

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Select Board Conference Room

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Date of this meeting: March 13, 2023

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 20, Acts of 2022

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
Assistant C.A.O., Nadine Cignoni - Present
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

****A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR Jean Cass, Conservation Commission Secretary****

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

There were none.

Zoom: There were none.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2321, dated 3/13/23, in the amount of \$257,977.77
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes of 3/6/23
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 Executive Session Minutes of 3/6/23
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

6:10 p.m. Library FY 2024-2028 5 Year Strategic Plan, Lynn Blair, Library Director:

Lynn Blair, Library Director presented the FY 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. The Plan is on file and to be used as a tool in applying for grants, research, goals, strengths and improvements. A survey was taken with 260 results. The public would like community communication, more programs along with educational services.

Carol Clausney, Harvest Lane spoke with high commendations of the Southwick Library under the direction of Lynn Blair, Director.

Andrea Bugbee, 77 Tannery Road raved of all the resources and services that are available that the Southwick Library provides. The Library welcomes all income levels, dynamic and meets the resident's needs.

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 accept Library Donations in the amounts of \$100.00 from Debora & Frank Duchala, \$100.00 from Lynn K. Broverman & \$100.00 from Gail & Stephen White in memory of Irene Wolfe.
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 Cemetery Bench Donations in Memory of Vinnie Abbondanza, Kyle Johnson, Roy Benson, Elwood & Joyce Anderson, Rita & Paul Winch, Elvira & Cesare Gennari, and Mary Lynn Hepburn-Ruppert.
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 ACO Donations in the amount of \$100.00 from C. Lecki, \$25.00 from K. Ayre, \$50.00 from M&J Chase, \$50.00 from J. Bochene, \$25.00 from J& D Owens and \$50.00 from N. Lent
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes
- The Select Board acknowledged the FY 24 Mass DOT Ch. 90 Award of \$373,311.46 apportionment
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to execute Southwick Greenhouses, Inc. Host Agreement @ 27 Hudson Drive
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes
- The Select Board will meet with the Accounting Office on April 5th for the FY 24 Budget Review and April 11th @ 5:30 p.m. for the FY 24 Budget Reconciliation
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to accept SPD K-9 Donation in the amount of \$650.00 from Diane & Andrew Gale.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign CDBG FY 20 Grant Town/Owner Agreement for 10 North Longyard Road
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

New Business:

Appointment Shirley Morris to Board of Registrars.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to appoint Shirley Morris to the Board of Registrars for her regular term.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

Old Business:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve the following Warrant Articles to Town Counsel for draft.
 1. Municipal Aggregation for electricity
 2. Municipal Light Plant
 3. Green West Road Acceptance**Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes**
- Flag Policy to incorporate Mr. Fox's edits with Town Counsel input then future readings @ Select Board Meeting
- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – meeting in February
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update.
- Marijuana dispensary – Move to Warrant Article
- Calyx Pistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility.
- Cannibas Survey results presented.
- Speed limits in Deer Run area
- Research Veteran's Tax Break
- Municipal Aggregation for Electricity – Move to Warrant Article
- SB Goals & Objectives
- Whip City Fiber – HSIC to prepare Second Phase MLP for Second Vote to prepare for ATM
- Budget Hearing Dates March 11th & March 25th Land Use Hearing Room
- No Meeting on March 20, 2023
- Mr. Moglin drafting an email to the State Senator regarding continuance of Hybrid Meetings.

A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:40 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 IAFF, , 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*