



# **Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

***All meetings of the Select Board are recorded except Executive Session***

Date of this meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021

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. The Town will persevere to use conference call. Capabilities regularly for other parties to listen in and participate accordingly. If not possible we will post on the town's website an audio recording as soon as possible after the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Doug Moglin-Remote  
Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy-Remote  
Clerk, Russell S. Fox-Remote  
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart-Remote  
Lisa Anderson, Select Board Office – Town Hall

**Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.** Chairperson took attendance. All members present.

Meeting convened at 6:00pm.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2126, dated 5/27/2021, in the amount of \$296,164.70
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2129B, dated 6/1/2021, in the amount of \$143,161.96
- Minutes Open Session, May 24, 2021
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Joe Deedy to Approve the minutes from Open Session, May 24, 2021 meeting.  
**Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin: Yes, Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes. (3-0)**

Doug Moglin stated that the Board needs to re-organize.

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to make Joe Deedy the new Chairman of the Select Board.  
**Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes. Joe Deedy: Abstained. (2-0-1).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Joe Deedy to make Russ Fox Vice Chairman of the Select Board.  
**Roll Call Vote: Doug Moglin: Yes, Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes (3-0).**

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Joe Deedy to make Doug Moglin the Clerk for the Select Board.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Russ Fox to designate Joe Deedy for CAPCOM.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Joe Deedy to designate Russ Fox the Warrant signature delegation.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Joe Deedy to designate Doug Moglin to the LEPC.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to authorize the Chair/C.A.O. for hiring approvals and all other personnel actions below department head level.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

The Select Board interviewed three Police Officers for the two Sergeants positions. Officer Roger P. Arduini, Officer David P. Massai and Michael A. Taggart. Each of the Board members asked the same three questions to each Officer, a total of (9) questions and received the Officers responses.

### **Action Items:**

Randy Brown received a sewer abatement request for 142 Berkshire Avenue. After careful investigation and review Mr. Brown, DPW Director is requesting that the Select Board as Sewer Commissioners deny the abatement request.

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to deny the sewer abatement request for 142 Berkshire Avenue.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

The Select Board needs to Re-Appoint Staff, Dept. Heads, Boards & Committees for the FY22.

Boards, Committees and Commissions will be addressed at a future meeting.

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to re-appoint the list for all Staff employees, Dept. Heads, Police and Fire personnel. See attached Lists.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to appoint Ashely Sherlin-EMT, Menil McCreight-EMT, Steven Shaw-FF, Cooper Smith-FF and Michael Girard to the Southwick Fire Department Call Force, subject to passing physicals, background checks and other requirements.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to accept a \$300.00 donation from Mr. & Mrs. Alberti to the Southwick Fire Department.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to approve putting in another Graduation Congrats ad in the Westfield News.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to approve updated Letter of Understanding for SFD Deputy Chief R. Stefanowicz for Fy22-24.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to approve the pay rates for Call FF/EMT recommended by the Fire Chief for FY22 and FY23..  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to approve the updated SME Listing for State Ethics Commission per MGL Ch. 268A.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Abstained, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (2-0-1). See Attached.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to authorize the Chairman to sign union SPD MOA for Juneteeth Holiday contract change.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

### **New Business:**

The Select Board discussed the Sergeant position for the Southwick Police Department. Discussion covered years of service and experience.

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to appoint Officer Roger P. Arduini and Officer Michael A. Taggart to the Sergeants positions for the Southwick Police Department.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

The Select Board Goals/Objectives for FY22 will be tabled to the next meeting.

The Select Board reviewed the information from Animal Control Officer, regarding the Dog Hearing status for 102 Mort Vining Road and lack of compliance on January 2021 Dog Hearing Disposition requirements. After review and discussion the Board will contact Town Counsel to determine options for compliance.

The Select Board acknowledged the resignation of STGRSD School Committee Member, Maria Seddon.

The Select Board reviewed the Quotes received on 5/8/2021 for FY22 Town wide Landscaping Services, Quote award, 3 competitive quotes.

- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to award Tynic Landscaping with the Contract. Includes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year contract extensions.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

The Select Board reviewed the Canvassing By-Law due to complaints to dispatch regarding late night canvassing. The By-Law does not state a start time or finish time. The process starts at the Select Board office, Cori check approval, then they are giving rules to call in daily to the Select Board office, and on weekends to the dispatch. This does not address the quitting time frame. Chairman Deedy suggested that we just add the quitting time along with the rules we tell them, for now until we can amend the By-Law. This will go to Town Counsel for review.

The Chairman asked the Select Board members if they had any new business to add; Russ Fox: No, Doug Moglin: No. Chairman Deedy stated that the Board needs to have a work session or executive session to figure out the Select Board Office re-structuring. The Select Board members all agree.

### **Old Buiness:**

- Select Board joint meeting w/DOT Construction for Westfield Bridge. (Chairman wants to set up a meeting, or give out his contact number to the people involved).
- Road Name change Southwick Hill to Iron Horse Lane. (Town Counsel reviewing, public hearing notice).
- Green Energy Program and Town Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy first reading. ( The Board asked to not receive another copy of this packet until we get updates).
- Regional Dispatch research/options discuss IMA w/Westfield w/Chiefs. (Mr. Moglin stated that the M.O.A. was sent to Westfield with the Chiefs changes and we are waiting to hear back from Westfield).
- Historical Commission Vacancy. (The Select Board/C.A.O all agreed that there needs to be more need to let citizens know they are needed to the Boards/Committees through Code Red, media).
- Medical Building Vacancy. (Russ Fox stated he is in the middle of drafting a letter).

- Town Hall Boards/Committee meeting re-opening guidelines update under OML. (Board mentioned that the COA Board met outside under the tent. Other Boards could possibly do the same. (Legislation is pending to address matter).
- Doug Moglin, reminded us all about the August 6<sup>th</sup>, Starfighter Game. Public Safety, first responders possibly throwing out the first pitch.
- Doug Moglin reminded the Board members that the Planning Public Hearing is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for Carvana.
- **A MOTION** was made by Russ Fox, seconded by Doug Moglin to adjourn the meeting at 8:28p.m.  
**Roll Call Vote: Joe Deedy: Yes, Russ Fox: Yes, Doug Moglin: Yes. (3-0).**

No Executive Session held.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Anderson  
Select Board Floater