

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Select Board Conference Room

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Date of this meeting: January 9, 2023

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 – Absent
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

****A Moment of Silence for Cal Chunglo, Planning Board & Capital Expenditures Committee****

****A Moment of Silence for Warren Baker Sr., Water Commissioner****

****A Moment of Silence for Marie Alamed, American Legion****

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

Patrick Jubb, Deer Run, distributed materials related to speed limit concerns in various neighborhoods/developments.

Zoom: There were none.

6:05 p.m. Verizon Pole Hearing 567 College Highway, Southwick, MA

Mr. Fox read the Hearing Notice.

- **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

Paula Foley, Verizon Representative, Kip Devito, Verizon Representative

Mr. Fox asked for a general discussion. Ms. Foley gave a brief description of the antenna placement on the pole. This will be to provide improved service.

Resident from 569 College Highway asked the location, the shape of the waves and the wattage. Mr. Devito answered the questions stating it was low powered and would not be a concern. Mr. Dunlap, Vining Hill Road voiced his concerns about the frequency waves. There were no comments on Zoom.

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to Close the Hearing.
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 the pole at 567 College Highway.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2316, dated 1/3/23, in the amount of \$260,355.45
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes 12/19/22 & 1/3/23.
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 table the Executive Session Minutes 12/19/22 & 1/3/23.
- **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. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote - Unanimous) to approve PVPC Invoice #18 Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$549.23.
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 Invoice #3 Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$4,994.87.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

New Business:

- Gene Theroux, Cemetery Commissioner inquiring about a Veteran's tax break, the Select Board would like to find out what other communities are doing. Carry under Old Business.
- Mr. Moglin recognized National Law Enforcement Day – Thanked Law Enforcement for their service.
- Mr. Perron is looking into on power rates to lower costs to the community

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – working on security.
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield update.
- Marijuana dispensary – Carry forward
- Calyx Pistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility.
- Survey is ready to be included with Census
- Opening on Housing Authority
- Speed limits in Deer Run area
- Health Director – ecoli testing and reporting
- Research Veteran's Tax Break
- Tax information – Mr. Perron will be in contact with the Board of Assessors

A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant