



Select Board Meeting
In-person and Remote Hybrid Format
for Board Members and Public
Monday March 4, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Location: Select Board Conference Room

Notice: In the event of a closure of Town Hall due to inclement weather or any other emergency the Hybrid Format shall switch to remote meeting zoom only for the posted meeting.

All meetings of the Select Board are recorded except Executive Session

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

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Doug Moglin
Vice-Chairman, Jason Perron
Clerk, Diane Gale
Chief Administrative Officer, Karl J. Stinehart
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Nadine Cignoni
Secretary, Lisa Anderson

Join Zoom Meeting

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6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing; Proposed FY2024 CDBG Application through Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Review options with Erica Johnson and approve projects / programs grant.

6:10 p.m. Update on Liquor License from Westfield River Brewing Co. with Sergio Bonavita

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2418, dated 2/26/2024, in the amount of \$251,388.58
- Acknowledge and Approve Open Session meeting minutes from 2/26/2024.
- Acknowledge and Approve Executive minutes from 2/13/2024
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Meeting Discussion Items, Action Items, Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions, Payroll:

- Authorize chair to sign Discharge of Lien from a CDBG grant on Real Estate for 10 North Longyard Road.

New Business:

- Appoint Gene Kube as Economic Development Committee member to fill a vacancy for a two year term.
- Approve Letter of Understanding with Planner/Stormwater Coordinator Jon Goddard for FY25-FY27.
- Review and approve the final draft of the Housing Production Plan submitted by Planning Board
- Motion to approve Agreements with U.P.S.E.U. units for DPW and Clerks contracts
- Adoption of 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan submitted by DPW
- Approve and Authorize the Department of Fire Services FY24 Firefighter Equipment Grant Agreement for \$10,101.05

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- Acknowledge FY25 Western Hampden District Veterans Services budget adoption vote
- Job Description hours and pay rate for C.O.A. Director
- Police Chief Internal Recruitment Process: Determine interview process.
- Board evaluations and appointed progress
- HSIC IMA for WG&E for ISP
- Marijuana dispensary, Webpage posting, HCA process and template RFI Evaluation and scoring
- Hunting bylaw proposal related to private land and review by SPD.
- Review of Land License for American Legion
- MGL Ch. 61,61A,61B, Right of First Refusal policy review
- Town Administrator Recruitment panel preliminary interviews by subcommittee in March.
- T-Mobile Hometown Grants Application review, authorization, and pursuit.
- Discussion and approval of Town Clerk internal Job Description and posting.
- Select Master Plan Implementation subcommittee members.

7:00 p.m. Executive Session

A MOTION to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. c. 30A, S21 ((2) & (3) and Ch. 214, Section 1B Labor Counsel. Litigation Matters and Strategy for Collective Bargaining with Police Union Coalition, Fire IAFF, DPW, 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.