

Select Board Meeting Minutes 02/14/22

Chair Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

The following persons were present Chair Pete Jurmain, Vice Chair Erin Underhill, Clerk Craig Schultze, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

Sel. Jurmain announces that there are open election positions for the Town including the Moderator for 1 year, Select Board for 3 years, Board of Health for 3 years, School Committee for 3 years, Library Trustee for 3 years, Planning Board for 5 years, Housing Authority for 5 years. 44 Signatures are required and need to be submitted to the Town Clerks office no later than March 21, 2022, at 5:00pm.

Operations Support Manager, Karen Bouret DeMarzo, announces the new Water bottle refill stations around the VMB building, bought with the CARES act.

22-021 Covid Update/Discuss Mask Policy at Town Buildings

Board of Health Director, John McVeigh, states that Covid numbers are dropping a rapid rate and he recommends rescinding the mask mandate.

Sel. Jurmain questioned if the Town drops the mask mandate, should meetings resume in-person. Sel. Underhill and Sel. Schultze both agreed that meetings in person should resume.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to lift the mask mandate for all Town buildings effective on 2/28/2022 and allow Boards and Committees to meet in person and recommend all unvaccinated persons continue to mask. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-022 Appointment of Enterprise Funds Advisory Committee Member

Sel. Underhill made a motion to appoint John McDonagh to the Enterprise Funds Advisory Committee. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-023 Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant Tentative Date 5/2/22

Sel. Schultze made a motion to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the 5/2/2022 Town Meeting. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-024 FY22 Snow and Ice Budget Update

DPW Director, Jim McKay, states that the Snow and Ice budget is in deficit by \$2,998.42, not including the cost for the last 2 days with the recent storm.

Town Administrator, Mike Guzinski, stated he has the authority to take the action to go into deficit spending. He wants to the Board to be aware of the deficit.

22-025 Review & Approval of DPW Excavator Contract

Sel. Underhill made authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Towns behalf the contract with Bobcat of Boston in the amount of \$49,813.76. Sel. Jurmain seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-026 Paving and Sidewalk Status Update

DPW Director, Jim McKay, explains the FY23 Projected paving funds. He asks the Board where they would like to focus the paving/sidewalk updates.

Sel. Underhill states that Main Street from Hammond to Medway would be high on her priority list, as well as Plain Street sidewalk, and then Pleasant street.

Sel. Schultze states that Main Street from Hammond to Medway, and then half of Spring Street. He also suggests making the speed bumps better marked. He states there are no sidewalks on Spring Street.

22-027 PFAS Water Treatment Plan Project Update

DPW Director, Jim McKay, states Kleinfelder is looking into why there is such a range of amounts on the Bids. He stated that himself, the Town Administrator, Financial Director, and the Treasure/Collector are meeting tomorrow and hopefully have contract for the Board to sign on the 2/24 meeting.

22-028 Discuss Proposal of Warrant Articles: Charter Changes

Sel. Jurmain starts a conversation with the Board regarding the Charter changes articles and potentially separating the one article into 5 separate articles. Sel. Underhill states that they should be separated into 5 articles, so it would be easier to debate them individually. Sel. Schultze thinks there should be 3 or 4 articles not 5 for simplicity, he does not want to spend the majority of the time at town meeting talking about the finance committee article when there are more important charter change article being proposed.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to add 4 Articles to the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the first being the powers and duties of the Town Administrator as a bylaw change, the second being the Town Clerk being moved from elected to appointed to a charter change, and the third being the powers of appointment of the Select Board as a charter change, the fourth being the composition of the Select Board as a charter change. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-029 Discuss Proposed Stormwater Credit Manual Policy Changes

Sel. Jurmain discuss the changes made to the Stormwater credit manual policy made by Town Counsel. The Board decided to personally review the changes and then send the preferred changes to the Town Administrator and will be brought back before the Board a later meeting.

22-030 2/9 Charles River Pollution Control District (CRPCD) Meeting Briefing

Sel. Jurmain discusses the information he learned at the CRPCD meeting. It was a standard meeting about how they are managing the CRPCD.

22-031 Approval of Millis Youth Baseball Parade 4/24/22

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the Millis Youth Baseball Parade on 4/24/22 at 9 am. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-032 Review/Approval of Water/Sewer Commitment

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the water/sewer commitment for January 2022 in the amount of \$1,618.22. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the water/sewer commitment for the quarterly bill run commitment for February 2022 in the amount of \$666,289.37. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-033 Review/Approval of DRAFT Minutes

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the DRAFT meeting minutes for 1/24/22. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Jurmain made a motion to enter executive session at 8:11pm to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel (Massachusetts Coalition of Police Local 171, Millis Police Association Dispatcher & SEIU) only to emerging to adjourn. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler