

Select Board Meeting
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
for all or some Select Board Members
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Date of this Meeting: May 5, 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

The Board did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Remotely in Attendance: Cindy Pendleton – Administrative Assistant
Celeste St. Jacques
Randy Brown – DPW Director

Meeting Discussion Items:

Covid-19 Discussion and Action(s):

1. Mr. Stinehart stated on 5/18/2020 a state reopening committee which was formed by the Governor will address openings of retail stores. It covered non-essential backroom functions for on-line and mail order services. Under a square foot formula, no curb side sales and not open to the public.
2. The Board of Health implemented policies and procedures for the wearing of face masks. Mr. Stinehart requested information on social distances signs from the DPW Director.
3. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to accept an \$8,972.00 grant for the Fire Department for potential lost income and burden of Covid-19 responses. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.
4. DPW Director, Mr. Brown, discussed the Transfer Station rates for FY21. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-unanimous) to approve about a 10% rate increase up to \$120.00 for FY21.
5. The bid opening for ULS Diesel Fuel and Unleaded Gasoline, through the LPVEC, on a 3 year contract, will take place on 5/13/2020. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-unanimous) to approve the Chairman and the Chief Administrative Officer to award to the lowest bidder and enter into an agreement. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.

Meeting Discussion Items continued:

6. The Board received a memorandum from the Select Board of Granville stating that they will be issuing keys to Police and emergency services to both Granville and Southwick for the locked gate at the beginning of Sodom Mountain Road, as well as the property owners who are beyond the gate and others with legitimate business along the gated portion of the road. Signs will also be placed affirming that this is neither a through road nor a GPS roadway to Southwick. This issue will be forwarded to the safety officer.

7. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-unanimous) to approve a request from Lynn Blair, Director of the Southwick Public Library, to create its own You Tube Channel. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.

8. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-unanimous) to approve the Chair to sign a DLTA Grant for \$15,000.00 which will be for 6 communities for RFP developments.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant #2028B, dated 5/1/2020, in the amount of \$79,184.31.
- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant #2027B, dated 5/4/2020, in the amount of \$2,508,980.29.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the regular session minutes of 4/28/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the work session minutes of 4/29/2020. **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: 5/12/2020

Old Business:

1. Fire Department Station Project: to be discussed with the Finance Committee regarding the awarding of.
2. There has been no meeting date from Mass DOT to date regarding the Road Project.
3. The DPW Brush Program and White Goods/Bulk Items: Mr. Deedy stated it is working out fine and will end on 5/18/2020.

Old Business continued:

- Rental Assistance Program on hold.
- Mr. Moglin will attend the next CRC Meeting remotely.

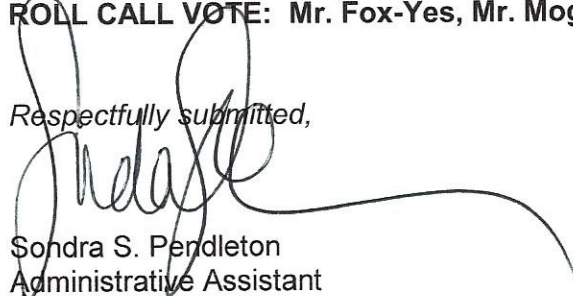
New Business:

- Mr. Fox has been working with the Moderator to get a group together to plan for the STM/ATM after 5/19/2020. He assigned Mr. Deedy to follow up on this matter and Channel 15's Dennis Clark.
- Mr. Stinehart stated the Police and Fire have been doing a great job during this Covid-19 situation.
- Flags will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial at the Town Green and the New Cemetery commencing the end of WWII. Mr. Stinehart will coordinate the filming, etc.

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