

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Select Board Conference Room

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Date of this meeting: November 7, 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 – Zoom
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

****A Moment of Silence for Irene Waniewski (retired Assistant Treasurer/Collector/Clerk)****

****A Moment of Silence for Cary Bedor (Building & Grounds Professional)****

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

Cindy Lamoreaux, 132 Granville Road: Remarked that West Springfield negotiated with Eversource for a better rate. What is Southwick doing?

Zoom: There were no public comments.

6:05 p.m. FY 23 Tax Classification Hearing Board of Assessors:

Mr. Fox read the Tax Classification Notice.

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

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

Dean Horacek representing the, Board of Assessors recommended a minimum residential Factor of 1 – all the same rate for different classifications of property.

Discussion – Mr. Gale inquired if there were any written inquiries submitted. No, there were not.

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

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 the Board of Assessor's recommendation of a minimum residential Factor of 1.

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

6:15 p.m. Discussion of Scenic Trail w/Trust for Public Land and ConCom:

Dave McWilliams, Conservation Commission, Chairman and Ms. Honest Lawler from Trust for Public Land met with the Select Board to discuss the purchase approximately 2 miles of 56 North Longyard Road to help protect the Trail. Mr. Fox expressed that he would still hope to see the land in 61A and to continue to be farmed. Mr. Moglin inquired what will be the use. What activities?

Mr. Perron stated it is a great opportunity and would be the First Federal Acquisition. The dialogue will continue with the Town. Please see attachment.

6:20 p.m. DPW Director Discussion and Acceptance for Community One Stop Grant Awards \$134,500.00 for Design/Permit Hudson Drive to Sam West connector \$115,000.00 for Design/Permit R.O.W. for Powder Mill Road Sidewalk Expansion:

Randy Brown, DPW Director announced the Community One Stop Grant Award was released in the amount of \$134,500 and Powder Mill Road Sidewalk expansion in the amount of \$115,000.00. The next step will to be review and sign the agreements.

The Select Board thanked Mr. Brown for all his continued efforts.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant # 2310, dated 10/25/22, in the amount of \$272,606.01
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant # 2313B, dated 11/1/22, in the amount of \$3,197,146.15
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote: Yes: 2 Abstain: 1 J.P.) to approve the Open Session Minutes 10/24/22.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Abstain**

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. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to sign a PVPC Invoice #1 FY 21 Southwick Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$11,475.63.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes**
- A notification from the STGRSD FY 24 Budget Forum Invitation on November 22, 2022.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve a SPD Donation in the amount of \$30.00 from Nancy Gay.
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 Select Board donation in the amount of \$100.00 from the Select Board Gift Account to the Girl Scout Troop #12916 for travel to Europe.
- **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 award to Compass Restoration LLC for \$16,900.00 for 15 Depot Street Building – Asbestos Abatement Contract
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 donation in the amount of \$127.00 from the American Legion to the Southwick PD K-9 fund.
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 request from the Clerical Union to combine the 2 half days before Christmas and New Year, to one day off Friday December 23, 2022.
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. and the Chairman to surplus the Park & Rec mower.
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 to vote FY 23 Dispatch Funds surplus salary accounts along with operation lines to be used for transition expenses related to regional dispatch center.
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 a Request Fund Transfer in the amount of \$380.00 for Conservation Commission Travel.
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 in the amount of \$50.00 from Carole Ann Olson, \$75.00 from Elizabeth Stinehart, \$100.00 from Jennifer Delgado, and \$100.00 from John Ponte for Southwick Animal Control Medical Gift Account.
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 Chairman/CAO to file and execute documents for Town Hall HVAC Energy System rebates up to \$272,405.00 through Eversource (Mass Save Program).
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

New Business:

- The Select Board recognized the new Southwick Fire Chief Richard Stefanowicz
- A reminder to vote tomorrow on November 8, 2022.
- Veteran's Day Parade to be held on November 11, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Regional Dispatch

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update. Meeting this week.
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book – assigned to Mr. Moglin
- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward
- Assistant C.A.O. position recruitment. Interview scheduled
- Update to invite calyxpistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility.
- SFD Bingo to be held on 11/9/22 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Southwick Rec Center.

- Special Town Meeting – November 15, 2022 @STGRSD Gymnasium
- Town website meeting calendars – Mr. Perron working on

- **A MOTION** to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B at 7:08 p.m.
 Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition, Fire Department IAFF, Library Unit and Clerk Union UPSEU
Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2), (3) and 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).

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