

# **Select Board Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

***Monday March 8, 2021 @ 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 –Remote

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.

**Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.**

***A Moment of Silence was held for Suzanne Davis, Library Trustees and Janice Argiro, Employee of Senior Community Service Employment Program***

**Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

- **Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2120, dated 03/01/2021 in the amount of \$233,996.31.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes of March 1, 2021.
- **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 of March 1, 2021.
- **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 MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote: Unanimous) to approve Amendment #3 between PVPC and the Town of Southwick for the disbursement and use of Emergency COVID-19 Funding for Nurse Services.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**

**5:35p.m. Randy Brown, DPW Director Re: Klaus Anderson Road MVP Project Public Information Session:**

The DPW Director gave a presentation on the culvert project at Klaus Anderson Road. The culvert is deteriorating, causing road flooding and has invasive plantings. The new culvert would be wider, have a better run off for drainage along with guard rail protection. Mr. Brown would apply for construction funding as well. The application is open until Spring of 2021.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote: Unanimous) to approve DPW Street Sweeping Quote to vendor recommended by DPW Director.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**

**5:45 p.m. Superintendent of Schools Re: ESSER II Grant Funds and Minimum Local Contribution related to FY 22 School Budget:**

Jen Willard, Superintendent of Schools and Steve Presnal, Business met with the Select Board to discuss the ESSER II Grant Funds, Southwick's amount is \$909,000.00 The School District will draft their FY 22 Budget with ESSER II Grant and without for their FY 22 Budget Presentation to be held on 3/16/2022. The Select Board has until 6/2023 to claim and apply these funds.

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- Resolution opposing Comcast Internet Data Caps & Analyzing Internet letter has been executed. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote: Unanimous) to approve executing the letter.
- **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 PVPC Invoice #11 for CDBG Grant Administration Services in the amount of \$6,446.50.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to accept and approve Drug Take Back Grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 for Southwick Police Department.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Yes: 2 Abstain: R. Fox) to approve 2 Hawkers and Peddlers Permits for Fox Brothers on 4/2/21 -4/4/21 and 5/8/21 – 5/9/21.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Abstain**
- The Select Board asked D. Herath to choose the ATR Cover from the selection of 3 choices submitted. The chosen one was the collage of pictures with the white font.

**New Business:**

- Southwick Fire Department Dispatch Policy. The Select Board suggested renaming to Southwick Fire Department Dispatch Guideline.
- D. Moglin, Chairman will be meeting with Senator Velis and State Representative Boldyga.
- R. Fox informed the Board the State Rep full supports the request for banners, lighting and signage for the College Highway Corridor for small businesses and economic growth.

## Old Business:

- Waiting for an appointment with DOT.
- Road Name Change Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Lane.
- Green Energy Program still ongoing. Carry Forward
- Sewer Abatement Policy Not to revisit previous requests before policy adopted.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote: Unanimous) to adopt the Sewer Abatement Policy.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- Town Crier Policy to 3/8/2021.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Town Crier Policy.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- Items for STM & ATM Warrants. Carry Forward.
- Regional Dispatch research / options is ongoing.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: Unanimous) to appoint Jim Putnam to the Historical Commission. The Select Board thank Mr. Putnam. Another member is needed.
- **Roll Call Vote: D. Moglin: Yes, J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes**

**A MOTION** to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 20.03 (1) B at 6:25 p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel RE; Collective Bargaining Police, DPW, Dispatch, Fire IAFF, and Library Units, Deputy Fire Chief, and non-union COLAS.

**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 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).**

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).**

Exception #3: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Chair Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to

**Not to reconvene 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.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek  
Administrative Assistant