

Select Board Meeting Minutes 03/13/23

Chair Underhill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The Following persons were present Chair Erin Underhill, Vice Chair Craig Schultze, Clerk Ellen Rosenfeld, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

Annual Town Meeting will be on May 3rd and There will be a Town wide election.

23-049 Senior Project Approval Request – Car Wash

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the Senior Project for Aden Azzouz on April 1st from 1-4, with a rain date of April 2nd from 1-4 with use of the VMB Parking Lot. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-050 Tri-County School Building Project Presentation

Karen Maguire Superintendent and Dan Haynes the Business Manager from the Tri-County Vocational School discussed their proposed Building Project. They stated there are 11 communities involved in the school and there will be a District Wide Vote on 10/24/23.

Sel. Schultze shared his thoughts regarding their presentation and stressed the importance of citizens understanding at the October vote is not tied to any money. The Citizens will have to vote for an override at town meeting in May or it will be forced to come out of the operational budget.

23-051 Conway School – Town Land/Open Space Presentation

The Conway School discussed their land planning project presentation. They provided 2 sample recommendations – Richardson's Pond and Pleasant Street Park. Their entire list of recommendations will be available in April.

23-052 Review/Approve Electrical Supply Contract for 2026-2027

Sel. Schultze made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign an electrical fuel supply contract for a price that is below \$0.14(14 cents) per kilowatt hour for our municipal and school electric accounts for the calendar years 2026 and 2027. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-053 Discuss FY24 Budget for the Department of Public Works

DPW Director Jim McKay discussed his FY24 budget in detail.

23-054 Appointment of Enterprise Funds Committee/Appointment of Interim Assistant Building Commissioner

Sel. Schultze made a motion to nominate Jim Duffy, Todd Quinter, Bryan DeSousa as voting members and Dave Baker as Associate non-voting member. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved the appointment of an Interim Assistant Building Commissioner to the next meeting.

23-055 Review/Approval of Additional 2% COLA for Retirees in FY23

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the additional 2% COLA for Retirees in FY23. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-056 Vote to Approve FY24 COLA for Personnel Plan Employees

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the 2% COLA for the Personnel Plan Employees. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-057 Discuss FY24 Budget

The Board decided to have a Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday May 22 which will be held on Zoom.

23-058 Open 5/3/23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Sel. Schultze made a motion to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-059 Discuss, Add and Remove Town Meeting Articles

Town Administrator Mike Guzinski discusses the Draft Town Meeting Warrant Articles,

Sel. Schultze made a motion to remove Article 14 from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-060 Close 5/3/23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Sel. Schultze made a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-061 Board/Committee Liaison Updates

Sel. Rosenfeld attend the School Committee meeting where the talked about potential cuts, but still don't have the full numbers and are waiting for the budget presentation their next meeting.

Sel. Underhill attended the Cemetery Committee where they discussed section G and potential fencing.

23-062 Approval of DRAFT Minutes

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the draft minutes for 2/27/23, 3/28/22, and 3/21/22. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to enter executive session at 8:55pm to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and non-union personnel. (SEIU & Town Administrator) and to consider the purchase or lease of real estate property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the governmental body emerging only for the purposes of ratifying the SEIU Contract and then immediately adjourning. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Return to Open Session

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the SEIU Local 888 Contract. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler