

**Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
*Select Board Conference Room  
All meetings of the Select Board are recorded*

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Russell S. Fox  
Vice-Chairman, Doug Moglin  
Clerk, Joseph J. Deedy  
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart  
Administrative Assistant, Cindy Pendleton

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 Russell S. Fox at 6:00 p.m.

**~Moment of Silence~**

William Frasco - Retired Police Officer  
John M. (Jack) Sinico – Selectman, Board of Appeals

**Public Comments:** None.

**6:05 pm Troy Henke/Rick Marcoullier  
RE: Veterans Memorial Upgrade**

The above came to discuss the Board possibly donating some monies towards purchasing another panel for the War Memorial on the Town Green. This panel would be for individuals who entered military service from some place other than Southwick, yet lived in Southwick most of their lives. The Town/VFW and American Legion feel they should be honored also even though not born here. They would like to unveil the new panel during the Town's Grand 250<sup>th</sup> parade. Total cost is approximately \$5,000.00 and they have raised \$463.00 to date. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve approximately \$2,300.00 left over from the last War Memorial Grant Project, and \$500.00 from the Selectmen's Gift Account. It will be used for this new round of updates to the War Memorial at Town Common.

**Payables, Payroll and Minutes:**

- The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant #2017, dated 2/18/20, in the amount of \$219,459.81.
- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant, #2021B, dated 2/10/2020, in the amount of \$252,923.05
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Regular Session Minutes of 2/4/20.

**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 Certificate of Appreciation will be signed for Reserve Officer Rechenberger for her service to the Town.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve surplus of the old Southwick Police Department Telephone System.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approval adoption of an APR Tracking Policy.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Southwick Police Department donation of \$30.00 in memory of Janice Camissa.
- The Board was invited to the MMA Legislative Breakfast.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Finance Committee Reserve Fund Transfer Request, in the amount of \$4,774.26, for a new Part Time Employee in the T/C/C Office.
- The Board was notified of an Invitation to a Retirement Party at the Library for Margo Strozuk for 24 years of service.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Chair to sign a City/Town Owner Agreement for 35 Sefton Drive.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Chair to sign a City/Town Owner Agreement for 6 Foster Road.

**Old Business & Dates to Remember:**

- Southwick Fire Department FF/EMT – Deputy Stefanowicz informed the Board that Mr. Lombardi withdrew from the job offer from the Town. The Deputy Fire Chief asked the Board to appoint Mr. Girard from the pool of candidates from the last round of interviews. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox to appoint Mr. Girard, there was no second, therefore the **MOTION FAILED**. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to table the decision for a week.
- Alum Treatments for Congamond Lakes-Bid is 2/25/2020

### **Old Business & Dates to Remember cont.:**

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Chair to sign a City/Town Owner Agreement for Sheri A. Bryant, 35 Sefton Drive.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Chair to sign a City/Town Owner Agreement for Claire Hebert, 6 Foster Road.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Southwick Police Department "Use of Force" Policy.
- The Board set 3/23/2020 for the Special Town Meeting date with 3/25/2020 as a second night back up date. Mr. Fox will do the Channel 15 taping.
- LMC Charter – Mr. Stinehart will work with Mr. Moglin.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Southwick Police Department to apply for the Community Policing Grant, but to approach the school regarding helping to fund.
- Fire Station Design Option - **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the PVC Membrane option for the roof of the Fire Station.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Conservation Restriction for The Greens of Southwick (west side) that Counsel amended.
- Mr. Stinehart stated the surplus sale items are almost all sold and picked up and/or disposed of.
- Mr. Fox attended a ceremony held in honor of an employee of the Senior Center, Denise Hills-McGarry. She saved the life of one of the members of the Senior Center when she started choking on her lunch.

### **New Business:**

- Mr. Moglin went to the last Planning Board meeting. Some residents inquired about solar being allowed in residential zones if they are large parcels. He expressed his desire for the Town to come into compliance with their own by-laws (i.e. sign by-laws). Take under advisement.

## New Business cont.:

- The Board discussed the VFW Bingo equipment that was donated to the Senior Center. She stated it wasn't in the greatest of shape. She has asked a local non profit entity for a donation however **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to take the monies out of the Select Board Gift Account for a TV and computer program for bingo for the seniors.
- Mr. Deedy stated he is looking into the opportunity to purchase the school's mini vans if there is left over monies from the previous year's grant money.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to set up a meeting with Police, Fire, Conservation Commission, and Park and Rec. to discuss a Usage Policy for signage on Town Property such as parks, beaches, etc.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to go into Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1) (b). at 7:00 p.m.

RE: COA Director  
Police Union  
FF/EMT IAFF

### Exceptions #2 & #3

Exception #2: Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel, (Police Union and Non-Union - FF/EMT IAFF Union) and to:  
**not to reconvene in Open Session**  
Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel (COA Director) and to:  
**not reconvene into Open Session**  
Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:  
**not reconvene into Open Session**

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Exception #3: 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  
**not reconvene into 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 reconvene into Open Session**  
(Chair Must Declare).

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RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

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,*

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