

# **Select Board Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

***Monday April 12, 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 –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.

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

**Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

- **Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2125B, dated 04/05/2021 in the amount of \$87,221.04**
  - **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes of April 5, 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 Open Session Minutes of April 7, 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 April 5, 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 accept a \$50.00 Donation to the Southwick Police Department K-9 Gift Account.
- **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:**

**New Business:**

Status of meeting with CPC for reconsideration of Town Hall Roof Design Application. Mr. Fox had a discussion with Chris Pratt, Chairman of the CPC to reconsider the application for the roof design at Town Hall. Mr. Fox explained to Mr. Pratt that the Select Board received legal opinion and the roof project falls within the criteria of a Historical Project. This cost will now fall on the tax payers. Mr. Pratt felt there was no reason to hold another CPC meeting that the CPC had made their decision. The CPC does support the slate roof repair at the Police Department. The Select Board discussed that at the Historical Commission meeting they voted to approve the Town Hall Roof Design, but when voting member attended the CPC meeting it was voted against. The project has been dismissed by the CPC which has left the Select Board frustrated but will possibly try again.

**Old Business:**

- Waiting for an appointment with DOT to discuss the construction of the bridge in Westfield.
- Road Name Change Southwick Hill Road to Iron Horse Lane.
- Green Energy Program still ongoing. Carry Forward
- Items for STM & ATM Warrants for May 18, 2021 action.
- Regional Dispatch research / options discuss IMA w/Westfield w/ Chiefs.
- Town Hall re-open plan discussion with COVID-19 protocols, meeting with BOH.
- SPD Temporary Sgt. Recruitment process, Chief & LT. bringing package
- T/C/C to attend HCRBB for discussion of new member to Advisory Board
- Green Energy Committee to meet today. Attorney Beglane determination letter is being finalized for zoning aspect. PVPC working on Fleet Vehicle Policy for Select Board to review and adopt. MASS DOER will be at 5/18/21 ATM. School District is also participating on Energy Use Studies for their building too.

**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 5:51p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel and Fire command Staff RE; Collective Bargaining Police Union Mediation, Fire IAFF, and Pending Litigation

**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