



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Via zoom  
June 2, 2020**

**Members present:** Tom Alonzo, Chairman; Damon McQuaid, Clerk; Katey Adams, Michael-Ray Jeffreys

**Not present:** Phyllis Luck, Vice Chair

**Also Present:** Town Manager Heather Lemieux, Police Chief Marino, Fire Chief Sullivan and Town Moderator Tim Murphy

Chairman Alonzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, please be advised that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast over Lunenburg Public Access channel/YouTube Live.

Mr. Alonzo read the remote meeting information and everyone was present and could be heard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Adams thanked the Turkey Hill Garden Club for the beautiful garden in town center. She stated someone had inquired about the status of the Town Hall weathervane and another person had questioned how to get a motor vehicle excise tax refund. Ms. Lemieux stated the weathervane will require a structural assessment before being put back up. Anyone wishing to communicate with the Assessor's office can call the office directly.

Mr. Jeffreys stated, "I've been in reflection over the past couple of weeks. About what it is that we are all doing. About what I'm doing. I'm frustrated. I'm angry. I'm trying to be hopeful but right now I join the chorus that is fed up.

Although we say that America is a land of opportunity and that with hard work you can be whatever you want to be — the reality is that too often economic opportunity is the privilege of being white. At least 90% of Black people do not support the President of our country. Because all of us with brown skin are trying to figure out that year we're trying to get back to, when America was great?

Was it in the 1800's when slavery was legal and when Jim Crow ruled supreme? Was it before 1955, when separate but equal was the law of the land? Was it in 1968, at the height of the Civil Right Movement? Was it in the 1970's and 1980's when crime rates were through the roof, when opioids were ravaging Black communities, and when the government responded by accelerating the mass incarceration of Black people and militarizing police? We all want America to be great. But when you add the word "again," you very specifically change your audience and it stops being about all of us working together for a common good, and starts being about some of you.

This is the backdrop we all live under. For Black ears, Make America Great Again, is racist. And it's not something anyone with brown skin would ever say. We can say, all lives matter. Because they do. But we have to stop dismissing the cries, the screams, and too often the whimpers from those who feel like society is on their neck-as we plead for our Black Lives to Matter Too. My grandfathers asked. My father hoped. And now I demand for Black lives to matter. Black people are dying from Covid-19 at 2 1/2 times the rate of white people. And generally, Black Americans are twice as likely as white Americans to die from a treatable disease. White families have 7 times the wealth of Black families, and unemployment is double the rate for African Americans as it is for Caucasians. And if you are a poor black child, it's almost a guarantee that you will be in a school district where at least half of the students are also from poor families. And half the time more than 75% of the other students are from poor or low-income homes. And to quantify that, since the poverty line is an absurd measurement-a family of four making \$31,000 a year isn't considered to be in poverty. By the time a Black male is 23, there is a 50% chance he will have been arrested.

And although 8 percent of the general population are felons, 33% of Black males are. The criminal justice system is anything but just. My Blackness increases the chances of being arrested, convicted, and sentenced. And when Black men go to jail, families are torn apart. Mothers lose their sons. Children are raised without the emotional and economic benefit of two parents. And the hope, promise, and potential of the young man too often gets extinguished. And if you want to do something about it at the ballot box and live in a majority Black neighborhood, there is a 70% chance you will have to wait more than 30 minutes to get into your polling place. In some cases, hours. Disenfranchisement is institutional, ingrained and systemic. It feels like there's a war on Brown people and especially Black men. And as I think of my nephews, my cousins, and my husband-we all share the common awareness that even in the comfort of our own homes, our skin color can get us killed.

How much melanin your skin produces has no impact on your mental faculties and nearly every American wants the same thing-to live in a free and just society and to have a fulfilling and rewarding life in which our achievements and successes are directly related to our efforts. But there are structures that sculpt and limit access. No one alive today created these systems. But there's no denying that the poor stay poor, the rich stay rich, and black mobility is a unicorn only some of us ever see.

So these global protests are against every executive, whether Board or Body, who know people suffer injustice because they are born brown, and who, aside from feeling badly, do nothing.

