

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Select Board Conference Room

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Date of this meeting: December 19, 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 - Zoom
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.

****A Moment of Silence for Elizabeth Stinehart, Mary Fedora VFW Member****

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

There were none.

Zoom: There were none.

Ben Lamon, potential Eagle Scout candidate met with the Select Board to discuss his merit badges and his accomplishments. The Select Board commended him and asked him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:05 p.m. Police Chief Landis Lt. Bannish and Christopher Dufresne:

Interview for SPD Reserve Officer. Chief Landis introduced Mr. Dufresne to the Select Board Members and briefed on his credentials. Mr. Dufresne gave a brief introduction and his interest in the Southwick Police Department.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to make an offer of employment to Christopher Dufresne pending passage of all requirements set forth.

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

6:15 p.m. Liquor License Transfer Hearing from Quality Inc. d/b/a Lake Life 101 to PRIM3 ST3AKHOUS3 establish Entertainment Licenses, Pledge of License Jen0 Inc. and Quality Restaurants, Inc.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to Open the Continued Hearing
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes
Attorney Hogan – Zoom
- Mr. Fox asked if anyone wanted to speak: Attorney Hogan reported that the repairs are underway to be in compliance with the Building & Fire Department. She assured the Select Board the transient docks are for patrons only and not for rental.
- **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 Liquor License Transfer from Quality Inc. d/b/a Lake Life 101 to PRIM3 ST3AKHOUS3 contingent upon passage of all inspections.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

6:25 p.m. Fire Chief: (1) Yellow Helmet Presentation Nikolas Chambers FFI (2) EMS Field Training Officer stipends discussion/action:

Fire Chief Stefanowicz presented Nikolas Chambers his Yellow Helmet. Members of the Fire Department along with the Select Board recognized and congratulated Nikolas.

Discussion of Officer Stipends with the increase of hours on the shifts; 12 hours vs 24 hours. The Select Board will forward to Labor Counsel for review.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2314, dated 12/6/22, in the amount of \$309,661.59
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2316B, dated 12/13/22, in the amount of \$1,394,439.47
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to table the Open Session Minutes 12/19/22.
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 table the Executive Session Minutes 12/19/22.
- **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. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign Construction Amendment for Phase II Bungalow Street Project w/Fuss & O'Neil for \$48,500.00
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 Cemetery winter burial fee at \$100.00
- **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 PVPC Invoice #16 for FY 20 Southwick Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$3,394.05

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

A letter of interest was received from Harrold Odiorne for Cemetery Commission. It was noted that the Cemetery Commissioner has rescinded her resignation until further notice.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve \$175.00 to the Library 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 approve the amount of \$2,676.03 to the Library Gift Account from the Friends of Library for refunding new shelving for the Children's Room.

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 Agricultural Commission to create a dedicated website to be in compliance with Town Policy. Mr. Moglin will schedule a meeting with the Chairman of the Agricultural Commission.

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

- A ceremony to honor the Southwick Dispatcher's to be held on 1/12/23 @ noon

New Business:

- Mr. Fox joined a zoom meeting with Economic Development, he will be coordinating some future meetings with the new Westfield Coordinator
- Discussion of speed limits in residential developments, to be further looked into and carried under Old Business.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update.
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book – Remove
- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward
- Assistant C.A.O. position - Remove
- Calyx Pistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility.
- Survey is ready to be included with Census
- Opening on Housing Authority

A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition, Fire, Library Unit, Non-Union Staff and Clerk Union UPSEU, **Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and;**

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant