

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy - Present
Vice-Chairman, Russell S. Fox - Present
Clerk, Doug Moglin - Present
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart – Present
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Location: Town Hall Auditorium

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Date of this meeting: October 18, 2021

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 20, Acts of 2021

Notice: Hybrid meeting with limited technology until new equipment comes in the future. In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed upon the Town Web page 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 Joseph J. Deedy at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting. All present

A Moment of Silence for Seth Kellogg former Conservation Commissioner.

Public Comments: To hear a verbatim of Public Comments please listen to the Select Board audio at www.Southwickma.org meeting dated 10/18/2021.

The following citizens made public comments a summary of their comment (s):

Diane Gale: Minutes: a written account in the minutes. False instructions on filing Open Meeting Law Complaints

Michelle Pratt: Terms of Commissioners. Ch. 40, Section 8, Select Board Protocols, Reinstate Dennis Clark, Chris Pratt, Maryssa Cook Obregon.

Maryssa Cook Obregon: What is the change of direction, Mr. Fox?

Cynthia Marshall: What does it take for Boards, Committees Commissions to be elected?

Sage Fury: Micro Soft teams network use for open Committees.

Inga Hotaling Washington: Open Community. Not to be divided.

Cindy Lamoureux: Select Board needs to communicate.

Kevin Solek: Recently appointed, Farmer, wants to preserve land. Served on AgCom.

Kim Lamarche: Sad and frustrated by actions. Be more transparent.

- **Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2209B, dated 10/05/21 in the amount of \$265,539.88.**
- **Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2210, dated 10/12/2021, in the amount of \$235,464.83.**

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. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes dated 10/04/21.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the amended Executive Session Minutes dated 10/04/21.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.

6:05 p.m. Appointment: Dick Grannells LMC related to Stormwater ARPA Funds for Weir Gates/Batter Boards:

D. Grannells, LMC Chairman met with the Select Board to present a request from LMC for ARPA Funds in the amount of \$5,800.00 replacing the batter boards and \$220,000.00 for installing weir gates at Great Brook to address flooding issues. Board took under advisement.

6:15 p.m. Appointment: Fire Chief and FF Academy Graduates Newman and Backman:

Fire Chief Anderson and Deputy Chief Stefanowicz presented Yellow Helmets to Graduate Newman and Graduate Backman. The Select Board commended them for their accomplishments. Mr. Stinehart and Mr. Deedy attended the Graduation Ceremony. Members of the Select Board and attendees of the SB Meeting applauded the graduates.

6:20 p.m. Appointment: Town Clerk Re: (1) State Proposal of new town precinct lines per 2020 census. Review of old/new maps and voting process (2) Early voting for local elections:

M. Hill, TCC discussed with the Select Board the proposed re-districting maps and the problems and logistical issues that would incur. Please see attachment and map for possible alternatives. Board will act on Town Clerk local precincts boundaries next meeting.

6:30 p.m. Appointment: Planning Board Members Master Plan Subcommittee Composition Changes:

M. Doherty, Chairman of the Planning Board discussed with the Select Board increasing the voting members of the Master Plan Subcommittee to include distinct representatives from the Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission, and an additional resident, and the Planning Board Chairman in an ex officio role. Additionally 2 positions for non-voting STGRSD students. Question on if this trips 3 members of Planning Board quorum.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to increase the members from 15 to 17 and proper posting not to violate Open Meeting Law.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.

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- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to adopt the Job Description for SPD Assistant ACO Officer.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Sewer Abatement Request for 140 Point Grove Road.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to authorize Mass DOR FY 22 Sewer Rate Relief Grant Submission.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**

New Business:

- Political canvassing and signatures @ Transfer Station Policy Discussion. D. Moglin, CAO, DPW Director, Chief Landis will create policy and Town Counsel review.
- MMA Annual Trade Show January 20-21, 2022.
- Discuss Senate Re-Districting boundary and representation. Select Board opposed to change in District. Keep Southwick in 2nd Hampden. Correspondence will be drafted and sent to Secretary of State, Senator Velis and Representative Boldyga.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) approved opposition to the change in Re-Districting.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**

Old Business:

- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV and High Speed Internet – Carry forward
- Discussion of Master Plan & Sub Committee Members – Carry Forward
- Town Hall Roof Design & Project Status – Carry forward
- 2022 Liquor License Permit Fees.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Liquor License Permit Fees at the same dollar amount as 2020 (pre-Covid-19).

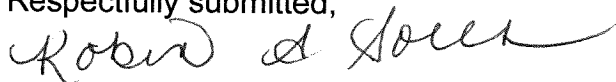
- Fish & Game site tour @ North Pond to review damage (LMC, ConCom, State Agencies MA DFW & DEP & Harbormaster) coordinating a meeting date.
- ARPA Funds review and approval for DPW, LMC Lake Stormwater and Health related recommendations.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

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

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant

Dear Representative

I am writing to you in regards to the recently released Redistricting Maps. As you are aware, Chapter 56 of the Acts of 2021— An Act relative to Reprecincting allows the legislature to draft their district maps while municipalities are drawing their precinct lines rather than waiting until the municipal Reprecincting lines have been finalized.

