

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Town Hall Auditorium

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Date of this meeting: May 2, 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.

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

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

Public Comments: Michelle Pratt, Berkshire Avenue, commented on her displeasure of the Select Board applying for CPC funds for the Town Hall Roof. She went on to explain that the CPC Committee is dedicated to making sure the applications and funds are used following the guidelines and implied the Town Hall Roof project did not qualify. For verbatim please visit www.southwickma.org. 5/2/22 audio minutes.

Zoom: There were none.

6:05 p.m. Adhoc Cable TV Appointment:

The Committee updated the Select Board on the contract updates. The Town will enter a 5 year contract. An Ascertainment Hearing will be scheduled after ATM. The Committee mentioned what a great asset Ken Stomski has been.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2225 dated 4/26/22, in the amount of \$256,703.09.
- Acknowledge Special Payroll Warrant , dated 4/2/22, in the amount of \$240,246.37
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes dated 04/11/22.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 4/25/22.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Select Board and FinCom Joint Hybrid FY 23 Budget Session Minutes 4/12/22.
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. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to table FY 22 C.O.P.S. Highway Program Grant Authorization for Southwick Police Officer (1). Carry under Old Business.
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 adopt FY 23 Budget recommendation from the Finance Committee for \$16,160,099.00 covering General Government, EMS, Water and Sewer Cost Centers.
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 adopt Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants for May 17, 2022. Mr. Fox will speak on the Articles live and will be televised on Channel 15 with Ken Stomski, Ch. 15 Director.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- The Select Board tabled the request for revising the base rate hourly wage for seasonal/temporary/floater and part-time board secretary classifications. Mr. Stinehart and Labor Counsel will review.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote - Unanimous) to approve online presence and social media account for the Master Plan compliant with the Social Media Protocol.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.

New Business:

- A notification from Mass DOT informing the Town's WRAP funding apportionment is \$245,986.20 based on its locally owned mileage of 73.75.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize the Chairman to sign any documentation.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- The Annual Town Report for 2021 is available online www.southwickma.org. Hard copies are being shipped for distribution at election polls.
- Hybrid Meeting technology is being outfitted in the Land Use Room, Select Board Conference Room and Conference Room #2.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement.
- Town Hall Roof Design (Roof bids received and HVAC design work almost complete)
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update
- Board and Committee procedure to notify and appoint members
- Deputy Fire Chief Recruitment Process
- Job Description for Assistant to CAO position vote to approve.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to approve the Job Description for Assistant CAO.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes.
- American Legion Parade 5/30/22

- Discuss/Set revised base rate hourly wage for seasonal/temporary/floater and part-time board secretary classifications – waiting for Labor Counsel
- COA Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon 5/25/22 at noon.
- A celebration of 3 Centennial Birthdays at the Cottages on Saturday. Mr. Deedy, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Moglin attended the event.

Mr. Moglin commented on the innuendo at the last SB meeting and on tonight's public comments of innuendos and insult. Mr. Moglin stated to be on the record that the Select Board did do their homework and research for the Town Hall Roof Project including speaking with DOR, the State along with Town Counsel. Mr. Moglin said that the CPC does a great job as a steward to the Town's CPC funds. He also added to solicit votes for a candidate at a SB Meeting is beyond the pale (outside the bounds of acceptable behavior).

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: J. Deedy: Yes, R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant