Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday December 28, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman, Doug Moglin - Remote

Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy - Remote

Clerk, Russell S. Fox - Remote

Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart – Remote Select Board Secretary, Robin A. Solek –Town Hall

Meeting Notices: 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 Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the office of the AG Web page at https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19#-open-meeting-law-.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. We will post on the town's website an audio recording as soon as possible after the meeting.

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 5:30 p.m. Mr. Moglin read above State Laws and Governor Order into record.

Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ROXANNE COOK School Committee Member

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2116B, dated 12/14/2020, in the amount of \$407.675.95
- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2117, dated 12/21/2020, in the amount of \$229,261.25.
- A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes 12/14/2020.

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 approve Executive Session Minutes 12/14/2020.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.

5:35 p.m. Appointments re: American Legion, Change of Manager to Darcie Rock:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to open the Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes

Mr. Moglin read the Legal Ad (no need to advertise).

There was no additional paper work submitted.

Mr. Deedy asked if Ms. Rock was TIPS certified, she replied yes.

There were no comments in favor or against the change of manager.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to close the Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve Darcie Rock as manager of the American Legion.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes

5:45 p.m. Appointments: Attorney Frank Caruso re: Wok on Water:

Attorney Caruso discussed the Change of DBA from Louie's to Wok on Water. It will remain the same corporation, Quality Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the DBA to Wok on Water.

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes

Meeting Discussion Items:

- A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Lead Dispatcher position to Bob Eak.
- Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes
- A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to authorize sale of surplus Fire Engine and Old SPD Dive Truck.
- Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes
- A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to sign off on the Conservation Restriction for Greens Subdivision.
- Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes
- The Select Board acknowledged Fire Fighters Ryan Tedesco, Mike Moccio, and Aaron Sherlin graduation from the Academy.

New Business:

- A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to acknowledge Special Counsel D. Moscos transition to the firm of Seder and Chandler.
- Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes
- A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to designate Chairman Moglin to address T.I.F. applicant issues and negotiations for Development Project.
- Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes

Old Business:

- High Speed Internet. Tabled
- Road Name Chang Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Lane. Carry forward
- Green Energy Program. Tabled
- SPD LT Recruitment Process pending Chief Contract. Tabled
- Regional Public Safety Dispatch Work Session January 11, 2021. Carry forward
- Jim Putnam received banner donations for the Town of Southwick in celebration of the 250th. He also sent thank you(s) to the donors.

A MOTION to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 21 Section 1B and; CMR 20.03 (1) B at 6:00 p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel and Police/Fire Chiefs for DPW, Clerical, Police and Dispatch Units. Police Chief Contract and Staff. Non-Union 1B and; CMR 20.03 (1) B.

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

RE: Police, DPW, Clerks, Dispatch Unions, Dept. Heads and Non-Union Staff

Exception #2: Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:

not to reconvene in Open Session

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel and to:

not to reconvene in Open Session

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to: not to reconvene in Open Session

(Chair Must Declare).

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 to reconvene in 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 to reconvene in Open Session

(Chair Must Declare).

RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek

Administrative Assistant