



**Select Board
Meeting Agenda**
*In-person and Remote Hybrid Format
for Board Members and Public*

AMENDMENT #1

Monday, April 24, 2023
5:30 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: April 24, 2023

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

In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed upon the Town Web page after the meeting.

Town of Southwick, MA

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Time: Apr 24, 2023 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Russell S. Fox
Vice-Chairman, Doug Moglin
Clerk, Jason Perron
C.A.O., Karl J. Stinehart
Asst. C.A.O., Nadine Cignoni
Admin. Assistant, Robin Solek

5:30 p.m. Public Comments:

5:35 p.m. Finance Committee Chairman and Town Moderator FY24 Budget and Town Meeting Articles

Payables, Payroll and Minutes:

- Acknowledge Payroll Warrant #2323, dated 4/10/23, in the amount of \$262,085.06
- Acknowledge Payables Warrant #2327B, dated 4/18/23, in the amount of \$470,734.61
- Accept Open Session Minutes dated 4/10/23
- Acknowledge Special Payables Warrant #2328B, dated 4/20/23 in the amount of \$127.00

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

- Approve One Day LL for Southwick Rotary Summer Concert Series (7/112, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 and rain date 8/30)
- Rotary Club request for sponsoring donation for Summer Concert Series
- Appointment to Southwick Fire Department Call Force FF/EMT Anthony Angotta
- SFD Chief request to authorize 3 Call Force Lieutenant positions due to retirements and relocations
- Public Safety FD Ironman Event Update
- American Legion Invitation to Memorial Day Parade on 5/29/23 @ 10:00
- Review ARPA Funds for other FY 24 budget process items and re-assess previous FD earmark
- Proposed Short-Term Rental Bylaw Planning Board Recommendations
- Approve the advertisement for the Town in the Westfield News Business & Industry Journal for 2023 Edition.
- Approve Town Accountant Contract Renewal for FY24-26 for Laura Fletcher
- Authorize Chair to sign U.P.S.E.U. Clerical Unit MOA for Assistant T/C/C position backfill
- Approve FinCom Reserve for \$3,000.00 for Whalley Park to repair sidewalk after water break fix
- Accept Library donations in the amount of \$44.00 from Donna Buldrini, \$10.00 cash donation to the Library Gift Account
- Invitation by W.C.A. for New Building (85k sq. feet) Groundbreaking Ceremony 5/4/23 @ 10:00 a.m.
- DPW FY 24 Transfer Station rates
- **Authorize Chairman to sign City/Town Owner Agreement for Robert Lake & Vera Lake at 457 College Highway**
- **One Day LL for Southwick Recreation Center on 5/12/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

New Business:

- Review DPW Correspondence for S. Longyard Rd/Rising Corner Road Truck Exclusion Request
- STGRSD Support letter for Grant for another School Resource Officer
- LMC Letter on 141 Congamond Road Ch. 91 Draft License

Old Business & Dates to Remember:

- North Pond violations seek meeting w/Departments, MA Fish & Game & DEP to review solutions
- Sewer System IMA with City of Westfield Meeting 4/25/23
- Marijuana dispensary – Town Counsel for Warrant Article
- 74 College Highway update on transfer of Calyx & Pistils Marijuana Grow Facility
- Speed limits in Deer Run Area waiting for signs
- Municipal Aggregation for Electricity – Town Counsel for Warrant Article
- Select Board Goals & Objectives
- MLP Vote: Town Counsel Article
- Flag/Banner Policy – Town Counsel Review

- T/C/C Office Re-organization
- STM & ATM Warrant Articles Discussion & Actions, and Authorize Warrants finalization FY 24 Budget approval and vote (s)

6:30 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.