Our fellow citizens are demanding we stop anticipating violence when Brown people walk, run, or jog down the street. Because when police and others are quick to pull out their guns, brown people die. And when we hear that a protest is planned, we need to stop focusing on law and order and put our energy toward having a conversation on how to resolve the problem that is pulling people out of their homes to protest.

I understand that here in the Commonwealth, police are trained well. And here in our town, under the excellent leadership of our Chief of Police, our officers are professionals focused on deescalating situations, not perpetuating violence. If these protests come to our town and if people take to the streets, we will not create barriers and throw tear gas at unarmed and unprovoked civilians. Our police are not part of this problem and are here to be part of the solution. As a Black man, I have full faith and confidence in the officers who serve our community.

I'm calling for a consortium. We need to gather, with the community leaders in our surrounding towns and cities, and talk about race and what we can do to resolve local racial disparities and racial injustice. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It's no longer good enough to say I'm not racist. We all must be anti-racist to help heal these wounds, to listen to one another, and move our communities and country forward."

Mr. McQuaid thanked Mr. Jeffreys for his eloquent thoughts on the current situation. He stated he went to vote today and witnessed professionalism in the poll setup by the Town Clerk.

Police Chief Marino concerning the May 25<sup>th</sup> death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis, MN police officer, stated that the Lunenburg Police Department denounces the reprehensible act, or failure to act of those four police officers.

Mr. Alonzo thanked everyone who helped put together the virtual Memorial Day program. He announced this Friday is National Donut Day and the Salvation Army is commemorating the service of the donut lassies during the war and the history behind it. They are also recognizing all the professionals working during the pandemic at three locations: Leominster Hospital (8-9 AM), Fitchburg City Hall (9:30- 10:30 AM) and in Lunenburg on School Street (11:00 – Noon).

He announced the passing of Bill Desaulnier or Bill the Barber as he was known for many years. Also, Doctor Tom Mulholland, a long-time resident and noted psychologist, who was an avid fan of the public library.

George Martin, 522 Burrage Street, thanked Mr. Jeffreys and Chief Marino for their comments. He had sent an earlier email out about problems he had with the trash pickup. For the past three weeks the trucks coming down the street is leaking an unknown fluid and broken glass at every stop along the street.

He was concerned about people walking their dogs and small children in the road and the unsafe conditions. Ms. Lemieux forwarded the email to Casella Waste and was waiting for a reply back.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There will be a senior class motorcade tomorrow throughout town. She asked people to come out to support them. Ms. Lemieux announced Paul Grunditz or “Grundy,” a MART van driver and former police officer was retiring.

### **I. CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### **1. Sign 994 Northfield Road Conservation Restriction**

Attorney Robert Bowen, 686 Mass Ave., representing Settlers Solar LLC, was here for the BOS to sign the conservation restriction easement document for 994 Northfield Road.

**Motion: M. Jeffreys**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D.**

**McQuaid**

**To approve the conservation restriction access easement as presented contingent on the execution of the subordination agreement and the conservation restriction access easement**

**Vote: Ms. Adams- aye, Mr. Jeffreys- aye, Mr. McQuaid- aye, Mr.**

**Alonzo- aye**

### **I. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **II.**

#### **1. Discussion on Plan for Safety Precautions for the Annual Town Meeting**

Ms. Lemieux reported the pertinent staff/officials met and reviewed all the following:

This safety plan includes maintaining social distancing procedures during entry, a seating plan, use of the microphones for voters to ask questions, hand count voting instead of voice voting, and social distancing while exiting town meeting.

#### **Attendance**

- If you are sick- stay home. If you are exhibiting a fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell - stay home. If you have been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or have been told to isolate or quarantine- stay home.
- No hugging or hand shaking should occur.
- Attendees will not be allowed to congregate before, during, or after the town meeting.
- All attendees must wear face coverings before, during and when exiting the building. The only exceptions are when a person is unable to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or other disabling condition.

Anyone that does not have a face mask will be provided one. Those not wearing face masks will enter the auditorium through a separate entrance and will be seated in a separate area in the auditorium.

#### **Social Distancing Procedures**

##### **Entering and Exiting the MS/HS:**

- Every effort will be made to ensure the orderly arrival and exiting of individuals attending the town meeting in a manner that adheres to social distancing guidelines.
- The Town Moderator will announce how people can safely exit in an orderly fashion to maintain social distancing during their departure. Police officers will be present to assist in attendees safely exiting the building maintaining six foot distances.

