

***Select Board Minutes***  
***October 23, 2017***  
***Monday, 6:00 p.m.***  
***Select Board Conference Room, Town Hall***

**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" – 1 Page(s)

Aynsley Davidson, a Westover Young Marine, asked the Board to issue a proclamation declaring 10/23 through 10/31/17 Red Ribbon Week in honor of fallen DEA Agent Enrique "KiKi" Camarena. The Board signed the Proclamation for this cause and in his honor.

**Public Comments:**

William Jenkins – Lake Shore Drive – came to the meeting to comment to the Board on the snow plowing policy that is presently being drafted. See Attachment "B" – 1 Page(s).

**Appointments:**

**Historical Society**

**RE: Approval for signage to mark the New Haven to Northampton Canal**

Lee Hamburg came to the Board asking for permission to put up signs on Feeding Hills Road and North Longyard Road marking the New Haven to Northampton Canal. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to allow the placement of the signs. See Attachment "C" – 1 Page(s)

**DeGray/Fire Chief/Engineer**

**RE: Covered Bridge**

Chief Anderson stated he hadn't heard from Mr. DeGray or the engineer, then called Mr. DeGray again and was told he couldn't make the meeting because he was going to be out of Town. He also stated he had not heard from engineer. The Chief attempted to contact the engineer and got no answer. The Board considers this a fire safety and emergency access concern. There are 4 property owners involve in this situation. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to give Mr. Stinehart and the Fire Chief latitude to contact Attorney Coyle for guidance, possibly hire another engineer if there is no report done yet, this has been ongoing for at least 6 months

**The Cove**

**RE: Entertainment License**

The Fire Chief reported that The Cove will come in a surrender their Entertainment License at the 11/30/17 Select Board Meeting, due to fire restrictions and no sprinklers. They will however, be allowed to have a previously booked event on 11/28/17 and the Fire Department will check on and monitor the establishment if needed.

### **Payroll/Payables Warrants:**

- The Board acknowledged Payroll Warrant #1810, dated 10/19/17, in the amount of \$209,699.09.
- The Board acknowledged Payables Warrant 1811B, dated 10/23/17, in the amount \$522,887.07.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the Open Session Minutes of 10/16/17.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the Executive Session Minutes of 10/16/17.

### **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. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to acknowledge the APR Announcement for Laro West LLC and Longyard LLC Project #17C01 pursuant to Mass D.A.R. Guidelines.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to read the APR Notice of Proposed Acquisition by Mass D.A.R. for Laro West LLC and Longyard LLC Project #17C01.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to sign the APR Notice Certification and the Reduction of Notice Period for Laro West LLC and Longyard LLC Project #17C01 (from 120 days to 60 days).
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a donation(s) of \$10.00 to the Southwick Police Department for the K-9 Fund from Arthur Lawler.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a donation(s) of \$25.00 to the Southwick Police Department for the Police Academy from Louise Alberti.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to accept the resignation of Jesse Rizzo, Southwick Police Department Reserve Officer, to be effective 10/20/17.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to table their review of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Establishment Proposal.
- The Board reviewed a Congamond Road Mass DOT Project abutter's concerns and Town Dept(s) responses for #51 Congamond Road. The Board believes that the already accepted appraiser determined \$800.00 for compensation is fair. See Attachment "C" – 19 Page(s).

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

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Deedy (Vote-Unanimous) to have the Chair sign the Veterans Street Project Contract Sign-off with Caracas Construction.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Moglin (Vote: 2 Yes, Mr. Fox abstained) to approve a 1 Day Liquor License for the Lions Club Comedy Show at the Rec. Ctr. on 11/4/17. And waive the presence of a Police Officer.
- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer for funding of 2 new Police Officers tuitions and other related expenses in the amount of \$11,000.00.
- The Board signed the Rotary's Certificates of Appreciation for Bob Fox, Gene Theroux and the Community Food Pantry for their Community Service Recognition.

**Old Business:**

- **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to approve the internal posting for the Chief of Police Job position for a period of 3 weeks until 11/17/17.
- North Pond PWC Bylaw – Board still waiting on response.
- Tow Operator Vendors – Police Chief and Chief Administrative Officer are meeting with them this week.
- MMA Conference – Board has been asked to RSVP.
- Underground Storage Tank Removal – In process, electricity has been disconnected, tank has been drawn down and emptied out.
- Mr. Deedy inquired as to where the sign for the Southwick Polverari Animal Facility stood.
- Mr. Fox would like a meeting set up with Westfield to discuss the bridge work (weight load constriction has been placed on it) that needs to be done in their city. Our roads: Sunnyside Road, and North Longyard Road are taking a beating from the big trucks being rerouted onto Southwick Roads. Senator Humason, Representative Boldyga, Representative Velis, Mayor Sullivan and DPW. Mr. Deedy and Mr. Stinehart will represent the Board.

**New Business:**

- Mr. Fox stated there will be a dedication ceremony by the American Legion of a flag to Fred Ahrand Circle on Saturday, 11/28/17 at 1:00 p.m. honoring all veterans.
- A green belt was not implemented into the Sidewalk Project on Feeding Hills Road. Mr. Fox wants it looked into, to see if assistance will be needed by DPW for school region doing snow removal when the snow arrives.

**New Business:**

- Rotary will hold a "Volunteer Night" at the Library on 11/1/17 at 6 p.m. for residents to speak with representatives regarding getting involved (volunteering) in Town entities: Rotary, Lions Club, Grange, Rec. Center, Boards, Committees and Commissions, etc.
- Rotary has inquired as to donating a gazebo for the Town Green. More specifics will need to be looked into.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Deedy, seconded by Mr. Fox (Vote-Unanimous) to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. RE: M.G.L. Chap. 30A, S20 (b), S21 (2) (3) (6) & (7) Ch. 214, Section 1B and; CMR 29.03 (1) (b). **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Moglin-Yes, Mr. Deedy-Yes, Mr. Fox-Yes.**

- Collective Bargaining w/Union and IBPO and UPSEU and Non-Union Personnel
- Litigation
- Cell Tower Lease

- Exception #2: XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct collective bargaining sessions, with nonunion personnel and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- XX Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to:  
reconvene into Open Session
- Exception #3: XX 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 to reconvene into Open Session  
(Chair Must Declare).
- XX 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:  
reconvene into Open Session  
(Chair Must Declare).
- Exception #6: XX Move to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and that an open meeting the chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body and to:  
not reconvene into Open Session  
(Chair Must Declare).
- Exception #7: XX Move to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and to:  
reconvene into 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.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Sondra S. Pendleton  
Administrative Assistant

Cc: Town Clerk