

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, December 19, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

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Location: Select Board Conference Room

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Date of this meeting: December 19, 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 5:30 p.m.

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

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

****A Moment of Silence for William Kenneth Sanders Town Complex Design and Implementation Committee****

5:30 p.m. Public Comments:

There were none.

Zoom: There were none.

5:35 p.m. Police Chief Landis and Fire Chief Stefanowicz re : Emergency 911 Dispatch transition update:

Fire Chief Stefanowicz still fine tuning, there is an intercom outside, elevator to the second floor and telephone in the Lobby. Smooth so far.

Police Chief Landis, there is an intercom inside the lobby. Possibly extend hours in the Records Department.

5:45 p.m. Nadine Cignoni Assistant CAO Discussion and Interview:

Mr. Fox greeted and introduced Nadine Cignoni, stated she was an excellent candidate. She spoke of her work experience and is looking for a wider range of tasks. Mr. Fox and the CAO will work out an agreement.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to make an offer of employment pending all pre-employment requirements.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes**

6:15 p.m. Liquor License Transfer Hearing from Quality Inc. d/b/a Lake Life 101 to PRIM3 ST3AKHOUS3establish Entertainment Licenses, Pledge of License Jen0 Inc. and Quality Restaurants, Inc.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to Open the Hearing

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

Chairman Fox read the Hearing Notice in its entirety.

Attorney Hogan – Zoom

Attorney Caruso – Zoom

Applicant Deb Davia, Marlboro MA – Present

A brief overview was discussed by the applicants. They will remain the same hours, serving inside and outside, acoustic music only. Dinner and then eventually lunch hours.

Mr. Fox asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor:

Richard Davia, Easthampton, MA stated he was looking forward to opening the business in Southwick

Joe Deedy, Southwick, MA said it would be fabulous to have upscale dining in the location

Zoom: Todd Davia, Florida looking forward to the opening

Mr. Fox asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition:

There was no one.

Nothing in writing was submitted to add to the record.

Mr. Moglin inquired hours of operation (they will be the same), how far away from opening, (doing renovations, planning on opening in February).

Mr. Fox and the Select Board agreed that they were all in support of a new business.

Mr. Moglin in favor of continuing the hearing.

Mr. Perron in favor of continuing the hearing.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to Continue the Hearing until 1/3/23 at 6:15 p.m.

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

6:15 p.m. Executive Session

A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. and return to Open Session

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B

Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition,

Fire, Library Unit, Non-Union Staff and Clerk Union UPSEU, Executive Session

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

Exception #2:

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel and to:

to reconvene in Open Session

(Chair Must Declare).

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:

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 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

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:

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.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous) to go out of Executive Session at ____ p.m.
Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 (2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B
Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition,
Fire, Library Unit, Non-Union Staff and Clerk Union UPSEU, Executive Session
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2314, dated 12/6/22, in the amount of \$309,661.59
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2316B, dated 12/13/22, in the amount of \$1,394,439.47
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 12/5/22.
- **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:

- Notification of Southwick Fireman's Association Christmas Dinner on 12/19/22 @ American Legion
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve a \$747.34 from the Friends of Southwick Library to the Library's Gift Account for supplies and furniture.
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 PVPC FY 20 Program Extension to increase availability of funds to 12/31/22
- **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 PVPC FY 19 Program Extension to increase availability
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 accept and execute Massachusetts Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$14,460.00.
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 offer employment to Mike Marafuga as Full Time Career FF/Paramedic per conditions set by the Fire Chief.
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 appoint James Frenette to Southwick Police Department Traffic Control Officer.
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 authorize an interview for Christopher Dufresene as SPD Part-Time Officer.
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 a \$150.00 donation from James Wand & Andrea Bugbee for the Library Gift Account.
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 \$1,925.00 in donations to the Southwick Animal Control Medical Account. Please read attached list.
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 a request from SPD Animal Control Officer to increase adoption fees to \$200.00 per animal.
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 accept the resignation of Heidi Johnstone Cemetery Commissioner effective January 1, 2023.
- **Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes**

New Business:

- Treasurer/Collector/Clerk email on elections. The Select Board will meet with M. Hill, TCC on January 9th for discussion.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update.
- Review Southwick PB Comprehensive Impact Statement Hand Book – assigned to Mr. Moglin
- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward
- Assistant C.A.O. position
- Calyx Pistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility.
- Tour Regional Dispatch
- Survey is ready
- Thank you for a wonderful successful Holiday Gathering

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant