant tissue and can be present in pollen and nectar, including but not limited to, imidacloprid, acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, nithiazine, nitenpyram, thiacloprid, and thiamethoxam and any other pesticide identified as a neonicotinoid by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-

No person shall distribute a neonicotinoid, or any substance containing a neonicotinoid, for agricultural use or horticultural use, except a neonicotinoid-treated nursery plant, to any person except a certified commercial applicator, a certified private applicator, or a licensed applicator.

SECTION 6. Said chapter 132B is hereby further amended by inserting after section 6K the following section:-

Section 6L. (a) Neonicotinoids shall not be sprayed, released, deposited or applied on any property within the commonwealth, except as follows:-

(1) During the blooming season, neonicotinoids shall be used for agricultural use and horticultural use only.
(2) A neonicotinoid used during the blooming season for agricultural use or horticultural use shall only be sprayed, released, deposited or applied by certified commercial applicator, certified private applicator or licensed applicator who has received a certificate of training.

(3) On a date outside of the blooming season, neonicotinoids shall only be sprayed, released, deposited or applied by a certified commercial applicator, a certified private applicator, or a licensed applicator.

(b) Prior to spraying, releasing, depositing or applying any neonicotinoid in accordance with subsection (a), a certified commercial applicator, certified private applicator or licensed applicator shall provide the owner of the property on which the neonicotinoid is to be used with:

(i) information on the risks associated with the use of the neonicotinoids, including, but not limited to, the potential effects on the central nervous system of pollinators and non-target organisms and an overview of the effects of neonicotinoids on honeybees; (ii) a list of alternative non-neonicotinoid products; and (iii) an acknowledgment signifying that the owner has received and understands this information. The informational materials, list and acknowledgement required by this subsection shall be in a form prescribed by the department. This subsection shall not apply to any certified commercial applicator, certified private applicator, or licensed applicator using a neonicotinoid on property that he or she owns.

(c) The subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to the following products: (i) pet care products used to mitigate fleas, mites, ticks, heartworms, or other animals that are harmful to the health of a domesticated animal; (ii) personal care products used to mitigate lice and bedbugs; (iii) indoor pest control products used to mitigate insects indoors, including ant bait and (iv) any
products used by licensed or certified applicators for use in industrial, institutional, structural and health related pest control, as defined in 333 CMR 10.03.7.

SECTION 7. Section 10 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph, the following paragraph:-

The department shall require that any certified commercial applicator, certified private applicator, or licensed applicator using neonicotinoids pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 6L satisfactorily completes training regarding the risks associated with the use of neonicotinoids and the proper techniques to minimize said risks. The department shall include the neonicotinoid training in the licensing and certification process for certified commercial applicators, certified private applicators, or licensed applicators.

SECTION 8. Section 14 of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “inclusive”, in lines 9 and 10, the following words:-, section 6L.

SECTION 9. The department of agricultural resources shall work with the center for agriculture, food and the environment at University of Massachusetts at Amherst in order to develop the training required by section 4 within six months of the passage of this Act. Such training may, if practicable, include the attendance of any existing courses, programs or initiatives at said center.

SECTION 10. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall identify opportunities in the commonwealth for the replacement of non-native, cool-season turf grasses around solar energy installations on property owned by the department with native plant communities that include flowers, wildflowers, vegetables, weeds, herbs, ornamental plants, cover crops and legume species to attract honey bees and other pollinators.
SECTION 11. The department of agricultural resources shall develop the informational materials, list of alternative products and acknowledgement form required by section 6 within 6 months of the passage of this act.

SECTION 12. Section 8 shall take effect on January 1, 2019. No penalties shall be assessed for a violation of this act prior to such date.
August 15, 2016

The Honorable Carol Dykema
State House Room
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Rep. Dykema:

Thank you for your leadership and hard work on legislation to protect the health of pollinators by restricting the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. We are writing to request that you reintroduce H.4187, An Act protecting Massachusetts pollinators, in the upcoming legislative session.

This bill takes common sense steps to protect pollinators, which are vital to the health of our food supply, agricultural economy and environment in Massachusetts by reducing the widespread use of pesticides that are contributing to their decline.

Bees and other pollinators are essential to sustainable agriculture in Massachusetts, which produces $492 billion in agricultural products annually. They are responsible for one-third of our food supply and contribute as much as $27 billion to the U.S. economy annually. Many crops in Massachusetts rely primarily on pollinators, such as cranberries, apples, and peaches.

Many pollinators, including managed and wild bees as well as butterflies and birds, are at risk from many environmental factors and the use of neonicotinoids is one. Concord is proud of its agricultural roots and the bee community has suffered from significant colony collapse. A large body of science has indicated that neonicotinoid pesticides may be a leading contributor to this decline.

Maryland and Connecticut have passed similar legislation this year restricting the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. This bill will protect pollinators by ensuring that neonicotinoid use would be limited to trained and properly educated licensed applicators, which would significantly reduce overuse and misuse by residential consumers. The legislation also includes labeling and notification requirements to ensure that Massachusetts farmers and gardeners are fully informed about the environmental risks of neonicotinoids.

We respectfully ask that you introduce a similar bill at the beginning of the next session. Thank you for your support of pollinator health.

Sincerely,

Michael Lawson, Chair
Concord Select Board

Cc: Senator Mike Barrett
    Representative Cory Atkins