##### **Check-in Procedures**

- Check-in will begin at 8 AM. All attendees will enter at the main entrance of the Middle/High School. Check-in will be outside the main entry, weather permitting, and if inclement weather requires check-in to be inside, the check-in stations will be placed outside the auditorium in large, open spaced area and social distancing will be enforced during this process.

- The Town Clerk will have tables set up on both sides of the entrance to separate check-in by precinct. Check-in lanes will be separated with pylons and caution tape to ensure attendees checking in maintain their social distance and attendees will be required to be spaced 6 feet apart from one another in the two, single file lines. There will be signage to direct voters with check-in line to get into by precinct and ground markings to indicate six foot spacing and police officers will be available to direct people to help maintain social distancing.
- There will be a hand sanitizer station placed ahead of the check-in tables so that attendees have an opportunity to use the hand sanitizer prior to checking in.
- Police Officers will be assigned to assist with the check-in process. One Police Officer will offer masks to anyone in the check-in line without a mask. If the attendee indicates a medical condition or disabling condition, a Police Officer will direct them from the check-in table to the separate entrance to the auditorium for non-masked attendees to the separate seating area for non-masked attendees.
- The Registration Workers checking in attendees will use personal protective equipment including masks, gloves, and face shields. They will supply attendees a copy of the warrant if the attendee did not bring the copy that was mailed to them and a pre-stapled packet of any handouts.
- At the time of check-in, voters will be given their voting card that they will need to keep as they will not be issued a second one.
- Voters not wearing a face mask will be directed to enter the auditorium through the opposite side of the auditorium and will be seated in a separate seating area than those wearing masks.

Discussion ensued about couples and family groups who want to sit together and how to address that situation, how to exit the auditorium if an emergency arises during the meeting and having a health official present to answer questions during town meeting as well as having face masks available for those who do not have one.

Mr. Murphy noted he had asked Rose Beardmore to sing the national anthem before the meeting.

#### Speaking at the Microphone

- There will be two microphones for voters to use in front of the stage on opposite sides of the Finance Committee table observing the 6 foot rule. (Measurements were taken to ensure that the mics were six feet away from the front row and the finance committee table.)
- Microphones will be positioned at 5 feet high to minimize any adjustments. If a voter needs the microphone to be adjusted, a public access employee will be available to make the adjustment so the microphone is only touched by one person.
- The aisles that voters will get in line to speak at the microphone will be set up with spaced markings on the floor in 6 feet intervals and two seats on either side of the aisle will be left vacant to allow social distancing.
- After a voter speaks at the microphone, they will be directed to exit to the right of the stage to get back to their seat. This will ensure attendees are not passing each other in the aisles.

#### Face Coverings

- All attendees must wear face coverings before, during and after the town meeting. The only exceptions are when a person is unable to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or other disabling condition.
- Any person who refuses to wear a face covering or mask without a valid justification may be denied entry. **(Note: This line will be changed to say anyone who chooses not wear a face mask will be directed to a separate seating area).**

#### Seating

- Police Officers will be present to usher attendees to permitted seating areas and direct non-masked attendees to the separate seating area.

- All seats will be marked as to where attendees can sit. Permitted seating will have three seats between each person and every other row will be blocked off to allow social distancing between rows.
- All town officials on the stage and on the auditorium floor will be spaced 6 feet apart.
- The front row seats will be left unoccupied, to create a more comfortable distance for microphone users and the Finance Committee members, unless it becomes necessary to use them.
- Unmasked citizens will be to the right lower seating area, facing the stage. Seating will start in the front from the second row working towards the rear.
- Guests will be seated to the left lower seating area, facing the stage.
- Overflow seating and audio will be set up in the gymnasium in the event additional seating is needed. Those seats will be spaced in 6 foot intervals to maintain social distancing.

#### **Voting**

- There will be no voice votes during the town meeting. When the Town Moderator calls for a vote, all registered voters will vote by raising their hands holding the voting card they received during the check-in process, either in favor or opposed to the motion on the floor for each article.

