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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall - Select Board's Conference Room

Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Date of this meeting: May 1, 2023

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 2, Acts of 2023

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 - Present
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart – Present
Assistant C.A.O., Nadine Cignoni - Present
Administrative Assistant, Robin A. Solek – Present

Chairman roll call attendance of Board Members present for meeting.

6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

There were none.

Zoom: Michelle Pratt, Berkshire Avenue stated her opinion on the appeal @ 141 Congamond Road along with the decision of the order of ATM Warrant Articles.

Please visit www.southwickma.org for verbatim dialogue of Public Comments Select Board Meeting 4/24/23.

6:10 p.m. Southwick Fire Department Interviews for Career FF/EMT Juan Rivera and Nickolas Chambers :

The Select Board asked each candidate to give a summary of themselves and why they are pursuing the Town of Southwick.

The Select Board thanked each for their interest in the Town of Southwick and will be making a final decision under Old Business or at the next scheduled Select Board Meeting.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2324, dated 4/25/23, in the amount of \$257,565.33
- Acknowledge Special Payroll Warrant #SWP23, dated 4/25/23, in the amount of \$6,733.57.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes of 4/5/23
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Open Session Minutes of 4/24/23
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin, seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote: Unanimous) to approve the Executive Session Minutes of 4/24/23
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: 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 to approve Director of Assessment Employment Contract FY 24 – FY 26 for Sue Gore
(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 Ironman Race Permit per Town Code for June 11, 2023. Permit Fee to be determined
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes
- Police Chief Landis discussed weapon upgrade
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous) to approve ACO Donations in the amount of \$1,855.00
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 approve Municipal Vulnerability Program Grant and to authorize the Chairman to sign and match from the town 25% local level.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

New Business:

- ATM CPC Housing Authority Article left off Warrant issue was remedied and consistent with CPC Articles.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous) to approve the Revised ATM to include Article 26 Flooring Replacement at the Housing Authority.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes
- Town Common Lighting – kudos to the project.
- HVAC (cooling) Project at Town Hall should be providing cooling by the end of May.
- ABCC did a town sweep of liquor facilities to determine if serving minors. Southwick was 100% in compliance.

Old Business:

- North Pond violations site waiting for Fish & Game Agreement – ARPA funds for porta-potty and cameras for North Pond
- Sewer IMA met with the Mayor of Westfield at the final stages
- Calyx Pistils at 74 College Highway for an update on the marijuana grow facility. No response
- Speed limits in Deer Run area signs are posted, radar will be set-up
- Flag and Banner being finalized
- TCC money is in the FY 24 Budget to accommodate re-organization
- SB Goals & Objectives
- STM & ATM Warrant Articles Discussion & Actions, and Authorize Warrants finalization FY 24 approval and vote (s)
- The Select Board Members R. Fox and D. Moglin stated the Warrant Articles are put in order by their determination for the past 250 years. There is nothing improper about the order.
- ATM CPC Housing Authority Article issue was remedied and consistent with CPC Articles.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Moglin seconded by Mr. Perron (Vote – Unanimous)
To recommend all STM & ATM Warrant Articles along with finalized dollar amounts.
Roll Call Vote: R. Fox: Yes, D. Moglin: Yes, J. Perron: Yes

A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:50 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 IAFF, 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:

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,
Robin A. Solek
Administrative Assistant*