

# **Select Board & Finance Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

**Monday January 11, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.**

*All meetings of the Select Board are recorded*

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Doug Moglin - Remote  
Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy - Remote  
Clerk, Russell S. Fox - Remote  
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart – Town Hall  
Select Board Secretary, Robin A. Solek –Town Hall

Meeting Notices: 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 Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the office of the AG Web page at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19#-open-meeting-law->.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. We will post on the town's website an audio recording as soon as possible after the meeting.

The Public Body convened in Open Session according to M.G.L. c.30A, S21 (b) (1). The scheduled meeting of the Select Board was called to order by Chairman Doug Moglin at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Moglin read above State Laws and Governor Order into record.

Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.

### ***A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CONNIE JOHNSON POLL WORKER***

**Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.

#### **Payables, Payroll and Minutes:**

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2114, dated 01/05/2021 in the amount of \$218,005.37.
- Acknowledge Payables Special Warrant #2119B, dated 01/06/2021, in the amount of \$2,475.00
- Acknowledge Payroll Special Warrant #2115, dated January 7, 2021, in the amount of \$901.72.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes January 4, 2021.  
**Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.**

## **5:35 p.m. Appointments re: Westcomm Dispatch, Poice, Fire Chiefs and Finance Committee:**

A presentation was given by Westcomm Regional Dispatch Director for dispatch services.

Ms. Erin Hastings, Director went over the slide show, after Ms. Hastings answered questions from the attendees.

Topics that were discussed:

- What local cities and towns have joined
- Cost projections
- Radio analysis and upgrade
- Current Dispatchers positions
- How to proceed – A letter of intent within the next few weeks. No town meeting vote is necessary. Mr. Stinehart will have Town Counsel make a determination and to report back to Select Board at its January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please see attached information provided by Westcomm Dispatch.

## **Meeting Discussion Items:**

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign the FY 22 Gasoline & Diesel Contracts.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign IAFF Local 4919 MOA on process to fill vacant shifts.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- Tabled the Select Board Legislation request(s) to Mass General Court Legislature.

## **New Business:**

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve and sign invoice #9 from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to accept retirement resignation of Mike Bryant from DPW.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to post the DPW position internally and externally for a vacant full-time Heavy Equipment Operator for the DPW due to retirement.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- It was suggested that one of the SB Members to sit in on the interviews and review the qualifications of operating equipment ie: CDL license.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to designate the Vice Chairman, J. Deedy to be present during the interviews.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**

## **Old Business:**

- Road Name Change Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Hill.
- SPD LT Recruitment Process

**A MOTION** to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 20.03 (1) B at 6:56 p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel RE; Collective Bargaining Police, DPW, Dispatch, Clerk and Library Units  
**Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1)(b).**

RE: Police, DPW, Clerks, Dispatch Unions, Dept. Heads and Non-Union Staff

Exception #2: Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:

**not to reconvene in Open Session**

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel and to:

**not to reconvene in Open Session**

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:

**not to reconvene in Open Session**

(Chair Must Declare).

Exception #3: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body, and to

**not to reconvene in Open Session**

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body, and to:

**not to reconvene in Open Session**

(Chair Must Declare).

RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

**Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek  
Administrative Assistant