

Select Board Minutes *January 23, 2018* *Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.*

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Doug Moglin
Vice-Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy
Clerk, Russell S. Fox
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart
Administrative Assistant, Sondra Pendleton

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: See Attachment "A" - 2 Page(s)

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, Doug Moglin, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

1. Ryan Pease – 180 Mort Vining Road - Inquired as to why the Board motioned to bring another ballot question to the next Town Elections regarding cannabis dispensaries in Town and the cost it would incur. He also questioned how to get the minutes and recordings of prior meetings.
Chairman Moglin reminded attendees that Public Comments are for residents to voice their concerns, the Board rarely answers because normally they are not prepared to answers questions that they aren't aware are going to come up.
2. Mike McMahon – 30 Lauren Lane – spoke trying to clarify Mr. Pease's questions. He stated the first ballot question was to ask residents do you want to make marijuana legal in Massachusetts. The ballot questions next would be to the residents asking if they wanted marijuana sold in Town.

Chief Ricardi FY18 Budget Overview

The Police Chief, Mr. Ricardi, and future Chief Bishop gave the Board an overview of his FY18 Budget requests. They will meet jointly with the Select Board and Finance Committee in the near future to go over all budget requests. See Attachment "B" –42 Page(s).

Payroll/Payables Warrants:

The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant 1817, dated 1/25/18, in the amount of \$205,938.64.

The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant 1818, dated 1/22/18, in the amount of \$1,265.03.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Regular Session Minutes of 1/16/18.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the Executive Session Minutes of 1/16/18.

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. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve to post the Lake Management Committee P/T Ramp Attendants and Grounds Maintenance Positions.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to discuss the tree that fell on the cemetery fence. The Board has reached out to organizations in regards to possibly removing and keeping the wood and no one has showed interest. The Board will reach out to DPW for help with the removal. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Finance Committee Reserve Fund Transfer for the Cemetery Commission for tree/fence damage in the amount of \$2,500.00.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to take no action on a request for a Sewer Abatement for 155 Berkshire Avenue. The Sewer Policy reads 100% in/100% out and the Board does not want to set a precedent.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a FY18 MASS DOR Sewer Rate Relief Grant Application.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Southwick Police Department donation for \$15.00 from George Harvey (c/o Linda Dleinerman).

The Board received a Notice of Claim against Quality Restaurants Inc. d/b/a Louie's Liquor License.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept a Southwick Fire Department S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$3,708.00 and a Senior S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$2,415.00.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to appoint Branden Pranka as a Southwick Fire Department Volunteer Fire Fighter.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Finance Committee Reserve Fund Transfer for a Southwick Fire Department Ladder Truck Specifications Review in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bond Counsel will be contacted as to whether this should be on the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Finance Committee Reserve Fund Transfer for a Southwick Fire Department Ladder Truck Inspection and Repair in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The Board signed a Certificate of Appreciation for Irene Egerton for 27 years of service to the Town Library.

Old Business:

Covered Bridge: A letter will be sent to the residents from the Fire Chief stating which pieces of his apparatus can safely be sent over the bridge.

North Pond PWC Bylaw: No update.

Street Renaming Project Status: Progress being made.

T/C/C Office Reclassification: **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Revised Assistant T/C/C Job Description. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a 2nd Assistant Position and allow Mrs. Hill to submit a candidate.

Sewer Abatement for 526 College Highway: **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to table this item.

Mr. Fox brought up the 250th Anniversary Celebration. He would like to form a committee, send letters to organizations for people to get involved. The Town Clerk will be asked the process to form a committee. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to have Mr. Fox spearhead this committee. He thanked the Board.

New Business:

Mr. Stinehart stated a mandatory walk through at the New Library for the carpeting and painting bids takes place 1/24/18.

Mr. Fox would like to discuss a Social Media Policy at the next meeting.

The Board was given an update on The Cove which is ongoing.

There was no Executive Session held.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote -Unanimous) to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra S. Pendleton
Administrative Assistant

Cc: Town Clerk