COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



Town of Southwick

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High Speed Internet Sub-Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 6:00pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Moglin, Chairman

Christopher Boyd Marlene Quinlan James Johnson Bob Boyd Ian Creswell

ABSENT: Jessica Bishop

David LaBombard Jason Giguere

GUEST: Peter Currier- No Comment

1. The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

- 2. There were no public comments, in person or via Zoom.
- 3. Roll Call stating who is in attendance; Doug Moglin (on Zoom). Chris Boyd, Marlene Quinlan, James Johnson., Bob Boyd, Ian Creswell (on Zoom).
- 4. Mail folders were passed out to all members except Ian Creswell and Doug Moglin (on Zoom).
- 5. A quick intro to all the members again.

MOTION made by Marlene Quinlan to Table the minutes of August 9, 2022 **SECONDED** by James Johnson **VOTE**: James Johnson- Yes, Bob Boyd- Yes, Chris Boyd-Yes, Marlene Quinlan-Yes, Ian Creswell-Yes.

6. Warrant Article for November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting

At a previous meeting a motion was made to ask the Select Board to set forth a Warrant article to ask the voters of Southwick to form a Municipal Light Plant. The Select Board has put that in place with the Town Council. The Town Council has put that article to form. Doug Moglin shared his screen, showing "article 2" there will be a quick summation at the Special Town Meeting on November 15th at 6pm of this presentation. What is being done, what the process is, and what the next steps are going to be. Along with an estimated cost.

When making a significant investment the Town as always, will speak with different vendors before making a final decision as to who we will work with such as Westfield Gas & Electric, and other potential providers to make this plan come to light.

James Johnson mention that this is a high priority issue on the Southwick's Master Plan 2040. Internet has become an essential utility much like electricity. High speed internet is now being seen as high priority for the Town of Southwick's residential and commercial users.

MOTION made by James Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm **SECONDED** by Chris Boyd. **VOTED:** Doug Moglin-Yes, Bob Boyd-Yes, Marlene Quinlan-Yes, Chris Boyd-Yes, Ian Creswell-Yes, James Johnson-Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Barton 11-11-2022