

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday February 22, 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 – Remote
Select Board Secretary, Robin A. Solek –Remote

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.

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Deb Herath, 3 Shore Road inquired to the next steps for the Regional Dispatch and if there would be further discussion. It was explained the Select Board signed a letter of interest to explore a grant process. More discussion would occur during the Budget process in April – June.

Tammy Spencer, Board of Health Director:

The Health Director on late Friday had communicated with the Town of West Springfield and Agawam to discuss a site for Covid-19 vaccinations. A potential site would be at the Big E in West Springfield. There is no formal application to date. Fire Department staff, Paramedics along with FEMA funds would be involved to co-ordinate a clinic. The goal is 750 vaccinations per day for 5 days a week.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Chairman of the Select Board to enter any formal support agreement for a regional effort.

- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.**
- **Acknowledge Payables Warrant #212B, dated 02/08/2021 in the amount of \$385,825.06**
- **Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2119, dated 02/16/2021 in the amount of \$235,392.03.**

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes of February 8, 2021.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Executive Session Minutes of February 8, 2021.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.**

Meeting Discussion Items, Action Items, Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions, Payroll Actions, Old Business, New Business, Etc.-Possible Motions/Votes:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve contract with PVPC for services related to MA DOER Green Energy Program.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to approve MGL Ch 268A Disclosure Section 14 for Fire Chief Russ Anderson. It would allow him to give advice and expertise. Chief Anderson has over 20 years experience.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**
- Discussion of potential STM & ATM Warrant Articles. The Select Board will be submitting an application for use of CPA funds under Historical to design replacement of a 23 year old roof at Town Hall.
- **A MOTION** was made by Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to appoint Donna Foisy to a voting member on the Council on Aging.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to work with Lee Hamberg from the Historical Commission to submit an application for the design step of the roof at Town Hall and to assess the slate roof/cupola at the Police Department.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to approve Mass DOR Sewer Relief Grant for FY 21.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to approve MGL Ch 268A Disclosure for Randy Brown, DPW Director.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**
- Discussion of Brass Rail LLC Liquor License Transfer Fee. After explanation of paying the renewal fee for the calendar year of 2021 two months ago along with the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions from the State, the Select Board set the fee to the same amount as the renewal fee at \$1,080.00. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to charge the transfer of LL to Brass Rail LLC in the amount of \$1,080.00.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes**

New Business:

- Mr. Moglin suggested Mr. Stinehart, CAO to draft a letter to our Senator and State Representative concerning Comcast's proposal to impose data caps is not a good idea and to not charge additional fees. Cable Advisory Committee and High Speed Internet Committee input.

Old Business:

- Decision on Dog Hearing by Town Counsel (Mandatory training with a licensed dog handler, leash at all times when outdoors, and fencing installation when the weather allows).
Theo is determined a nuisance dog, Marley is cleared.
- Mr. Fox would like to request to Senator Velis and State Representative Boldyga assistance for the town's business district by purchasing banners and lighting from the suggested State's \$25,000.00 allotment.
- Road Name Change Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Hill. (no discussion)
- SPD LT Recruitment Process. (no discussion)

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 6:23 p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel RE; Collective Bargaining Police, DPW, Dispatch, Fire IAFF, and Library Units, Deputy Fire Chief, and non-union COLAS.

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 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).

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).

Exception #3: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Chair Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to

Not to reconvene 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