#### **Pre, During and Post Protocols**

- The MS/HS Auditorium has maintained a regular cleaning schedule even through closure. The Auditorium will be cleaned prior to the town meeting and will include a focus high touch surfaces (e.g. bathrooms, microphones, door knobs).
- The restrooms will be cleaned every 30 minutes throughout the town meeting and will focus on high touch areas.
- Attendees will not be allowed to congregate before, during, or after the town meeting.
- There will not be any food or drink for sale and no food or drink, other than water, is allowed in the auditorium.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in advance of the check-in area and at tables as voters enter into the auditorium.
- No hugging or hand shaking should occur.
- Presentations during town meeting will be kept as short as possible.

A question was asked about air flow in the building regarding the transmission of the virus and the need for some people to eat due to health conditions. Dave Passions, 56 Whiting Street, asked about how the Finance Committee members would be seated. See notes above.

Signage was suggested for the key points of the above plan. Ms. Lemieux recapped the changes to the plan.

2. **FY 2021 Budget-** Ms. Lemieux reported there were no changes to the budget since the last meeting.

#### **I. CURRENT BUSINESS (cont.)**

##### **2. Conducting the Pledge of Allegiance in Zoom Meetings**

Ms. Adams thought this was a nice way to start the meeting. Mr. McQuaid stated if everyone talks at once it will be a jumbled mess. He suggested Ms. Adams recite it. Mr. Jeffreys had no objections as he has served out country, but thought it would be different thing when you are sitting at home and there is no common flag where you are. So he was in favor of Ms. Adams reciting it for all. Mr. Alonzo stated he was not a proponent of it at meetings, it is just something else to do. But if someone wants to vote on it he would not stand in the way.

**Motion: K Adams**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. McQuaid**

**To recite the pledge of allegiance at BOS meetings**

**Vote: Ms. Adams- aye, Mr. Jeffreys- aye, Mr. McQuaid- aye, Mr. Alonzo –abstain**

**3. Award Bid for Sale of 17 & 23 West Street Property**

Ms. Lemieux reported three bids were received in response to the request for proposals. There was a high bid of \$35,000 and they met all the requirements.

**Motion: M. Jeffreys**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. McQuaid**

**To approve the awarding of the bid of \$35,000 for the 17 & 23 West Street properties**

**Vote: Mr. McQuaid- aye, Ms. Adams- nay, Mr. Jeffreys- aye, Mr. Alonzo- aye**

**4. Advertisement of How to do a Write-In/Sticker Campaign and Announcement of Write-in Candidates**

Mr. Alonzo stated this came up as a result of the Town caucus not being held and a limited amount of people being able to take out nomination papers. Ms. Lemieux stated she had compiled a list of candidates that was in the Board meeting packet. Those names could be read aloud so people know who is running, but this item had originated from discussion by the board members. Mr. Alonzo cautioned about the Town appearing to promote certain individuals as it is not an official ballot. The candidates need to promote themselves and get people to write in their names. Discussion ensued about whether to announce any of the candidates and the need to fill these unfilled positions in order to keep the Town government going. It was suggested to consult with Town counsel and provide a general document on the process of running a write-in campaign.

**5. FY20 CARES Act Reimbursement Request**

Ms. Lemieux stated, as previously reported the State provided the total amount that each town is eligible to receive and Lunenburg's total eligible amount for FY20 and FY21 is \$1,027,771. The first round of submitting for CARES Act funding for FY20, both already spent and anticipated for remainder of FY20, is Friday, June 5th. The Finance Director is compiling all the eligible expenses (roughly in the range of \$140,000) that have been expended by all the departments and anticipated for the remainder of the year. The recommendation is to vote to approve proceeding with a reimbursement request for FY20 CARES Act eligible expenses.

