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# *Select Board Minutes*

**Tuesday April 10, 2018**

**Town Hall Select Board Conference Room**

*All meetings of the Select Board are recorded*

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Chairman, Doug Moglin	X
	Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy	X
	Clerk, Russell S. Fox	X
	Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart	X
	Administrative Assistant Appointed, Robin Solek	X

## **5:30 p.m. Public Comments:**

Mr. Paul Murphy, 80 Point Grove Road distributed handouts to the Select Board on personal watercrafts on North Pond. He voiced his concerns. Mr. Fox explained that the Town relies on Legal Counsel to advise in the best interest of the Town and the voters will have the opportunity to decide at Town Meeting.

## **5:35 p.m. Pole Hearing Relocation (#1A2QV7M) Near Shurtleff Brook North Loomis Street:**

Mr. Moglin read the petition for the pole relocation.

A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to open the Pole Hearing. Mr. Paul Davis, Pike Engineering represented Verizon to accommodate the bridge construction. This will be a permanent pole.

Mr. Moglin asked if there were any questions. Mr. Deedy asked what color the pole will be. It will be brown.

A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to close the Pole Hearing at 5:39 p.m.

A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to permit the relocation of the pole to 438 feet southerly from the center line of Amberleaf Way.

## **5:40 p.m. Payroll/Payables Warrant and Acceptance of Minutes**

**Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions, Payroll Actions, Old Business, New Business, Etc.-Possible Motions/Votes:**

**The below warrants were acknowledged by the Chairman.**

- Payables Warrant #1824B, dated 4/9/2018, in the amount of \$3,156,201.19.

**A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to sign and approve:**

- The Open Session minutes of April 3, 2018 and the Works Session minutes of April 4, 2018 were approved.
- The Select Board approved the Southwick Library to have a Pinterest page.
- An invitation was received from the Southwick Cultural Council to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition.
- The Board approved the application for the Crop Walk Permit to be held on June 3, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Barbara Phelps was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Southwick Historical Commission.

- The Select Board was notified of the Sewer Rate Relief Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$1,775.00
- **A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign the DEP Recycling Grant in the amount of \$6,500.00**

#### **New Business:**

Bob Johnson, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds met with the Select Board to request a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$12,500.00 for HVAC repairs. He explained in detail.

**A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by R. Fox (Vote- Unanimous) to approve the request in the amount of \$12,500.00.**

He also informed the Board that Whalley Park is open and there have been no winter leaks in any of the facilities.

Mr. Fox shared a letter from the STGRSD Health Career students of a fundraiser they are sponsoring. The students are raising money for a code blue light system for the track. This would benefit the students and the general public. The Select Board would like to invite them at their April 17, 2018 meeting to speak about the fundraiser to acknowledge this worthy project and arouse interest for others to contribute.

Mr. Moglin would like to invite the Health Agent to the next meeting along with a Police Officer to discuss age enforcement at vape shops.

#### **Old Business:**

Mr. Fox discussed the land agreement at the Sofonowski Property. He discussed the funding of the land maintenance should be paid out of a Federal Grant and not the Conservation Commission budget. Agreements and Contracts are to be signed and approved by the Select Board. He added to provide transparency for the next year the Select Board will solicit proposals for a scope of services by qualified individuals. The current arrangement will be kept in place this year.

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote – Unanimous) to solicit proposals for the land maintenance at the Sofonowski Land preserve next year.**

Discussion of reconciliation of FY 19 Budget with the Finance Committee.

Town Counsel formalizing the ATM Warrant.

Town Accountant finalizing the STM Warrant.

DPW Director, Randy Brown would like to use \$9,500.00 for sidewalks from

Free Cash and the rest to be used for filling pot holes.

There will be a slight raise in the tax rate.

BEA is on April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Notification of MOA with Westfield for Electrical Inspection Service. Board will review Building Inspector inputs.

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote – Unanimous) to approve Cindy Demay as a Junior Floater.**

***The following is a listing of all documents viewed or discussed during the Open Session part of the meeting:***

- Authorize Library Pinterest page on internet
- Southwick Cultural Council Art Show Invitations for 4/27/18
- Vote to accept Sewer Rate Relief Fund in the amount of \$1,775.00
- Crop Walk June 3, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Approve new person for Southwick Historical Commission to fill a vacancy
- Authorize Chair to sign MA DEP Recycling Grant for \$6,500.00

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote – Unanimous) to go into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. regarding M.G.L. Chap. 30A, S20 (b), S21 (3), not to reconvene in Open Session.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Deedy-Yes, Mr. Moglin – Yes, Mr. Fox-Yes.**

This amendment **in red** to go into Executive is being submitted by Sondra Pendleton, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board.

**Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. 30A, S20 (b), S21 (2) (3) & (7) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1) (b).**

Collective Bargaining w/union and non-union personnel and strategy for Collective Bargaining w/union and non-union personnel, DPW, IBPO, Clerical and Litigation

- Exception #2: XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- Exception #3: XX Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body, and to reconvene into Open Session  
(Chair Must Declare).
- XX 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:  
reconvene into Open Session  
(Chair Must Declare).
- Exception #7: XX Move to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B  
Section 1 B. A person shall have a right against unreasonable, substantial or serious interference with his 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 (Appointed)  
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