

Select Board Meeting Minutes 4/25/22

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

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

22-096 Building Safety Month Proclamation

Building Commissioner Mike Giampietro asked the Board to recognize Building Safety Month by approving a proclamation declaring the month of May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Sel. Schultze read the proclamation. Mr. Giampietro reminded everyone that inspections are required for pools, permitting is needed for many building projects and to check fire alarms twice a year.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve and sign the proclamation as read. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. The motion passed unanimously.

22-097 Appointment of Part Time Dispatcher

Police Chief Soffayer asked the Board to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of a Part-Time Dispatcher as funded through the 911 Grant.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Sean Cullen as a Part Time Dispatcher pending a successful physical and drug screen. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. The motion passed unanimously.

22-098 Appointment of an On Call Library Assistant

Mr. Guzinski asked the Board to ratify his appointment of Elizabeth Goodreau as an On Call Library Assistant as recommended by the Library Director.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Elizabeth Goodreau as an On Call Library Assistant pending a successful CORI and physical. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. The motion passed unanimously.

22-099 Appointment of a Temporary Contractor - HEO Laborer

Mr. McKay asked the Board to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Mark Robbins as a Temporary HEO Laborer Contractor to fill in until a permanent full-time employee is hired.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to ratify the town Administrators appointment of Mark Robbins as a temporary HEO Laborer Contractor. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. The motion passed unanimously.

22-100 Appointment of Cultural Council Member

Sel. Schultze made a motion to appoint Edward Ginn as a Cultural Council member through June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. The motion passed unanimously.

22-101 Approval of Request to Mow/Hay Property at 377 Village Street

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the request by Jason Lobisser to mow/hay the property at 377 Village Street and to authorize the Chair to sign the license agreement on the Town's behalf. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. The motion passed unanimously.

22-102 Acceptance of Gift from Millis Youth Baseball and Softball – Granite Benches

Sel. Underhill made a motion to accept the gift of granite benches from stone Curators from Millis Youth Baseball and Softball. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-103 Review/Approval of Regulatory Agreement for Gateway Project

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the regulatory agreement for the gateway project. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-104 Presentation of (2) Citizens Petition Articles

Cathy MacInnes, citizen, reviewed two citizens petition articles. The first article proposes an amendment to the Home Rule Charter and General Bylaws to add a Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. After reading the proposal Ms. MacInnes left the meeting.

Sel. Schultze spoke in opposition of these articles and outlined various information he garnered from interviewing other DPW Directors in neighboring towns who were all not in favor of an elected commission. Sel. Schultze mentioned that adding another committee would add another level of bureaucracy for petitioners, that the Town has already been working to correct enterprise fund allocations and made significant strides. Sel. Schultze noted that this could become a “special interest” elected committee and offered thoughts on some middle ground like a Select Board appointed commission. Sel. Schultze asked the Board to take a formal vote recommending dismissal of these articles.

Sel. Underhill agreed with all of Sel. Schultze’s statements and noted she also heard a lot of feedback from towns saying that this will likely cause be more of a hindrance a lot of conflicts should the Board and commission not be on the same page. Sel. Underhill said the charter review committee and this topic has not come up once.

Chairman Jurmain also spoke in opposition and outlined work that the Select Board has done over the past few years ensuring that the money has been appropriately spent on these projects.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to dismissal of both petitioned articles as written. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill and the motion passed unanimously.

22-105 Review/ Discuss 5/2 ATM Warrant Articles

Sel. Schultze made a motion to recommend the motion for article 2 as written and submitted. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board decided Sel. Underhill would speak on the motions to Articles 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, and 24 at ATM.

The Board decided Sel. Schultze would speak on the motions to Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 19, 20, 27, and 28 at the ATM.

The Board decided Sel Jurmain would speak on the motions to Articles 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 at the ATM.

22-106 Review/Approval of Sign Permit- Flag Football

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the flag football sign from 4/26-6/7. Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-207 Board/Committee Liaison Updates

There were no updates

Sel. Juramin made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:15pm to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with union personnel. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler