

**Select Board
Meeting Minutes
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
for all or some Select Board Members
Thursday, May 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

Date of this Meeting: May 21, 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.

Attendance:

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

The Board did the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Others Remotely in Attendance:

Neal Colburn - Applicant
Celeste St. Jacques
Randy Brown – DPW Director
Russ Anderson – Fire Chief
Richard Stefanowicz - Deputy Fire Chief
Hope Trembley – Westfield Evening News
Rick Johnson – Wick 338
Keith Johnson – Wick 338

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:

- Covid-19 Discussion and Action(s):
 - Mr. Stinehart gave a notice to the Board that the Governor is going to implement a 4 step Re-opening Plan Phase.
 - Chief Anderson stated that ambulance calls are down because a lot of individuals choose not to go to the hospital because of the Covid-19.
 - Mr. Deedy stated the Transfer Station is now accepting brush again. The Board would like the signs changed saying that they are now accepting brush again.
 - White goods should be ready to be received shortly.
- Interview Southwick Fire Department Temporary EMT/Paramedic Neal Colburn for conversion to permanent status:

The Board interviewed Mr. Colburn and **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to extend an offer of employment to Mr. Colburn pending passage of requirements as set forth by the Fire Chief, which will be completed at a later date due to the extension of the Covid-19 Virus. (The Deputy Chief explained the extension process) **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.** Mr. Moglin thanked everyone involved in this process.

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- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to approve Chairman Fox to sign the Municipal Assistance Grant Application to design a culvert on Kline Road in the amount of \$85,000.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**
- Rick Johnson and Keith Johnson explained and gave the Board a schedule of the updated plan of events for the Wick 338. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to have Mr. Fox and Mr. Stinehart work with the Board of Health for the Wick 338 reopening. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**
- The Board went over and agreed to more FY21 Budget Adjustments submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Stinehart.
- The Southwick Police gave a Report of Incident @ The Cove Restaurant parking lot. All individuals involved with the incident will be invited into a meeting in the near future.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign a Contract w/Solitude for Lake Weed Treatment in the amount of \$12,000.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.**

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant #2029B, dated 5/18/2020, in the amount of \$469,365.28.
- The Board acknowledged Special Payroll Warrant #ARTREF, dated 5/14/2020, in the amount of \$675.12.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to Open Session Minutes dated 5/12/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to Work Session Minutes dated 5/13/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**

Election / Town Meeting Dates:

- Local Election 6/9/2020 - Relocate polling place to COA Center lower level.
- STM/ATM 6/16/2020 – being held outside at the SGTRS.

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- Southwick Fire Station Project bid recommendations by Russo & Barr Designer - 1.1 Million Dollar Bond. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to support the project. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**
- Mass DOT Congamond Road Project – on hold.
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program – on hold.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to support the Lake Management Committee's request for fees for the Boat Ramp launching be increased to \$8.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-No.**

New Business:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to approve the Local Election Warrant for 6/9/2020. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes.**

New Business continued:

- Mr. Moglin thanked everyone who worked the Special Elections.

Being no further business before the Board **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes**

Respectively submitted,

Sondra S. Pendleton
Administrative Assistant

Cc: Town Clerk