

Select Board Meeting

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

for all or some Select Board Members

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Date of this Meeting: April 28, 2020

Pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C.30A, 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Southwick Select Board is being conducted both at Town Hall and via remote participation by some members.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for the Order.

Despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, and will post a record of the meeting on the Town's website as soon as we are able.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman, Russell S. Fox-Remote
Vice-Chairman, Doug Moglin-Remote
Clerk, Joseph J. Deedy-Remote
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart-Remote
Administrative Assistant, Sondra S. Pendleton-Remote

The Board did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Remotely in Attendance: Celeste St. Jacques Hope Trembley
 Michael Doherty Marcus Phelps
 Art Lawler

~Moment of Silence~

Phil Johnson

Former Member of the Fire Department

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Discussion Items:

Covid-19 Discussion and Action(s):

- Mr. Stinehart stated the Governor has announced a 2 week extension until 5/18/2020 and will form a task force for a phased reopening plan.
- A request for an anticipated shortage of funds for FY20 and FY21 was received from Treasurer/Collector/Clerk, Michelle Hill, for the Special State Elections, Town Meeting, Presidential Primary and Presidential Election. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$14,725.00.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.
- FFCRA Act coverage for Emergency Responders: **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to include emergency responders to be covered by the provisions of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.
- The Board will look into establishing a Local Emergency Rental Assistance Program and address at a future meeting.

Meeting Discussion Items continued:

- The Board has no objections to Sunny's Convenience having a KENO to go monitor. There was a discussion regarding if the property was for sale or not.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant #2022, dated 4/27/2020, in the amount of \$218,483.13.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes dated 4/21/2020.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.

Election/Town Meeting Dates:

- Special Election for State Senator: 5/19/2020
- Local Election: 6/9/2020
- Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting: 6/16/2020.
- FY21 Budget Work Session: 4/29/2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to extend an Offer of Employment to Mr. Kyle Scott for the position of Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer pending requirements set forth regarding CORI, pre-employment physical and contract negotiations. The Board thanked Mr. Lawler for his excellent accomplishments while working for the Town of Southwick in the position of Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.
- The Board tabled the bid from Silktown Roofing Inc. for the Fire Station Roof and Masonry Project until next meeting.
- The 2nd meeting with Mass DOT regarding the Congamond Road Project has not been scheduled yet.
- DPW Brush Program: the residents can drop off brush at T.J. Bark Mulch for the next 2 weeks. The Board will readdress after the 2 weeks. The T/C/C website is now able to issue permits for the white goods.
- Mr. Fox signed the invoice to Mass DEP for the new water pump station grant in the amount of \$40,546.00.
- The application for Community Preservation Funding was sign by Mr. Fox in the amount of \$15,000.00 for purchase and installation of signage for Town owed Recreational and Open Space Properties.
- Mr. Stinehart advised the Board of an upcoming warrant article regarding CPC funds.

New Business:

- The Board received notification of retirement from Sandy Salmond. Posting will begin for a replacement for the Head Custodian position.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra S. Pendleton
Administrative Assistant