**Motion: D. McQuaid**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Jeffreys**

**To approve proceeding with a reimbursement request for FY20 CARES Act eligible expenses**

**Vote: Mr. McQuaid-aye, Ms. Adams-aye, Mr. Jeffreys-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye**

**6. Letter of Support for Regional Proposal for CDBG-CV Grant Application**

Ms. Lemieux stated last week she was contacted by the Director of MRPC to see if we were interested in participating in a regional Community Development Block Grant funds. Specifically through the CARES Act there are funds for such things as microenterprise assistance for businesses, grant funds that would be up to \$10,000 for small businesses and assistance to food banks. She has reached out to the Lunenburg Business Association but has not heard back from yet. She reached out the Lions' Club, the Council on Aging for their Meals on Wheels program, the School Superintendent for their Food Insecurity program and the Salvation Army, and received positive responses. The Lions Club is not in need right now but the other three entities would be in favor of any kind of assistance. The lead community is Shirley. Other towns interested in participating are Westminster, Royalston, Ashby, Petersham and Townsend. She was requesting a letter of support that could be signed off by the BOS Chairman.

**Motion: D. McQuaid**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Jeffreys**

**To approve a letter of support for the CDBG –CV grant application**

**Vote: Mr. McQuaid-aye, Ms. Adams-aye, Mr. Jeffreys-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye**

**7. Minutes of March 24, March 28, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, 2020**

**Motion: K. Adams**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Jeffreys**

**To approve the minutes as listed**

**Vote: Mr. McQuaid-aye, Ms. Adams-aye, Mr. Jeffreys-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye**

**8. Approval of Warrants**

Mr. Alonzo reported he signed the following warrants last week:

- Warrant #59 20; Accounts Payable – 5/26/2020 - \$2,060,796.58;
- Warrant #60 20 – Deductions – 5/27/20 - \$200,879.55;
- Warrant #24P20 – Payroll – 5/28/2020 - \$837,282.11

**9. Action Items:**

Mr. McQuaid asked about the recent Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission advisory regarding extension of premises for restaurants with on-premises alcohol licenses temporarily. Ms. Lemieux stated this would be on next week's agenda. Ms. Lemieux stated four restaurants have already inquired with Executive Assistant Peterson and she had asked her to contact all the pertinent restaurants to gauge interest. If the Phase 2 reopening occurs, the businesses will be able to reopen effective June 8<sup>th</sup> pending approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Jeffreys asked about the status of the Town fuel tanks with the Conservation Commission. Ms. Lemieux will check in with them after their meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Jeffreys asked about the legislature review of the Town charter. Ms. Lemieux will have to check on that status.

**10. Committee Reports- there were none.**

**TOWN MANAGER COVID-19 AND REGULAR REPORT**

**Announcement on Existing Vacancies:**

The following is a list of vacancies on the following committees:

- Agricultural Commission (2 alternate vacancies)
- Americans with Disabilities Act Commission (1 vacancy)
- Architectural Preservation District Commission (1 design professional; crafts person or building contractor familiar with historic renovation)
- Finance Committee (1 position appointed by the Finance Committee Appointing Committee)
- Open Space Committee (1 vacancy-citizen at large)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (2 Associate vacancies)

Talent bank forms can be obtained on the Town Website and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen's Office.

**Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Grant:**

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Workshop was held via Zoom on Thursday, May 21 and the consultant did an excellent job of walking the participants through the exercises to identify Lunenburg's vulnerabilities and actions that would address these high priority vulnerabilities. The next step in the process is to have a listening session that will be conducted by the consultant with the findings from the Workshop and receive any feedback and input at that session as well. The proposed date for the listening session will be the Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th.

### **Department Head Updates:**

Town Clerk: Preparing for State Special Election; State provided face shields, masks, and gloves and Town Clerk has been working with the Facilities Director on other safety precaution measures.

Cable Manager: Reported the virtual Memorial Day Program went well. In May there were server issues that the cable access was down for a couple of days but the issues were resolved that same week.

Collector/Treasurer: The Collector/Treasurer reported that the main mortgage company that pays real estate payments received from escrow accounts made their payments in May and this accounts for a large portion of the tax bill payments. The billing for the Motor Vehicle is all set and the preliminary billing for the Real Estate bills that go out at the end of June are currently being worked on.

DPW Director: The DPW Director reported he will be receiving the detour for the Pleasant Street Bridge project within a couple of weeks and will circulate that with the public safety departments and school first, then it will be advertised, and all the abutters will be contacted. This project is expected to go out to bid through MassDOT in the next month and once awarded the project will likely last into the fall.

Library Director: The Library staff has been working remotely and is currently gearing up for doing curbside checkout for books. Returned items will be quarantined for 3 days in the community room.

