

# **Select Board Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

***Monday December 6, 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 – Remote  
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

## ***Location: Town Hall Auditorium***

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Date of this meeting: December 6, 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 Joe Deedy at 6:00 p.m.

### **Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.**

**Public Comments:** To hear a verbatim of Public Comments please listen to the Select Board audio at [www.Southwickma.org](http://www.Southwickma.org) meeting dated 12.06.21.

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

Greg Deily, 10 Salem Street: Involved with the Petition Signing. Our Town leaders didn't understand the displeasure of things. No Carvana

Zoom: Michelle Pratt, 152 Berkshire: Open Meeting Law training. Polled various individuals some said no training some training 4-5 years ago.

### **6:05 p.m. Appointments Supervisor Building & Grounds:**

**6:05 p.m. W. Cass**

**6:15 p.m. B. Houlihan**

**6:25 p.m. W. Lis**

**6:35 p.m. D. Sutton**

The Select Board interviewed W. Cass, B. Houlihan and D. Sutton. W. Lis withdrew from the interview pool. The candidates were asked the same 6 questions and were given an opportunity at the end of the interview to ask the Board any questions. The Select Board explained they may or may not make a decision right away.

**6:30 p.m. Appointment: Continuation of Change of Manager Nora's Liquor License from Jen Nolasco to Karen Pashko:**

Mr. Deedy announced this was a Continuation of Change of Manager Nora's Hearing. Last week there was not a quorum because Mr. Fox recused himself and Mr. Deedy was not present.

Mr. Deedy waived the Hearing Notice.

Mr. Deedy asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor.

Attorney Caruso spoke of Karen Pashko's qualifications and experience.

Mr. Deedy asked if anyone wanted to speak against.

There was no one.

Mr. Fox asked Attorney Caruso to please explain to Ms. Pashko the fire laws, occupancy regulations TIP Certification maintain peace and order. Attorney Caruso reviewed the request with Ms. Pashko and she stated she understood.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to close the Hearing.

**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 Change of Manager from Jen Nolasco to Karen Pashko.

**Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: 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. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve SFD transfer for Juan Rivera from Paramedic to Paramedic /FF for Call Force

**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 Morgan McDonough per diem to SFD Call Force.

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

**New Business:**

- An update on Tighe & Bond's SFA Building Conditions Report. The building is in disrepair and it will not be feasible to restore the building for a future use. There will be filings for Hazardous Materials and Wet Land Protection Act for demolition. Mr. Deedy is exploring other options for land re-use.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman with input from Town Counsel and the CAO to sign off for the opioid settlement negotiated by MA Attorney General Office.  
**Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes**
- A request from the COA Director for a new software program for scheduling Franklin Transit Authority. Tabled until next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Decision on any information for inserts Town Wide mailing for census. Mr. Fox will develop. Informational sheet with code Red, web page access, documents and forms on Town website.
- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement. Starting to get some input. Working on a plan. Police Department possible MOU. Meet with Conservation sizeable agreement.
- Town Hall Roof / HVAC Design & Project Status – 12/13/21 Select Board Meeting
- STGRSD FY 23 Budget Round Table will be held on 12/2/2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV and High Speed Internet, and Agricultural Commission, still lacking farmers – Carry Forward.
- Sewer Rates & IMA update future meeting with the City of Westfield. 10% increase. Carry Forward.
- Renewal LLP w/Suffield, CT. A new First Selectman has taken office. D. Moglin will meet with First Selectmen. Carry Forward.
- Conservation Coordinator position option will meet with Conservation Chairman Carry Forward.
- Town Attorney has given verbiage for Hybrid to Zoom only for inclement weather and Town Hall Meetings.
- Acting Health Director is working on changes to Health Director Job Description and adjustment in salary range.
- STGRSD Budget Roundtable Meeting. Improvements in communication. Expensive enrollment 9% decline. Working on some Capital Projects.
- Fire Department window is in place.
- Decision of Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds Candidates
- The Select Board agreed all 3 were excellent candidates with their experience and trade skills. Mr. Fox nominated Mr. Dave Sutton. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to nominate Mr. Sutton for the position of Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and to extend the offer with employment conditions. A determination will need to take place with Planning Board role and full filling the elected term or leaving the term early.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes**

***There was no Executive Session Held.***

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek  
Administrative Assistant