

# **Select Board Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

***Monday, September 26, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.***

*All meetings of the Select Board are recorded*

***Location: Town Hall Auditorium***

***All meetings of the Select Board are recorded except Executive Session***

Date of this meeting: September 26, 2022

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

Hybrid Meeting

In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed on 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 Russ Fox at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

### **6:00 p.m. Public Comments:**

Andrew Gale, Point Grove Road, suggests updating website calendar with upcoming dates and times for Board, Commission meetings.

Zoom:

Joanne LeBlanc, Reservoir Road, disappointed about the STGRSD track being closed from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Deb Herath, Shore Road concerned about our drinking water. Is it safe?

For verbatim please visit [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org) 9/26/22 audio minutes.

### **6:05 p.m. DPW Director, R. Brown, Stormwater Coordinator, J. Goddard:**

R. Brown, DPW Director and J. Goddard, Stormwater Coordinator met with the Select Board to discuss NPDES MS4 Stormwater – Year 4 Annual Report along with updates on DPW project, Klaus Anderson Road – on schedule and will be completed in the upcoming weeks. Robin Road will be paved next spring. Design work on TuttleBrook is underway and work on Bungalow Street from a PVPC Grant. There was also discussion on water violation from purchased water from Springfield Water and Sewer. College Highway residents are most impacted. Springfield is in need of a new treatment plant. At a previous meeting there was a presentation regarding this issue and only 2 residents were in attendance. The meeting audio can be viewed from the town website [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org). Please see attachment.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote-Unanimous) to approve for signature the Town's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).  
**Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.**

A recommendation for a pay increase of \$10/hour for the upcoming 2022/2023 winter season plow vendors along with a four hour minimum per call. See attachment.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the DPW Director's recommendation for a pay increase to plow vendors.

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

**Payables, Payroll and Minutes:**

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2306, dated 9/13/22, in the amount of \$261,021.66
- Acknowledge Special Payroll Warrant #2307, dated 9/16/22, in the amount of \$1,871.75
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2310B, dated 9/20/22, in the amount of \$346,027.97
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 9/12/22.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 9/12/22.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Executive Session Minutes 8/29/22.

**Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: 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. Perron seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize Chairman & C.A.O. to finalize FY 23 Natural Gas quotes for Town Facilities.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$9,600.00 for Maintenance at Whalley Park.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize Chairman to sign the PVPC FY 19 Southwick Budget Amendment in the amount of \$550,000.00.

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

- An invitation from the VFW Post 872 Parade to be held on November 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize Chairman to sign a MOA with the Southwick Police Coalition for Military Leave purposes.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the C.A.O. to place surplus items including vehicles and equipment for sale.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve a One Day Liquor License & Entertainment for Rods and Mods at Whalley Park on October 1, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of October 2,

2022 following recommendations provided by Police, Fire, Building and Board of Health.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to appoint Devon Drewniansky to SFD Call Force EMT.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to accept donations from John Wigglesworth in the amount of \$200.00, Carie Leckie in the amount of \$25.00, IBS in the amount of \$110.50, and cash from miscellaneous donors in the amount of \$200.00.

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

#### **New Business:**

- A request from Our Community Food Pantry for use of Town Seal
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve the Community Food Pantry for use of Town Seal.

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

- A brief discussion on 101 Point Grove Road regarding dock rentals. Still waiting for Court Date on the issue. Parking spaces are limited and there are requirements for a Chapter 91 license.
- 141 Congamond Road – Mr. Perron will be meeting with R. Grannells, Lake Management Chairman to discuss and review outstanding issues.

#### **Old Business:**

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- HVAC – design work out to bid.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update. Met with Westfield Officials.
- Request from High Speed Internet to put forth a Warrant Article for next Town Meeting Approval to form a MLP (Municipal Light Plant)
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book – assigned to Mr. Moglin
- Military Leave Research for Labor Counsel to review
- OML complaint Hansen and Simone. Town Counsel's response is in his opinion the Town is not in violation. It is recommended to clarify the Economic Development appointment.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve the School Resource Officer Policy @ STGRSD for the Southwick Police Department.

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

- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward

- A MOTION** to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2), (3) (4) and Ch. 214, Section 1B at 7:25 p.m.  
 Litigation Matters or Threatened Litigation & Southwick PD Coalition under strategy for Collective Bargaining with T/C/C, Police Chief and Labor Counsel, Deployment of Security Devices on Town Property  
**Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2), (3) & (4) Ch. 214, Section 1B and;**  
**Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.**  
**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).  
**Exception #4:** Move to go into Executive Session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto, and to:  
 Not to reconvene Open Session  
 (Chair Must Declare).

RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

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