

Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room
Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

Roll Call Attendance:

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Doug Moglin – In person
Vice-Chairman, Jason Perron – In person
Clerk, Diane Gale – In person
Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Robert D. Landis – In person
Chief Administrative Officer Assistant, Nadine Cignoni –In person
Select Board Secretary, Lisa A. Anderson- In person

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Roger Cataldo, 4 Field Street. Mr. Cataldo has worked for the Southwick Police Department for 36 years, after being retired, the Town Select Board hired Mr. Cataldo back as a traffic control. Mr. Cataldo goes on to say he was on a detail one day, gets a call from Chief Landis saying that Mr. Cataldo was fired. Mr. Cataldo didn't get any explanation why he was fired. Chief Landis told Mr. Cataldo he got a complaint that he wasn't doing his job properly. Mr. Cataldo stated he then went to the Select Board and asked to have a hearing, and Mr. Moglin sent me a letter saying no.

6:05 pm Liquor License Hearing Transfer from Prim3 Steakhous3 to 5BEES, LLC d/b/a The Blackboard Congamond located at 101 Point Grove Road, Southwick, MA. 01077.

Greg & Kristen Buceivicius explained that they have a restaurant in Windsor Locks, CT. called The Blackboard. This would be close to the same thing, here it would be family oriented, where as the Windsor Locks one is a bar with good food. The hours would be Sunday to Saturday 11am to 2:00 am Saturday and Sunday. The entertainment license will stop outside by 10 pm. Anticipate opening by May.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to close the hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes

Jen Nolasco talks about what a great fit this would be for the place. Chris Allen said he is glad there will be another restaurant there.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to grant the Liquor License transfer from Prim3 Steakhous3 to 5BEES, LLC d/b/a The Blackboard Congamond located at 101 Point Grove Road.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes

Payables, Payroll, and Minutes:

- The Board acknowledged the Payroll Warrant #2420, dated 3/26/2024, in the amount of \$245,782.90

- The Board tabled the 3/25/2024 open meeting minutes.
- The Board approved the 3/25/2024 executive session meeting minutes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the 3/25/2024 executive session meeting minutes.
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes
- The Board approved the FY25 Budge Hearings Meeting Minutes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Diane Gale. **Seconded by** Doug Moglin to approve the FY25 Budget Hearings Meeting Minutes, with the change that Doug Moglin was remote the 3/23/2024 session.
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Abstain, Diane Gale - Yes

6:15 p.m. Police Chief Interviews: Rhett Bannish & Thomas Krutka. Please see zoom link for both Police Chief Interviews for Lt. Rhett Bannish and Sgt. Thomas Krutka.

Meeting Discussion Items, Action Items, Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions:

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve and designated to surplus the C.A.O.'s chair for Karl J. Stinehart.
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale approve the request from Conservation Commission to amend the ARPA vote to include camera and maintenance costs of the cameras and to remove the porta potties.
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Abstain, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the PVPC Invoice #13 for FY21 Southwick Community Assistance Program for \$1709.33
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the PVPC Invoice #14 for FY21 Southwick Community Assistance Program for \$2,705.16
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the PVPC Invoice #15 for FY21 Southwick Community Assistance Program for \$1209.79
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the PVPC Invoice #16 for FY21 Southwick Community Assistance Program for \$344.60
Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – , Diane Gale - Yes
- The Board acknowledged the Southwick Rotary flyer requesting a donation for the Summer Concert Series.

- Mr. Moglin invoked the rule of necessity for the following vote because the Select Board is a corporate member of rotary.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the donation to the Southwick Rotary Summer Concert Series of \$100.00 from the Select Board Gift Account.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Southwick and the Southwick Police Coalition for Officer Kelli Jachym.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes

New Business: None.

Any Other New Business: Diane offered the board members a new statistical analysis she did with the budget that might make it easy to understand. Diane would give them all a copy.

Old Business:

Updated Road and Infrastructure Projects from DPW Director for FY24. The Board went over the project list from DPW with some updated changes with Mr. Randy Brown. Mr. Moglin stated that the projects started in 2024 are still going to happen. There is about \$540,000.00 to allocate amongst the 21 items listed. Mr. Brown informed the board that the Town should be getting FY25 Chapter 90 share and those funds will be allocated in June/July time frame for about \$370k. Mr. Brown is hopeful to get funds at Town meeting also.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Project #3 Feeding Hills Road, Foster to Buckingham drainage in the amount of \$350k and then roll the balance between the 540k and less than \$350k forward into projects for the 2025 season.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes

Mr. Brown also stated that he would like to reallocate some funds from Point Grove Road. We took funds out of the water & sewer accounts to work on some improvements of Point Grove Road. That project was a little over budget. Mr. Brown stated that it will come out of the \$540k funds.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the reallocation of funds to pay for the overage cost of Point Grove Road project out of the \$540k funds.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes

Approve the Boy Scout bench project for Town Hall. Mr. Moglin would like the young man to come back and tell us about his new plan for the benches at Prifti Park.

COA Director Internal Posting: Posted and ends April 5th.

Police Chief Internal Recruitment Process: Please see zoom link for both Police Chief Interviews for Lt. Rhett Bannish and Sgt. Thomas Krutka, **Board discussion and vote.**

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Police Chief position to Lt. Rhett Bannish.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale - Yes

High Speed Internet Sub Intermunicipal Agreement: We were not able to meet, posting issue, looks like the week after next, we will meet.

Marijuana Dispensary Webpage posting HC Process template RFI value TR scoring: Diane Gales stated that she is frustrated that what she did yesterday keeps changing, but we are getting there.

Hunting Bylaw: Mr. Moglin stated that there will be a work session in the auditorium to get everyone's opinions on this issue before the board on April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Land License Agreement with the American Legion: No update.

61A, 61B: We will get a date for all the involved departments after the town meeting.

Town Administrator recruitment panel and Job Description: Saturday April 6th at 10:00a.m. here in the Select Board meeting room.

T-Mobile Hometown grants: Mr. Perron sat with Cara Cartello this past week, they are just waiting on estimates for equipment and the bid from Mr. Shield. Once Mr. Perron has that information he can finish putting the grant together.

Master Plan Implementation Committee: Mr. Moglin gave an update from his meeting with Mr. Dougherty. One Select Board member, a Planning Board member, one resident Select Board appointee, one Planning Board appointee and then one more, not sure if it's a joint appointment. Mr. Moglin would also like to give the committee a mission. To report to the town annually, report to Select Board and Planning Board bi-annually, identify successful strategies and barriers to progress, conduct outreach and provide a conduit for public input and evaluate progress via metrics based on the master plan and other relevant data. Norm Cheevers put metrics and measurements into the master plan so they would be able to use it as a guide to measure progress. The committee should meet maybe every other month/6 times a year.

Mr. Moglin forgot one item under new business, so he will cover it under old business. Mr. Moglin would like for the board to consider allowing Mr. Moglin to craft a proclamation for our next meeting which would be to honor Donate Life month. April is Donate Life month in the Commonwealth. Town hall was lit up a color for the month. We had a previous resident in town that was very big in getting people to donate and sign up to be an organ donor.

Early Voting for the 2025 local elections and future local elections will be on the next agenda, since there is a cost related to it for local elections.

- **A MOTION** was made by Jason Perron. **Seconded by** Diane Gale (Vote-Unanimously) to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin – Yes, Jason Perron – Yes, Diane Gale – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Anderson