

**Select Board
Meeting Minutes II
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
for all or some Select Board Members
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
6:00 p.m.
*All meetings of the Select Board are recorded***

Date of this Meeting: October 6, 2020

Pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C.30A, 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Southwick Select Board is being conducted both at Town Hall and via remote participation by some members.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for the Order.

Despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, and will post a record of the meeting on the Town's website as soon as we are able.

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 Doug Moglin at 6:04.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman, Doug Moglin-Remote
Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy-Remote
Clerk, Russell S. Fox-Remote
Chief Administrative Officer-Town Hall
Administrative Assistant, Cindy Pendleton-Town Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None.

6:00 p.m.

Board of Assessors

RE: Tax Classification Hearing FY21 Continuance

Chairman Moglin read the Tax Classification Hearing Legal Notice for FY21 in its' entirety.

Per Town Counsel, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to continue the Tax Classification Hearing for FY21 until 10/13/2020 at 6:15 as there was one outstanding item with Mass DOR 504 Forms not yet received. **ROLL CALL VOTE: D. Moglin – Yes, J. Deedy – Yes, R. Fox – Yes.**

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant #2109B, dated 10/5/2020 in the amount of \$1,031,519.10.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the Open Session Minutes I for 9/29/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: D. Moglin – Yes, J. Deedy – Yes, R. Fox – Yes.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the Open Session Minutes II for 9/29/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: D. Moglin – Yes, J. Deedy – Yes, R. Fox – Yes.**

Payables, Payroll and Minutes continued:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the Executive Session Minutes for 9/29/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: D. Moglin – Yes, J. Deedy – Yes, R. Fox – 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 request came from the Southwick 250th Anniversary Committee for the Board to do a Short greetings video to be sent to Southwick, England for 250th festivities in Southwick, MA. The Board will come up with the things they feel would be of interest to Southwick, England.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept a \$5,000.00 Grant from CTCL for Voting Equipment.
- The Rotary Club send a letter to the Board outlining planned fund raising events.

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- Approve Conservation Restriction for Greens East Subdivision on College Highway-on hold
- Road Name Change Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Lane – waiting on hearing date
- Adhoc Cable Advisory – individuals who were on the old adhoc committee will be notified to see if they will serve again.
- Green Energy Program
- High Speed Internet Committee–Municipal Light Plan Option and Ownership of Poles/Light Fixtures
- SPD Lt. Recruitment Process ongoing

New Business:

- Mr. Fox stated we will no longer be charged a brush charge (pertaining to the Transfer Station)
- The Board will consider reducing the cost of the 2021 Liquor Licenses for the coming year. Mr. Fox will work with the Chief Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant once a 30%, 20%, and 10% deduction on the license costs can be drawn up for the Board to review along with a list of the liquor establishments and their hours of operation during the existing pandemic. Mr. Fox will reach out to the Board of Health/Fire regarding their fees.
- Mr. Stinehart gave an update on the joint application between Southwick and Agawam submitted to the PVPC CDBG.
- Mr. Deedy stated the newest monument on the Town Green is up and completed.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes and Mr. Fox-Yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Pendleton
Administrative Assistant