

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
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ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy – Remote
Vice-Chairman, Russell S. Fox -Present
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: February 22, 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.

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

Zoom: Marcus Phelps Springfield 2022 Newspaper story had nothing for Southwick for economic outlook.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #221B, dated 2/8/22, in the amount of \$3,192,962.15.
- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2220, dated 02/17/22, in the amount of \$235,629.63.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to table the Open Session Minutes dated 02/07/22.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Yes: 2; Abstain: 1 J.D.) to approve the Executive Session Minutes dated 02/07/22.
- **Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Abstain, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.**

6:05 p.m. Dick Grannells Lake Closure Protocols:

Mr. Grannells met with the Select Board to review and discuss the Lake Closure Protocol. Chief and Harbormaster Landis submitted his written support of the recommended protocols. Mr. Grannells will do some further exploring with the Police Chief (Harbormaster) and Environmental Police. The document will be re-submitted as a second reading and voted on at the 2/28/22 Select Board Meeting.

Mr. Grannells discussed the bid recommendation to Golden Harvest for \$60,450.00.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve LMC Weir Gate Project Award to Golden Harvest in the amount of \$60,450.00 and related actions. These are ARPA approved funds.

Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: 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. Deedy seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to accept FY 22 State 911 Grant in the amount of \$5,503.68 for SPPD.

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

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to re-affirm the Chairman to sign-off of MEMA MOU for FY 22 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Pilot Program.

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

- A Memo from Tighe & Bond was received for the Old Southwick Fire Association Building turned over to the town related to Abatement and Demolition Services.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve PVPC Invoice #18, in the amount of \$1,568.65 for FY 19 Southwick Community Assistance Program.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve PVPC Invoice #19, in the amount of \$885.13 for FY 19 Southwick Community Assistance Program.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve PVPC Invoice #20, in the amount of \$1,397.22 for FY 19 Southwick Community Assistance Program.

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

- A notification was received from STGRSD FY 23 Budget Hearing on 3/15/22 @ 6:30 p.m. at PMMS Cafeteria.

- A reminder from Mr. Fox there will be no Select Board Meeting held on March 14, 2022.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign MOA w/local 424 UPSEU Dispatcher Unit.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.

New Business:

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign Master Plan Services Agreement (\$45,000.00) with P.V.P.C. (Utilize CPC and Town Meeting General Fund allocations)
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept \$800,000.00 Federal FY 2021 Community Development CDBG Grant through MA DHCD and authorize Chairman to sign contracts w/DHCD and PVPC to administer Grant.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- Mr. Fox relayed the Western Mass News coverage recognizing bus drivers and the reception. It was nicely done.
- The Historical Society is requesting the use of the Town Hall Auditorium on March 27th for a presentation on the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower. Mr. Fox volunteered the Select Board to sponsor the event.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to sponsor the March 27, 2022 Historical Society event.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement.
- Town Hall Roof / HVAC Design & Project Status – Carry Forward
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update – Carry forward
Mr. Fox has spoken with Westfield Council Members about increasing rates and felt they are receptive to our concerns. The Town has invested millions of dollars along with mutual aid for various situations. Mr. Fox also mentioned to State Representative Boldyga that we will be recruiting a H.R. Procurement new position and will be relocating offices in the near future.
- Appointments for Town Boards/Committees Ad-Hoc Cable TV- Mr. Thomas Bengston and High Speed Internet – Mr. Bob Boyd, Dave LaBombard, Ian Creswell, Jess Bishop & Jason Giguire, Agricultural Commission- Sage Fury, Historical Commission – Linda McQuade and ConCom – Andy Reardon
- Board and Committee procedure
- 24 White Street Layout Legal Agreement actions per M.G.L. Ch. 82, Section 21 for Private Way. Legal Counsel O'Hara (Bacon & Wilson) discussed the White Street (Ludorf property) layout and to relocate boundaries and a proposed resolution that the Select Board will need to vote to recommend and present at a future Town Meeting. The Select Board would like Town Counsel to review with Randy Brown, DPW Director. The Board tabled the vote until the 2/28/22 Select Board Meeting.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve \$10,000.00 ARPA funds for Municipal Buildings HVAC retro fits for CV-19 issues for Town Hall as a test unit.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- Truck parking and air brake regulations/bylaws documentation will be resent to PD Chief and Sgt. Miles.

- A reminder of STM & ATM Warrant Articles due by April 1, 2022. Notification has been sent out.
- Applications have been received for the ConCom / CPC Coordinator vacant position and have been sent out to panel members to begin the interview process.

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 7:00 p.m.

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

RE: Labor Counsel Litigation and Threatened Litigation and strategy for Collective Bargaining with Local IAFF 4919 and all Non-Union Department Heads

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