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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2022

Select Board Chair Bradford Morse, Vice-Chair Greenwood Hartley III, and Clerk Paul Ciaburri are all present.

The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Greenwood Hartley III.

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Hartley to approve the Open Session and Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes of June 6th, 2022 as written. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Verizon Pole Hearing- The Verizon Pole Hearing is opened at 6:05 P.M. by Select Board Member Hartley. Verizon New England Inc. is requesting permission from the Board to erect a pole with wires upon, under, along, or across 342 Snipatuit Road. This request is being made under the provisions of MGL Chapter 166 Section 22. There is a representative present remotely to answer any questions that the Board or residents may have on this hearing; there are none. Select Board Member Morse makes motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the hearing is closed. Select Board Member Morse then makes a motion to approve the pole request as presented to the Board. This motion is again seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Police Chief Robert Small: Officer Promotion- Police Chief Small is in attendance to recommend the Board appoint Police Detective Don Kemmett into the newly created Police Lieutenant position.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to appoint Don Kemmett into the Police Lieutenant position as recommended by the Police Chief. This motion is then seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Representative Straus: MBTA Housing Discussion- Representative Straus and Senator Rodrigues are in attendance to talk to the Board about the potential upcoming MBTA Housing requirements and answer any questions the Board may have. Select Board Member Hartley expresses concerns over the large number of units that would be required of the Town and the lack of infrastructure to support such an increase in population. Representative Straus explains the background of how this proposal had come about and that they are to help increase transit-oriented development; though at this time nothing is set in stone and when a new governor takes office, they may change the requirements on the affected towns and cities.

Town Moderator and Finance Committee Chair: Reappointments for Finance Committee- Town Moderator David Arancio and Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg are in present to reappoint David Arancio and Peter Armanetti to the Finance Committee for another three-year term.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes the motion to reappoint David Arancio and Peter Armanetti to the Finance Committee for a term to expire June 23th, 2025. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Capital Planning Committee: Capital Plan Updates: David Arancio then stays, acting in his role of the Capital Planning Committee Chair, to discuss the Committee's progress since it has been active for about four years now. He gives an update on all the items purchased and projects completed through Capital Planning Committee process, noting that the process is a success and it has all been achieved without any borrowing by the Town. Mr. Arancio and the Board then briefly discuss the possibility of allotting more funds in the future into the Capital Plan fund to be able to continue supporting the Town department's needs, possibly in a larger capacity.

Rochester Country Fair: Fair Updates/Date Change- The Rochester Country Fair submitted a letter to the Board to notify them of the date change of the fair; down to just October 1st, from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. Select Board Member Hartley requests that the Country Fair Committee submit to the Board their schedule of event and plan for the day once available for their review.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to approve the date and time change of the Rochester Country Fair to October 1st, 2022 from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. This motion is then seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Library Director Gail Roberts: New Director Introduction- Library Director Gail Roberts attends the meeting with new Library Director Jennifer Woodward to introduce her to the Board; the Board thanks Gail for her years of service to the Town and welcomes Ms. Woodward aboard.

MBTA Representative Jody Ray: Water Allocation Discussion- MBTA Representative Jody Ray approaches the Board to request an allocation of water to support the fire protection code mandates for their new back-shop station. He explains that they estimate using approximately between 914- 1,400 gallons a day now but will make a formal request in the future be able to meet the fire code requirements. Mr. Underhill, of the Water Commission, expresses his concerns over the limited supply of water allowed to the Town and suggests he reach out to the Town of Wareham for his request. He agrees to work collectively with the Water Commission going forward with this request.

Old Colony R.V.T.H.S Superintendent Aaron Polansky: Old Colony Public Water Supply- Old Colony Superintendent Aaron Polansky discusses with the Board the school's potential plan for expansion and explains that should the plan go forward; the school would need additional resources of water beyond the one well that is currently supplying the water for the whole school. He mentions that he has been working with Mr. Underhill, and the water Commission, for possible options and funding resources, but wanted to keep the Board current in the discussion. He will share more information with the Board in the future once more information is available.

