



Select Board Meeting
In-person and Remote Hybrid Format
for Board Members and Public
Monday August 28, 2023
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

Date of this meeting: August 28, 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.

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

Town of Southwick, MA

Lisa Anderson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Time: August 28, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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6:00 p.m. Public Comments:

6:05 p.m. Pole Hearing for Eversource at #26 South Longyard Road

6:15 p.m. Board & Committee Interviews & Appointments

Agricultural Commission: (from a full member to an Alternate member)

- Lenita Bober

Agricultural Commission: (discussion on term length 1 for 2 yrs. 1 for 3 yrs.)

- Daniel Cook
- Zachary Barnett

Sewer Implementation Committee:

- Randy Brown – 1 Year

6:20 p.m. Discussion with DPW Director regarding Road conditions after Tour of Roads by Select Board.

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2405B, dated 8/21/2023, in the amount of \$863,330.40
- Accept Open Session Minutes dated 8/14/2023

Meeting Discussion Items, Action Items, Bills, Mail, Correspondence, Vendor and/or Personnel Contracts, Personnel Decisions, Policy Adoptions, Payroll:

- Acknowledge and accept the following donations to the Council on Aging. Kathie Breuninger - \$25, Joyce A. Arnold Revocable Trust - \$75, Cynthia Puza - \$25, American Legion Auxiliary – \$50, Alan House - \$100, David Lee - \$25, Thomas Henahan - \$100, Deborah Bunn - \$50, and Stop & Shop of Feeding Hills MA. - \$78.
- Acknowledge letter from Cindy Sullivan regarding possible expansion of the Senior Center.
- Acknowledge and accept a donation to the Southwick Public Library Gift Account from Donna Buldrini for \$9.73 to purchase a book in memory of someone who has passed.
- Accept CRC Gift for \$4,000.00 for tree removal at North Pond.
- Review Community Compact FY24 Program opportunities.
- Designate FY24 FRTA representative Carol Smith (COA member) and C.A.O. Stinehart as alternate
- SPD Officer Steven Pinette to Reserve Officer Appointment
- Review new fee schedule for SFD permits & inspections for installation of new oil tank and the installation or replacement of an oil line.
- Approve One Day Liquor License for One Call Away (Bike Ride & BBQ/First Responders Parade) for September 9, 2023 at Whalley Park.
- Approve One Day Liquor License for One Call Away (Mods & Rods Classic Car Show Benefit) for September 17, 2023 at Whalley Park.
- Approve FY24 Finance Committee Reserve Request for DPW Line Striping Activities

New Business:

- Discuss MGL Ch. 64, Sec 3 local option tax on marijuana retail sales and Town meeting vote
- Refer Planning Board request for modifications to marijuana related zoning bylaws and overlay map
- Accept Dave McWilliams resignation from Conservation Commission
- T-Mobile Hometown Grants Application review, authorization, and pursuit

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield – finalize with Attorney
- Marijuana dispensary – research & options
- Municipal Aggregation for Electricity
- Select Board Goals & Objectives
- SFD Dumpster permit Fee
- Noble Steed Development report from PB status
- FY24 re-appointment/appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

- Review of Land License for American Legion
- MGL Chpt 61,61A,61B, Right of First Refusal policy review
- Search Firm RFP development and Assist with Town Administrator Recruitment Job Description review.
- Green Communities work group use of PVPC for support role.

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.