### **Meetings, Events and Other Announcements:**

- Devens Household Hazardous Waste: The Center is reopening on June 3rd and June 6th; there are updated procedures to adhere to social distancing, hygiene measures, and other safety protocols.
- The Conservation Commission has a meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.;
- The School Committee is meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3rd and I will be attending the Executive Session portion of their meeting;
- The Parks Commission is meeting via Zoom this Thursday, June 4th at 5 p.m. and I will be attending their meeting to discuss the reopening procedures needed for the Town Beach
- The TCP Building Design Committee is meeting via Zoom on Monday, June 8th at 6 p.m. and I will be attending their meeting to receive an update from DiGiorgio Architects.

### **COVID-19 in Lunenburg and Board of Health Notices:**

The Board of Health issued their weekly update dated May 29th and it will be put on the COVID-19 Information Center page on the town website under News & Announcements on the homepage. As of May 30th, there are 63 confirmed positive cases in Lunenburg and one death.

### **Re-opening of Town/School Playgrounds, School Fields, and Town Beach:**

All school buildings will be closed for the remainder of the school year but the School has made the following announcements about re-opening fields and tennis courts:

- Tennis courts will be open to singles play only.
- The Track and Turf Field will be open during Phase 2;
- School playgrounds and basketball courts will open during phase 2;
- Grass fields will be closed as the School typically keeps them closed in the summer for over seeding and to allow the field to recover from heavy use in the fall.

The Parks Commission is meeting Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss what is entailed for reopening the Town Beach. Playgrounds and the basketball court will follow the State's guidance that will be issued shortly on reopening procedures during Phase 2.

### **Reopening of Town Facilities**

Last week I issued a letter to all town employees that town facilities would re-open to town employees only on June 2nd. In order to re-open we had to have a written Control Plan that certified we can maintain social distancing protocols, adhere to proper hygiene protocols, employee certification measures that they are in good health in the workplace, return to work protocols, ensure proper cleaning/disinfecting of workspaces, sufficient cleaning supplies, provide training for employees, and posters for employees in the workplace. Employees are required to sign off on a self-certification form they are following standard safety protocols and will not report to work sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick. We will also be required to keep a log of all employees that are in the building each day as well as a log of all visitors to the building. Another requirement is to limit the total number of persons in the building to no more than 25% of the maximum building occupancy. Starting at the beginning of Phase 2, which is expected to be June 8th, we will be open by appointment only for the public. We need to make sure we can maintain the sanitization measures necessary, supplies, social distancing protocols, and other safety measures as we slowly re-open to the public.

### **UPDATES RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

COVID-19 in Massachusetts (as of 5/29/20):

As of May 29th there are 95,512 COVID-19 cases and 6,718 deaths 571,745 patients have been tested to date by the MA State Public Health Laboratory, hospitals and commercial laboratories.

### **VIII. UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS SCHEDULE**

Mr. Alonzo reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

- June 9, June 16, June 23
- Annual Town Meeting June 13, 2020
- Annual Town Election June 20, 2020

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Passios, 56 Whiting Street, spoke on the unkempt conditions at the North and South cemeteries over Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Jeffreys thanked Mr. Passios for his comments this evening.

Mr. Alonzo stated all of us are anxious after watching the events going on in the nation this past week. He stated there are just tears that nobody mends in the country. It's important to know what you stand for and what you don't. I am for the right to protest for a cause and against those who use those opportunities to sow seeds of chaos and anarchy. I am in support of people fighting for the equality that they are promised that were written into our founding documents and against people who wish to exert supremacy. I am for people fighting for their human rights and I am against violence and the abuse of power on any side. I am for people fighting against oppression and I am against domination. I am for people fighting injustice and against people who are intolerant.

Bookending Mr. Jeffreys' opening comments I have the same powerful quote, "Injustice anywhere is certainly a threat to justice everywhere." He hoped everybody out there can maintain peace and make a point and fend off those minor factions. I hoped we were better than all of this.

**Motion: K. Adams**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. McQuaid**

**To adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM**

**Vote: Mr. McQuaid-aye, Ms. Adams-aye, Mr. Jeffreys-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye**

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine M. Peterson

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager