

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday November 1, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy - Absent
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: November 1, 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 11.01.21.

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

Michelle Pratt: Criticism of public comments section of the Select Board Meeting Minutes written by the Administrative Assistant. Allegations of Administrative Assistant and newly appointed ConCom Commissioner as an ethic's violation. Read a letter on behalf of a former town resident on the family's tragedy and notification process.

Diane Gale: Request for Select Board Meeting Schedule through remainder of the year.

Juliette Hansen: Discussed public comment process

Beth Carnevale: People want answers.

Maria MacWilliams: Questioned letter by people who want to be on boards.

Cindy Lamoureux: Select Board removed 3 people. Select Board are fired.

Maryssa Cook Obregon: Is OML only way to receive answers. Any other way to get response?

Dorrie Boyd: Put recording link in the Select Board Meeting Minutes.

Kim LaMarche: Potty mouth very unprofessional.

Sage Fury: Still working on Teams. January time frame.

Joanne Leblanc: Could not hear comments from Cindy Lamoureux.

- **Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2211 dated 10/26/21 in the amount of \$246,204.11.**

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 10/25/21.

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 10/25/2021.

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

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- The Select Board reviewed a list of infrastructure potential projects funded through American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The amount of \$1,455,676.27 was awarded to the Town of Southwick. The following projects are to be eligible:
 - \$600k College Highway waterline improvements
 - \$300k Prifti Park sewer pump station upgrades
 - \$220k Flood control weir gates for Great Brook for Congamond Lakes and
 - \$5,500.00 for batter boards as a temporary measure
 - \$40k Town Wide Buildings for Public Health recommended replacement from current water bubblers to safer designed water bottle filling stations
 - \$15k for High Speed Internet related broadband improvements and groundwork for establishment of a MLP

The projects listed are a benefit to all for the Town of Southwick.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the recommended funding of the projects for DPW, LMC, Health and HSIC. The balance of funds will be held as a contingency for the projects and until bids received/awarded due to materials delays, potential increases over estimates and supply chain logistics effecting all projects post pandemic.

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

- The Town of Southwick was recognized by Mass EOTTS Cyber Security for the town's participation.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Right of First Refusal for 83 College Highway. All relative boards and committees that relate to the property.

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

- The Select Board are in receipt of 2 Open Meeting Law Complaints. That are similar to the previous filed. They are under review with Town Counsel, the Treasurer/ Collector/ Clerk, and the Select Board.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve clerical union request to consolidate 2 half days into one full day off December 27, 2021.

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

- **Information on inserts for Town wide mailing.**

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A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Southwick Community Development Program Financial Warrant #2 in the amount of \$5,200.84.

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 Southwick Community Development Program Financial Warrant #3 in the amount of \$6,755.30.

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

- A notification of the resignation of Jessica Pelly, Secretary to the Board of Health. Proposed hours for the position to be increased and the scope of duties expanded from Inspectional Services.

New Business:

- Lee Hamberg, Chairman Historical Commission and Art Lawler will work on RFP assessment with CPC funds to restore the cupola and roof slate masonry at the Southwick Police Department.
- Tax Title Auction was held on October 21, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. Estimated total for 10 Second Street is \$34,985.34. 50 South Longyard Road is \$14, 271.83 for a grand total of \$49,257.67. The estimated Excess Proceeds is \$173, 742.33 will be held for 5 years.

DPW update on Sewer System Rates Agreement with City of Westfield for upcoming Fiscal Years. Under the current MOU, the Town is billed a Commercial-Residential rate. Southwick pays approximately \$250,000.00 to Westfield for disposal sewage. The Town will have to begin talks with Westfield on the current and future rates.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve R. Fox, Vice-Chairman to lead this initiative and to continue to carry forward.

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

Old Business:

- Fish & Game site tour @ North Pond to review damage (LMC, ConCom, State Agencies MA DFW & DEP & Harbormaster) meeting date was held on 10/26/2021 Mr. Fox gave an update on the meeting and site tour. There have been violations with an individual excavating the beach area. Fish & Game would consider entering a M.O.U. and provide signage with their rules to help provide more enforcement. Conservation would have to work with DEP to correct erosion and vegetation to re-establish the bulldozed trees that was intended to establish a beach.

It is clearly a dishonor to have this happen when the Town of Southwick paid a major portion of the 5 million dollars including a 15 year bond to preserve the North Pond Property in its natural state. Chief Landis made comments on how it is difficult to patrol the property. There has been improvement with reckless activities, not as many young people gathering and partying. The Police Department will continue to do what they can to monitor and patrol.

- Town Hall Roof / HVAC Design & Project Status – the Select Board will be meeting with the designer and Finance Committee at some future time to review the project highlights and finances for each option.
- STGRSD FY 23 Budget Round Table will be held on 12/2/2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
- SFD Station roof/masonry front window section, the leak will be repaired and project has come in under budget. Many thanks to Clerk of the Works, Art Lawler.
- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV and High Speed Internet – Carry forward
- Conservation Coordinator position option for shared role w/Blandford. Ongoing.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held on November 11, 2021. There will be no parade held.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Solek

Administrative Assistant

Sign In Sheet
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Please Print *****Legibly*****
Sign in Below

NAME	COMPANY/ADDRESS/PHONE/INFO (whichever)
Jing Hodeling	45 Kline Rd
Celste St Jacques	22 Deer Run
Cherie Benoit	268 So Longyard Rd
Lucy Benoit	268 S. Longyard Rd.
Randy Brown	95 Fred Jackson Rd / DPh
KARVEL OBREGON	128 S. LOOMIS ST
Sebrina Pader	12 3rd Street
Cynthia Lamoureux	131 Granville Rd
Diane Gale	> 5 Point Grove Rd
Andrew Gale	
Maria Black Williams	4 Pinnacle Pt.
Laurie Brantch	39 Powder mill Rd
Juliet Hansen	153 Mort Vining

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NAME	COMPANY/ADDRESS/PHONE/INFO (whichever)
Cynthia Marshall	45 Coes Hill Rd.
Gregory Scott	126 S Loomis
Scott Perusse	25 Castle St.
Kelly Parker	25 Castle St.
Boeth Carnevale	62 Porter Rd
Marysue Cook-Organ	126 S. Loomis
Michelle Pratt	152 Berkshire Ave
Christy Pratt	152 Berkshire Ave