

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday November 21, 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.

A moment of Silence for Karen Reed, who served on the Housing Authority, Cultural Counsel, Community Preservation Committee.

Public Comments:

Inga Hotaling, 45 Kline Road. Inga stated that she has attended the Economic Committee for the past year. She had presented to the Committee a Shop Local & Shop Small event. This event is to help keep the holiday shopping within our community and help the small businesses. On Saturday, November 26th from opening to 3:30pm, will have a bag and with tickets at their register for patrons to put name and phone number for a drawing on 12/21/2022 Economic Development Commission along with a Select Board member at their monthly meeting @6pm for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate at Southwick's Own Eateries. "The First Taste of Southwick". This will help promote the small businesses in our Town. Inga has provided us with a list of 18 local shops that will be participating. Coward Farms, Re-Inspired, Notch Travel Center, Southwick Discount Liquors, Country Colonial, New England Farm House Furniture, Russell Tropical Fish and Pet, Designer Consigner, Affordable Design and Décor, Interstate Building Supply, Mobil Oil, Saunders Package Store, Southwick Florist, Tastefully Tan, 57 Hair, Daily Dose Yoga, Designers Edge, and New England Bike Shop.

Michael McMahon, 30 Lauren Lane. We are excited to help people realize that we have businesses in our Town that have a little bit of everything. This event will be advertised on TV, American Express ads and the Chamber of Commerce. We want people to see that instead of shopping at big box stores or Amazon, we have flooring, kitchens, remodeling, restaurants, a variety of antiques, department stores and other unique stores.

Zoom Comments: None.

6:05p.m. Calix & Pistils Chris Lalli & Bill Fontaine Re: College Highway Marijuana Grow Facility Update.

Bill Fontaine came before the Board to inform the Select Board that he has sold the permits and licensing from the State to a new company, due to health issue he is unable to continue on this venture. Bill introduced Tim Rook who helped connect the two parties. Tim stated that the lawyers for both parties are meeting to get all the paperwork worked out.

Tim Rook stated that everything will remain the same, location, name, and the plan. Tim gave a brief description to update Select Board member Jason Perron. The new company will reach out in the next couple days to the Select Board chair, to give their contact names and information and then within in a few weeks, contact the Town to set up a new appointment.

Mike Shields, from Whalley Computer came in to sign the paperwork for the T.I.F. agreement that was approved at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Shields will get the signatures needed and bring the paperwork back to Select Board office.

A MOTION was made by Jason Perron, seconded by Mr. Fox to approve the T.I.F. agreement that was approved at the STM.

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

Payables, Payroll and Minutes

The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant #2311, dated 11/8/2022 in the amount of \$273,959.53

The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant #2313, dated 11/21/2022 in the amount of \$271,628.24

The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant #2314B, dated 11/14/2022 in the amount of \$1,030,162.05

- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron to acknowledge the payables and payroll warrant.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron – Yes.**

The Board approved the Minutes dated 11/7/2022.

- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron to approve the minutes for 11/7/2022.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox - Yes, D. Moglin - Yes, J. Perron - Yes.**

The Board approved the Executive Session minutes as amended dated, 11/7/2022.

- **A MOTION** was made by Doug Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron to approve the Executive Session minutes as amended for 11/7/2022.
- **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 approve the Surplus Property Bid results from November 14, 2022 and authorize the CAO to execute all Bill of Sale or titles to transfer.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by J. Perron, seconded by R. Fox, to approve the WCA T.I.F. Agreement and sign-off per 11/15/2022 STM Authorization vote.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, J. Perron - Yes, D. Moglin – Abstained.**

- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to accept MIIA Risk Management Grant of \$7,000.00 for update on Town Building Safety Protocols.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin - Yes, J. Perron – Yes.**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the MOA with SPD Union Coalition for Change to work week payroll cycle.
- **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 MA DEP recycling grant for \$2,940.00 and authorized the chairperson to execute agreement.
- **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 Liquor License for the Southwick Rec Center for 12/3/2022 Holiday Party.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Abstained, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron – Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to approve the SPD K9 Police Department Donation in the amount of \$800.00 from the Ransford W. Kellogg Post 872.
- **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 2022/2023 DPW Snow Removal Plow Contracts.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to authorize FFY22 E.M.P.G. Grant to MEMA for \$2,900.00 for L.E.D. Lights.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- **A MOTION** was made by D. Moglin, seconded by J. Perron, to acknowledge Health Director's resignation & BOH vacancy posting.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox – Yes, D. Moglin – Yes, J. Perron - Yes**
- Chairperson, Russ Fox stated that the Select Board should go back to meeting every Monday starting in January 2023 due to Budget hearings. The meeting schedule will be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