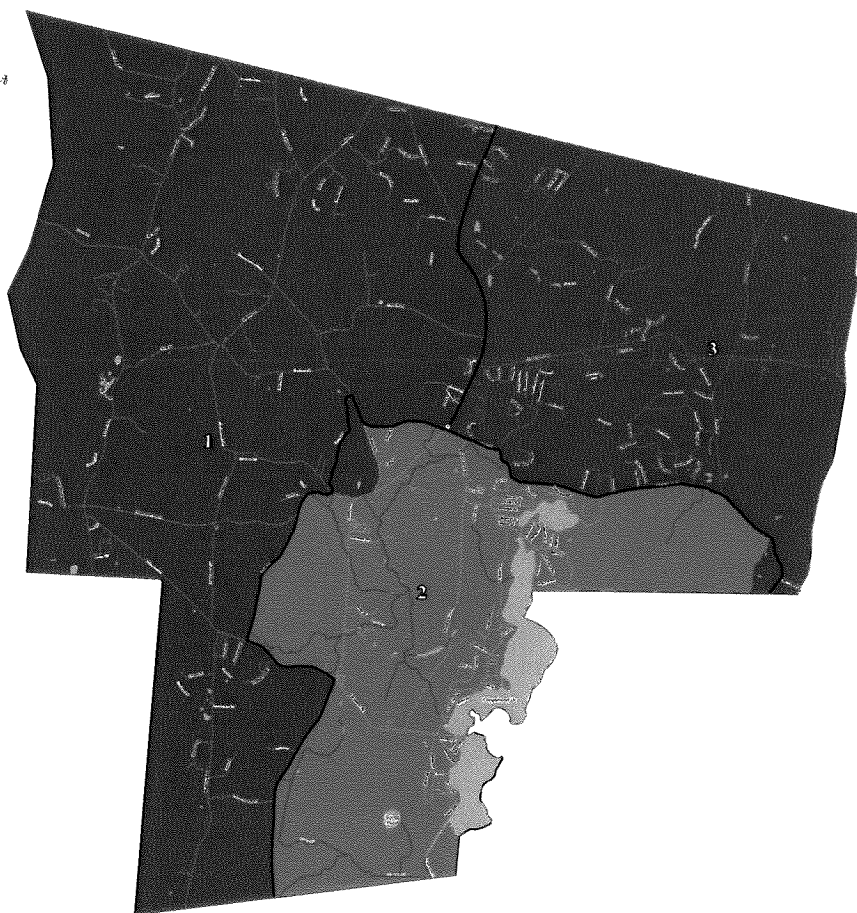
It appears that the proposed redistricting maps are using 2010 precinct lines which is problematic for those communities with significant changes, such as the need for reduced or additional precincts, or a new split legislative district. It is important that the legislature take into consideration the work that has been done locally with drafting the 2020 precinct boundary lines and use those as the building blocks for redistricting.

The revision alternative outlined in Chapter 56 of the Acts of 2021, §1(c) does not provide a viable solution for municipalities. For insert your community here, there is no mathematical way to add an additional precinct within the stipulations outlined in MGL 54 § 6 without causing a split precinct – this is true for far too many other municipalities as well.

In order to avoid unnecessary split precincts which will cause voter confusion and additional costs to communities, amongst countless logistical issues, we ask that you consider one of the following alternatives:

- Utilize the 2020 re-precincting boundary lines that have been done at the local level as building blocks for your districts – even if it hasn't been approved through the LEDRC yet.
- Consider waiting until after the October 30th deadline for municipalities to vote their precinct boundary maps before creating district maps so precinct lines can be used.

It is our desire for the legislature to use the 2020 reprecincting boundary lines approved locally as a basis for redistricting. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.



Town of Southwick

Total 2010 Population: 9,502
Total 2020 Population Estimate: 9,746

same map

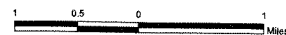
Precinct	2010 Population	2020 Estimated Population	2020 Population Variance
1	3,332	3,226	-106
2	3,290	3,567	277
3	3,179	3,153	-26

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Legend	
	Current Polling Location
	Municipal Boundary
	2011 Precinct Boundary
	Coastal Water, Lakes, Ponds, Major Rivers
	Streams, Rivers
	Roads



Map produced by the Office of William F. Galvin, Census Liaison
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Population figures based on the U.S. Census Bureau
2010 Decennial Census and
UMass Donahue Institute 2020 population estimates



Sign In Sheet

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Sign in Below

NAME	COMPANY/ADDRESS/PHONE/INFO (whichever)
Kevin Solek	230 Granville Rd
Tina Hotaling	45 Kline Rd
Diane Gule	Point Grove Rd
Andrew Gule	
Carol Guay	173 Mort Vining Rd
Scott Perusse	25 Castle St.
Cynthia Lamoureux	132 Granville Rd
Colin Bennett	150 Granville Rd.
Sabrina Foster	12 3rd Street sur
Cynthia Marshall	45 Coes Hill - Surk
Duke Grannells	148 Baker Surk
Sage Fury	91 Granville Rd 2036376089
Michael D. Penty	16 Lexington Cir.

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NAME	COMPANY/ADDRESS/PHONE/INFO (whichever)
Randy Boun	95 Fred Jackson Rd / DPW
Qm Qm	24 Devon
Karyn Goh-Ong	126 S. Loomis
Gary Scott	126 S Loomis
Chris Pratt	152 Berkshire Ave
Michelle Pratt	152 Berkshire Ave
Cherie Benoit	268 So Longyard
RADREL OBREGON	128 S. Loomis St
Lucy Benoit	208 S. Longyard Rd.
Andrea Briggs	77 Tannery Rd.
JAMES WANG	77 Tannery