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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, June 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Date of this meeting: June 26, 2023

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 2, Acts of 2023

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 Acting Chairman at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Doug Moglin – Present
Vice-Chairman, Jason Perron - Present
Clerk, Diane Gale - Present
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart –Present
Assistant C.A.O., Nadine Cignoni - Present
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

Charles Dunlap, Vining Hill Road, Thanked the Select Board for a successful exercise over the past week-end at the DPW Garage.

Darcie Rock, Commander American Legion, informed the Select Board that the American Legion along with the V.F.W. are not in favor of the proposal for planning the Memorial and Veteran's Days Parades

Zoom: Joanne LeBlanc, Reservoir Drive discussed Transfer Station complaints people without stickers, dumping of construction materials

Mr. Moglin read Mrs. Fox's Letter regarding the Master Plan's event at the Brass Rail with her concerns of the location with alcohol being served.

Mr. Moglin read a resident's letter concerning the unresolved issues at the Noble Steed Development.

6:05 p.m. (a) Alan Hoyt, Chairman Board of Assessors & Joe Deedy, Chairman Finance FY 24 Appointments Re-appointment of Michelle L. Hill to T/C/C position per 1971 Special Acts

The Select Board met with A. Hoyt, Chair of Board of Assessor, J. Deedy, Chair of Finance Committee (Zoom) for the reappointment of M. Hill, T/C/C for 3 years.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Hoyt (Vote: Unanimous) to appoint Michelle L. Hill, T/C/C for a 3 year term.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes: J. Deedy: Yes, A. Hoyt: Yes

(b) Discussion of progress on FY 24 re-appointments to boards, committees and commissions per attached list

On going. The Select Board are still fielding applicants. The Select Board will continue to address as required.

6:10 p.m. Discussion of Municipal Electricity Aggregation program options with potential vendors and regional opportunities

Colonial Power met with the Select Board to discuss their opportunities. A plan would have to be created and filed. It could be a possible 2 year wait. The Board will continue this under Old Business.

6:30 p.m. Class II Hearing issue to Zaara, LLC d/b/a Southwick Motors 479-483-485 College Highway

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote: Unanimous) to open the hearing.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes

Mr. Moglin read the legal ad in its entirety. Mr. Moglin disclosed that the owner of the building is his employer. He asked if anyone had any objections for him to Chair the Hearing. There were none.

No one spoke in favor for the re-issuance of license.

No one spoke against for re-issuance of license.

General Discussion: J. Deedy stated the outside appearance should be appealing (i.e.: flower plantings) recalls it was part of the Planning Board's special permit conditions.

Mr. Putnam welcomes and supports the new business.

The hours of operation will be Monday – Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-4 and Sunday Closed.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote: Unanimous) close the hearing.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote: Unanimous) issue the Class II License to Zaara, LLC d/b/a Southwick Motors.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes

6:40 p.m. Select Board Goals & Objectives:

Each Select Board Member reviewed the list of Goals and Objective and added input. Please see attached revised list

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2322B, dated 6/12/23, in the amount of \$740,512.57
- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2328, dated 6/20/23, in the amount of \$296,062.44
- Acknowledge Special Payroll Warrant #2329, dated 6/20/23, in the amount of \$373.50
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron, seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes as amended of 6/12/23
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: 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:

- Invite for COA Function Senior Sizzler 8/8/23
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to authorize the Chair to execute updated 1 year lease with MA D.C.A.M.M. for state owned land at 99 Point Grove Road for parking purposes near North Boar Ramp
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to approve Planning Board request for Contract Extension w/PVPC for Completion of Housing Production Plan portion of Master Plan
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to authorize the Chair to sign MOA with Southwick Police Officer Coalition for a light duty assignment
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Ms. Gale seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous) to approve FY 23 Audit Engagement Letter with Scanlon Associates
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Ms. Gale seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous) to approve Ethics Commission Special Municipal Employee Designation List.
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote – Unanimous) to approve Ch.61B Release of First Right of Refusal for .26 acres on Fred Jackson Road (Book 22514, Page 24)
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to approve the appointment SFD Call Force Angelina Avondo for FireFighter for 6 months
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to approve and award FY 24 DPW Bids for Goods and Services.
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to authorize sign-offs and filings for MA D.E.P. Grant
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign PVPC Invoice #9 for FY 21 Southwick Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$6,339.43
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes

New Business:

- MA DOR (DCAMM) RFP seeking land in Hampden County for MA D.O.R. storage/offices.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to approve the updated Fire Fees for FY 24 excludes dumpster category
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- SFD update on Westfield Regional Dispatch
- SFD Call Force FireFighters duties expansion and compensation – who train to become Driver/Pump Operators - will have Labor Counsel Review

Old Business:

- 141 Congamond Road – progress being made. A mutual compromise with the Town and the owner due to an appeal filed with to MA DEP was reached on the amount and placement of the docks. Settlement Agreement executed and distributed
- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement –waiting for delivery and installation of porta-potty and cameras for North Pond
- Sewer IMA met with the Mayor of Westfield set up final meeting – Mr. Moglin
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Ms. Gale (Vote – Unanimous) to hire Beacon Integrated to provide technical support and review Municipal Electricity Aggregation
Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes, D. Gale: Yes
- Flag and Banner: 2nd and Final Reading set for 6/26/23 SB Meeting – Working on the form. Time not to exceed 30 days. \$25.00 fee.
- SB Goals & Objectives – updated and revised
- HCRB FY 23 COLA request – no need for vote. Enough votes by other towns passed it.
- Mr. Moglin acknowledged Lt. Bannish, Police and Fire Departments for a seamless Ironman Event. Congratulations.
- Conservation Commission Vacancy will address at the FY 24 appointments and to confirm the end of term.
- Mr. Moglin acknowledged Saltmarsh would be continuing work at Noble Steed soon.
- Ms. Gale attended the Master Plan Event at the Brass Rail it was well attended and great input. No alcohol was served during the meeting .

6:45 p.m. Executive Session

A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:34 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, DPW, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant*