

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday October 25, 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 25, 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

Public Comments: To hear a verbatim of Public Comments please listen to the Select Board audio at www.Southwickma.org meeting dated 10/25/2021.

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

Michelle Pratt: Minutes: a written account in the minutes. False instructions on filing Open Meeting Law Complaints. AgCom Meeting Minutes lacking. Status on Mucha did not attend meeting. Ethics complaint will be filed.

Cindy Lamoureux: Disgusted in actions for the last year of the Select Board.

Maryssa Cook Obregon: Four weeks since removal. Need Select Board to clarify and have answers.

Joanne Leblanc: Could not hear comments from Cindy Lamoureux.

- **Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2210B, dated 10/19/21 in the amount of \$3,211,181.41.**

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 Open Session Minutes dated 8/9/2021.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**

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- A notification was received for a Ribbon Cutting for the opening of Salon Sage on November 1, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m. Mr. Deedy will attend.
Mr. Deedy recused himself as Chairman.
- The Southwick Civic Fund would like to hold a Holiday & Craft Fair @ Town Hall on December 11, 2021.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Yes: 2; Abstain: 1 J.D.) to approve the Holiday & Craft Fair on December 11, 2021 at Town Hall.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
Mr. Deedy return to Chairman seat.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Kline Road Culvert Design/Permit Contract with Tighe & Bond in the amount of \$80,000.00.
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 David Dubchak as a provisional member of the Fire Department pending passage of all requirements.
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 accept a donation from Joyce Arnold in the amount of \$150.00 for the Southwick Police K9.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- The STGRSD Budget Roundtable will be held Thursday December 2, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

- The Fire Department Association will be holding a formal event on November 6, 2021 at the Brass Rail.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**
- Mr. Fox would like to remind residents the 2nd quarter of property taxes are due on November 1, 2021. He would like to make sure proper postings for the residents is in place Channel 15, Transfer Station bulletin board, code red robo call, etc.
- Mr. Moglin informed the Select Board of full zoom meetings during inclement weather so meetings would not have to be cancelled. Board meetings use would be permissible through zoom participation. Waiting on Town Counsel language.

Old Business:

- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV and High Speed Internet – Carry forward
- Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds vacancy, interviewed several candidates. Continuing with the recruitment process.
- Fish & Game site tour @ North Pond to review damage (LMC, ConCom, State Agencies MA DFW & DEP & Harbormaster) meeting date 10/26/2021.
- MMA Trade Show January 21st and 22nd, 2022.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) accept as presented by the Town Clerk the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan for the Town of Southwick.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**

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 6:34 p.m.

RE: Non-Union Staff, Dispatch Unit and Clerical Unit Strategy Collective Bargaining and Litigation, Labor Counsel, Fire Chief and Police Chief

Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1)(b).

RE: Non-Union Staff, Clerical Unit and Dispatch Unit Strategy Collective Bargaining and Litigation

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

X not to reconvene in Open Session

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

X not to reconvene in Open Session

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

X not to reconvene in Open Session

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

X not to reconvene in Open Session
(Chair Must Declare).

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

X not to reconvene in Open Session
(Chair Must Declare).

RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

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

A person shall have a right against unreasonable, substantial or serious interference with their privacy. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce such right and in connection therewith to award damages.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant