

Select Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Select Board Conference Room

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman, Joseph J. Deedy
Vice-Chairman, Russell S. Fox
Clerk, Doug Moglin
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart
Administrative Assistant, Sondra S. Pendleton – Absent
Select Board Secretary, Robin A. Solek
Chairman, Finance Committee, Robert Horacek
Vice-Chairman, Linda Bathel
Finance Committee, Terry Mish
Finance Committee, Art Pinell

PICTURES FOR ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

5:00 p.m. Convene in Open Session
Public Comments

5:05 p.m. Finance Committee RE: Discussion of STM Warrant Articles

Four members of the Finance Committee met with the Select Board to discuss the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. There is concern of the STM Article 2 and the additional funding of \$1.2 million dollars for the North Pond Project. T. Mish would like the CPC to consider the bonding instead of the general fund. The Select Board stated there was never an application to consider bonding through the CPC. There are time constraints of a March 31, 2019 deadline by State Agencies for funds to be in place and move forward with the acquisition. C. Pratt from CPC mentioned at the last CPC meeting they couldn't discuss the option of bonding.

R. Fox expressed it was a good goal but doesn't think the land is going anywhere; we have to be frugal with the town bonding for projects. We have tried to keep the tax rate balanced. Mr. Fox stated he is not supporting the additional 1.2 million dollars needed to fund the project. L. Bathel does not support the additional funding; it has an impact on the town as a whole.

R. Horacek stated he had no comment.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Payroll Warrant #1920, dated 3/4/19, in the amount of \$232,621.58
- Payroll Warrant #1920 SP, dated 3/4/19, in the amount of \$91.31
- Payroll Warrant# SWP19, dated 3/4/19, in the amount of \$11,305.08 Senior Tax write off program.
- There were no minutes to approve.

Action Items, Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions, Payroll Actions, Old Business, New Business, Etc.-Possible Motions/Votes:

- Sign off 61A Release of First Right of Refusal for Waterman Parcel @ 85 College Highway.
- Appointment of Maryssa Cook-Obregon as Agricultural Commission Alternate Member.
- View possible ATR Front Cover picture.
- Vote to accept the Sewer Rate Relief Fund Grant of \$1,501.00
- Park and Rec to pay a 20% local share in Park & Rec budget for Rail / Trails Grant.
- The Select Board awarded the Southwick Fire Department fire pumper bid to Alexis Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$303,565.00. It will be formalized into a contract with the vendor.
- Legislators Pancake Breakfast Invitation - 3/29/19 @ 10:30 a.m.

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- Update on 250th Anniversary Events
- CRC 4/9/19 Meeting
- Determine level of interest for 17 Depot Street

New Business:

- Better Angels looking for a place to meet on April 7, 2019. Need sponsor
- Discussion of Senior Center hours of operation. Will discuss further with Council on Aging Director.
- Miscommunication re Town Hall snow policy on closings and delays. Mr. Fox will meet with relevant departments.
- DPW Director report showed 18 million dollar funding for future road repairs and projects.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote-Unanimous) to go into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. RE: **M.G.L. Chap. 30A, S20 (b), S21 (3) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1) (b). not reconvene in Open Session.**

RE: Litigation and Collective Bargaining with Fire Chief

Exception #3: X Move to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining 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:
Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body, and not to reconvene to Open Session.

RE: Ch. 214, Section 1B

A person shall have a right against unreasonable, substantial or serious interference with his privacy. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce such right and in connection therewith to award damages.

6:30 p.m. Select Board to attend FY20 School Budget Hearing at Powder Mill School

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robin A. Solek". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Robin A. Solek
Appointed Administrative Assistant