Select Board Signatures:

Historical Commission Appointment-

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley then makes a motion to appoint Stanley Moszczenski Jr. to the Historical Commission as requested. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

SRPEDD DLTA Grant Signing- Town Planner Nancy Durfee informs the Board that the Town has received a \$10,000 SRPEDD grant to assist in the update of an open space and recreation plan, starting with a GIS analysis, and request the Board sign the paperwork to accept the grant.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to sign the acceptance paperwork for the SRPEDD DLTA grant as presented. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor; the motion passes unanimously.

Council on Aging Expansion Project: Contract with Architect- The Board is presented with a contract with an architect for signature to work on the Council on Aging expansion project. Select Board Member Hartley, confirmed by Town Counsel Bailey, explain that in order for the Board to sign they would need the funding from the Friends of the Council on Aging to cover the costs. They agree that once the funds are transferred to the Town the Board will sign the presented contract.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to approve and sign the Council on Aging expansion project architect contract as presented subject to appropriation of funds from the Friends of the COA to the Town. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

BAN Renewal for Firetruck-

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to sign the Firetruck Bond Anticipation Note renewal in the amount of \$348,600. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Conservation Commission Chair: Notice of Resignation/Request for Appointment- The Board received notice from Conservation Commission Chair Chris Gerrior of resignation received from long-time member Maggie Payne. He also requests that the Board appoint Mr. Bill Clapp, a current alternate member, into the vacant position.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to accept the resignation of Maggie Payne and thanks her for her years on the Conservation Commission. This motion is seconded Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to appoint Mr. Bill Clapp to the Conservation Commission as requested. This motion is seconded Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Cannon begins his report by presenting the Board with a copy of the 2021 Annual Report books that are now available; copies have been dropped off around Town.
- After this, Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that the Town received notice that this year's Chapter 90 funds will be approximately \$300,000.

- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon states that he has created a draft request for qualifications in process of obtaining a feasibility study for the Town's possible future public safety building project.

Old Business:

Payroll and Vendor Warrants- Select Board Member Ciaburri notes that he will be signing all payroll and vendor warrants this week.

Boston Post Cane Discussion- Select Board Member Hartley gives some history on the Boston Post Cane. The Board then review a draft Boston Post Cane procedure. They all agree to have a Town official reach out to who would be eligible to receive the cane and then coordinate with the resident some sort of small ceremony, if they chose, in a setting they would be comfortable in. They also agree that the cane should be refurbished and kept at the Council on Aging for viewing.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to accept the Boston Post Cane procedure as presented to the Board. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. With all members of the Board in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Constitution Way Discussion- It has been brought to the attention of the Town some questions from the Church next to the Town Hall regarding the proposed changes to Constitution Way and the Town Hall parking lot that had been voted on by the Public Safety Committee. The Board notes that the Town will continue to maintain the way as it has in the past, plowing and sanding, though any renovations to the way would be the responsibility of the church. The next step in the process is to obtain engineered plans for the project with the funds approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board then sign the renewed lease agreement with the Rochester Women's Club for use as the Town's Annex building, noting that the only changes to the agreement were the dates.

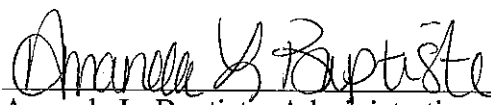
Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to sign the renewed contract with the Rochester Women's Club as presented. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. Select Board Member Hartley abstains from the vote. The motion passes with a 2:0 vote and the contract is renewed.

After this, Select Board Member Ciaburri lets everyone know that he recently attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Audrey Blanchard, who is the first female in Town to achieve Eagle Scout status. The Board congratulate her on becoming an Eagle Scout and plan to have a citation drafted acknowledging her accomplishment.

Adjournment:

Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy session relating to union and non-union personnel, and the Board will not come back into Open Session at the conclusion. The Chair has declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.


Bradford N. Morse, Clerk


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