

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday January 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy – Present
Vice-Chairman, Russell S. Fox -Remote
Clerk, Doug Moglin - Present
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart – Remote
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Location: Town Hall Auditorium

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Date of this meeting: January 3, 2022

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 20, Acts of 2021

Notice: Hybrid meeting with limited technology until new equipment comes in the future. In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed upon the Town Web page 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 Joe Deedy at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

***A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FRAN ERHARDT
A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ART BOISSONAUT***

Public Comments: Diane Gale wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Zoom: There were no Public Comments.

6:05 p.m. ConCom, CPC and FinCom Liasons:

The Select Board discussed the shared Conservation and CPC job responsibilities for a single position. Jean Reed-Waldron presented key highlighted points for the position and Dave MacWilliams agreed to combine the job descriptions and work together. Labor Counsel will draft a word document. This will have a set hourly rate in the \$21.00 - \$23.00 range and a 32 hour week position which will be a benefitted position. It was also decided that some of the funding for the position will be drawn from the CPC Administrative Funds to cover 8 hours. The ConCom and CPC Chairs will meet with CAO to work out a new job description.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2216, dated 12/21/21, in the amount of \$249,713.94.
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2215, dated 12/29/21, in the amount of \$216,044.90.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to approve Open Session Minutes dated 12/20/21.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
Mr. Fox was present remotely but had audio issues during the vote.

Mr. Fox was able to resolve the audio issues and said remembrance words on behalf of Fran Erhardt acknowledging his service to the Town of Southwick Finance Committee, Chairman, instrumental during Proposition 2 ½ and dedicated to the Town of Southwick. Mr. Fox also shared kind words on behalf of Mr. Art Boissonault, he was known as Mr. Southwick, he was a true gentleman and a great individual. His service to Ch. 15 and Cable TV Committees was very helpful.

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. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept AED and relocated equipment gift for Park & Rec for Whalley Park Facility.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to accept \$6,500.00 grant from Save Southwick for Planning Board Master Plan update project.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
Mr. Deedy will notify interested parties when the deposit is in the appropriate account.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$9,000.00 for Planning Board Wireless Overlay District Consulting Services.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes

New Business:

Wok on Water. Waiting to hear from Town Counsel to set hearing date related to licenses.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement. Starting to get some input. Working on a plan. Police Department possible MOU. Meet with Conservation.
- Town Hall Roof / HVAC Design & Project Status – 1/10/22 Select Board meeting to review 50% submission.
- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV and High Speed Internet, and Agricultural Commission, still lacking farmers – Carry Forward.
- Renewal LLP w/Suffield, CT. A new First Selectman has taken office. D. Moglin will meet with First Selectman. Carry Forward.
- Conservation Coordinator position options will meet with Conservation Chairman. CAO will meet with Dave McWilliams, Chairman Conservation Commission and CPC to discuss possibilities and combine roles with CPC for more hours. Meeting 1/3/22 with Select Board, Finance Committee and Dave MacWilliams.
- Board and Committee procedure – Waiting to hear from Attorney General Office.

- COA Transportation Software with FRTA Support – in progress.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin Vote-Unanimous) to approve a payment of \$432.00 via Regional Transit Authority for the FRTA Software Support.

Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: 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 6:40 p.m.

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

RE: Litigation and Threatened Litigation. Strategy for Dispatch Unit and Non-Union Collective Bargaining
Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1)(b).

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

A person shall have a right against unreasonable, substantial or serious interference with their privacy. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce such right and in connection therewith to award damages.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Solek
 Administrative Assistant