

# **Select Board Meeting Minutes**

*Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room*

***Monday June 6, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.***

*All meetings of the Select Board are recorded*

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Russell S. Fox  
Vice-Chairman, Doug Moglin  
Clerk, Jason Perron  
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart  
Select Board Secretary, Lisa A. Anderson

## **Conducted Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chairman Russell Fox reflected on Uvalde Texas victims.

**Public Comments:** Glenis DeVerry of 14B Depot Street, would like to ask DPW to put the stop sign back by the Rail Trail entrance, a lot of dangerous close calls.

**Zoom:** There were none.

**Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2227B, dated 06/1/2022 in the amount of \$525,288.33**

**Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2228 dated 5/24/2022 in the amount of \$2351,243.65**

- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron to acknowledge the payables and payroll warrants listed on agenda.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron – Yes.**
- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron to approve the One Day LL for Wick 338 Nationals for July 9, 2022.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox - Yes, D. Moglin - Yes, J. Perron - Yes.**

## **6:05 p.m. Housing Authority Appointment, Director Dan Kelly**

Mr. Dan Kelly stated that Governor Baker enacted a law that appointed a tenant to be on the Housing Authority Committee. Mr. Kelly sent all the tenants a letter seeking membership and Glenis DeVerry was the only applicant. This would be a 5 year term. Mr. Kelly would like to recommend the Select Board to appoint Glenis DeVerry to the Housing Authority for a 5 year term. Glenis DeVerry stated she looks forward to the appointment and following the housing authority and follow the state and local laws.

- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron to approve Glenis DeVerry to the Housing Authority for a 5 year term.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron - 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 D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron to authorize the Chairman to negotiate an renewal agreement with American Legion, the School Committee and the Town with a 3 year agreement, School Committee should be meeting before schools end.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to approve the One Day LL for the Southwick Rotary Club Summer Concert Series July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17 & 24<sup>th</sup> at Whalley Park. There is a rain date of July 31, 2022.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin - Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- D. Moglin amended the motion to add waiver of officer.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron – Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, Seconded by J. Perron, to approve the PVPC CDBG Invoice #11 in the amount of \$4,773.15.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to assign FY22 A.R. P. A. funds allocation for DPW Road Paving for \$300,000.00
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- Tabled FY23 Sewer Rates with DPW recommendations (Westfield Sewer IMA Portion) per Randy Brown
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to accept the SFD Union Local #4919 Agreement Sign-Off for FY22-24
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to accept the generous A.C.O. donation totaling \$1502.82 to go into the following accounts. \$225.00 into account 2730700-433000 (Gift account), and \$1277.82 into the account 27327210-433000 (Medical Gift account).
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- Doug Moglin abstained from the WCA discussion on a T.I.F. request.
- **A MOTION** was made by R. Fox, seconded by J. Perron, to authorize the Chair and C.A.O. to work with the Commonwealth of Mass and come to an agreement for T.I.F. for WCA proposed expansion. This would go to a Town meeting for final approval.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Abstained, J. Perron – Yes**
- The Chair & C.A.O. approved the Town Beach Seasonal Staff.

**New Business:**

- The MAPC letter related to Commercial Vehicle Parking & Engine Brakes was sent to the Master Plan Committee, they are two years out, but it was suggested

that if your going to do it do it for the whole town. Based on the feed back from the Safety Officer, and Police Department, there haven't been any complaints.

- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to table this time.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron – Yes.**

- Any New Business:
- C.A.O. stated they met with Regional Dispatch, meeting quarterly.
- D. Moglin – N/A
- J. Perron – Concern regarding WCA T.I.F. information, there are some unknowns he has questions on. Mr. Perron stated he will attend his first Planning Board meeting and see what they propose.

### **Old Business:**

- North Pond violations still waiting for Fish & Game Agreement Development
- Town Hall HVAC Design Work almost complete. Need to secure them.
- Summer Schedule has been distributed, no conflicts. Chairman stated to new Select Board member J. Perron, if there is a conflict that arises, that you bring it to our attention and we can work around it.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield, there are no update as of yet.
- Board and Committee procedure to notify and appoint members in process. D. Moglin stated that letters went out to all Committee and Board Chairman informing them of who is up and a letter also went out to the actual member who's term is ending. Each individual was asked to let our office know in writing if they were interested in reappointment. D. Moglin was looking for permission to post on the Town website for all positons available. R. Fox suggested we should also send to the local newspaper. R. Fox suggested we should do Fire and Police first, and Emergency Management when he gets his info in to our office.
- The Deputy Chief Recruitment Process, it was posted in house and externally in the papers. There will be an assessment center, that was budgeted for. The Chief added that they have one price from the company they used before and hopefully they will get a few others. Mr. Moglin stated that he would like to see us treat this position like we do with the Police, if in-house employees meet the requirements that they are encouraged to apply. The final three/four candidates get sent to the Select Board for interviews. R. Fox suggested we think about it, and bring it to the next meeting.
- Chairman Fox asked if anyone have any Old Business to discuss.
- D. Moglin let the Board know that the High Speed Internet Committee will be meeting this Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>, at Town Hall. Whip City Fiber will be attending the meeting. D. Moglin also stated that while he hopes that the Town residents enjoy North Pond, he hopes that they start to take care of it. D. Moglin informed the Board that the Master Plan Sub Committee met and completed the survey. Mr. Moglin stated that we forgot about the topic that came up awhile back regarding the One Day Liquor license for families that rent our Whalley Park. We should meet with Fire, Police, Town Counsel to discuss if this is something we want to see happen.
- Mr. Stinehart stated that there will be a joint meeting with the Planning Board to add an associate member that the planning board will choose a date and let them know when they can meet with BOS.
- Mr. Perron – No Old Business.

- R. Fox stated that he would like to get the Tighe & Bond report of different listing of project and start using that list to plan the next projects needed. The Town Hall roof is next, then probably the Police roof next year. Mr. Fox stated that the Memorial day parade was great, it was nice to see the High School Band get new uniforms, although it was quite hot out and a few had issues with the heat. Mr. Fox thanked the Civic Fund for their display of the new proposed landscaping for the Town Green. Mr. Fox thanked Tynic Landscaping for doing the design.

**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 6:36 p.m.

RE: Labor Counsel RE; Collective Bargaining Police, DPW, Dispatch, Fire IAFF, and Library Units, Deputy Fire Chief, and non-union COLAS.

**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. Not to reconvene.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Anderson  
Select Board Secretary