New Business:

- Chairperson, Russ Fox informed the Select Board that since the passing of Karen Reed, there is now a vacancy on the Southwick Housing Authority until May 2023. The Board will need to post the vacancy.

Russ Fox – New Business:

- Russ Fox said that the Veterans Day Parade was well attended. It was great that the people were able to see the changes at the Veterans Memorial in person.
- Chairperson Fox also attended the 100th Birthday Party for the three members at the C.O.A. That they also had a few in the spring also.

- Any New Business

Doug Moglin – New Business:

- Doug stated that he would like to carry out into the future a conversation with the BOH regarding the composition & makeup of the Board. A town historian stated a little history that back in the 70's/80's the Select Board was the Board of Health Agents. Russ Fox agreed that a discussion should take place.

Jason Perron – New Business:

- Jason wanted to let the Board know he had a round table this past week and the question that kept coming up was about the Community Compact grant funding and where the monies will come from. Doug stated that it could come from various places such as Federal and State.
- The other question was patrons wanted to know if someone could come talk to the Board and explain the process for our tax rate. Doug Moglin gave a short explanation of how they get the tax rate. Russ Fox said that we possibly might be able to get Roy Bishop in to explain it.
- Jason also stated that he talked with Jen Nolasko and she would like to come talk to the Select Board regarding the sale of Lake 101. Russ Fox stated that cannot be done, that they cannot discuss her issues in public.

Old Business:

Russ Fox:

- Mr. Fox wanted to remind the Select Board that there is a meeting coming up with the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School, FY24 Budget meeting at PMMS Library at 5:30pm. It is open to the public. Last year the state notified the Town that they had to come up with 856,000 more.
- North Pond violations seek meeting w/Departments, MA Fish & Game & DEP to review solutions. This is still on going. Mr. Fox stated that we hope to do some tree trimming in winter time. Chief Landis is working with ConCom on security issues.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update, a meeting between Ben Coyle, Randy Brown, C.A.O. and Mr. Fox to figure out the best way to approach it. This will be a vote on the next ATM.
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book
- Marijuana dispensary-review again for vote
- Town Website meeting calendar. Jason stated he met with Jim Middleton and he added a drop down menu for meeting schedules. There is a direct line to each board. You can also click on each board you would like to receive notification from.
- Marijuana Host Agreement for Hudson Drive facility. This is ongoing, Lawyers talking to Lawyers.
- Assistant C.A.O. Position was reposted with a increase in pay. There were a few great candidates that have been interviewed.

Doug Moglin:

- Article regarding the light plant passed at the STM in November. Now it needs to pass at the next ATM in May 2023.

- The master plan update, created focused groups and a group will be analyzing the data from the survey. It will be posted eventually on the website.
- We need to follow up on the MMA Conference.
- Mr. Moglin met with the Board of Health regarding the Ecoli testing issue. Alex set up with Jim Middleton a way to post future results on the webpage, and it'll allow people to see the results and make their own decision on whether to go swimming or boating.
- Mr. Moglin stated that this past weekend he participated in the Seniors helping Seniors program. A great program with high school honor students working with the COA to help clean up their yards. They helped 6 homes. Cindy Sullivan (COA Director) along with Chief Stafanowicz, Chief Landis and others and the students from the high school did a fabulous job.

Jason Perron:

- Mentioned that Mrs. Lamoureux mentioned Eversource and if the Town residents had a choice to pick. Mr. Perron stated he researched it and that the residents cannot bargain with Eversource. It is State controlled.

The Select Board wishes everyone a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.

A MOTION to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; Police Chief, Labor Counsel.

Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition and Fire Department IAFF

Executive Session RE: M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and;

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

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Anderson

Select Board Secretary