

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

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

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Location: Town Hall Auditorium

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Date of this meeting: October 3, 2022

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

Hybrid Meeting

In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed on 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 Russ Fox at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Zoom: There were no public comments.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2308, dated 9/27/22, in the amount of \$254,320.75
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 9/26/22.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Executive Session Minutes 9/26/22 as amended.
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 Mr. Perron seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to approve Sick Leave Bank request for C. Bedor for 30 day extension.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.
- Acknowledge Thank you from retiring Fire Chief Anderson.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to authorize SPD Patrol F/T position to Kelli Jachym pending all pre-employment requirements.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve contract for Chairman to execute with Eric Kinsfer, CPA for Town Treasurer, Collector, Clerk functions split study and recommendations in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote - Unanimous) to approve Invoice #15 for FY 20 Southwick Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$6,588.22.

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

- Discussion of 2022 Johnson & Johnson Opioid Abatement Payment Election Option A.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to accept a lump sum amount of \$4,832.00.

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

New Business:

- Two bids were received for Town Hall HVAC General Contract. There will be further discussion if going out to re-bid.
- October 29, 2022 is the Spirit Walk at the Old Cemetery from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- The Historical Commission is meeting at 7:00 p.m. 10/3/22 the Select Board will stop in to discuss supporting a CPC application use of funds for the Police Department slate roof and cupola.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- HVAC – Bids coming in to evaluate.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update. Met with Westfield Officials.
- Request from High Speed Internet to put forth a Warrant Article for next Town Meeting Approval to form a MLP (Municipal Light Plant)
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book – assigned to Mr. Moglin
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Perron seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote – Yes: 2 Abstain: 1 D.M.) approve a STM Warrant Article for a T.I.F. Tax Increment Funding Agreement with Whalley Computer Associates on November 15, 2022 at STGRSD.

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

- Re-affirm vote of Jack Cote to Economic Development Commission.
Mr. Fox discussed the muffled dialogue at the August 8, 2022 and to clarify the intent was clear to appoint Jack Cote to the Economic Development Commission. Town Counsel is researching the option of Associate Members for interested parties.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to reaffirm the appointment of Jack Cote to the Economic Development Commission and to table the amended minutes of August 8, 2022.

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

- Military Leave Research for Labor Counsel to review
- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward
- Spirit Walk on 10/29/22 @ Old Cemetery

- A MOTION** to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B at 6:31p.m.
 Litigation Matters or Threatened Litigation & Southwick PD Coalition under strategy for Collective Bargaining with T/C/C, Police Chief and Labor Counsel, Deployment of Security Devices on Town Property
Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2), (3) & (4) Ch. 214, Section 1B and;
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes.
 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 A. Solek
 Administrative Assistant