



Minutes
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Select Board Meeting – 5:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Opened at 5:00PM by Chair, Bettina Schmidt

Reading of Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

"Public comment" portions of meetings will be temporarily suspended.

Select Board Member present: Bettina Schmidt, Clelland Johnson

Select Board Members absent: Larry Mandell

Others present: Stacy Stout, PD Sgt Ward, PD Chief Haughey

1. Minutes from 4/6/21

- Motion to approve as written made by Mr. Johnson; 2nd by Ms. Schmidt
- Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

2. Police request to discuss Cruiser Trade-In and Firearms trade in

a. Firearms

- i. PD requesting to trade in 15 firearms that are out of date and in poor condition
- ii. Company PD goes through for firearms is offering \$3000 credit for trade-in toward purchase of remaining 6 firearms needed for every officer to have same make/model/caliber of handgun (cost is just under \$500/each)

Motion: Mr. Johnson made a motion to support the PD request to trade in old firearms and use credit to purchase 6 new firearms to equip each officer with same make/model/caliber of handgun

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

b. Cruiser

- i. Article for Funds to purchase new police cruiser approved at Special Town Meeting (STM) Nov 2021
- ii. Will be taking a cruiser (2011, approx. \$90,000 miles) out of commission; request is to use that money toward equipping new cruiser

Motion: Mr. Johnson made a motion to allow PD to trade in old cruiser toward equipping new cruiser

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

Ms. Schmidt made request to take Agenda out of Order, all in favor - Yes

3. 2 driveway permits - 8 Hisgen Rd. and 135 Sturbridge Rd. – paperwork, permits, and payments have been received and approved by Highway

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve permits as requested

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

4. Recreation Committee items

- a. Groundskeeper endorsement
 - i. Request to endorse Ray Korny to do trash pick-up, weed whacking, mowing under bleachers and baseball tunnel area, some general maintenance as needed, and various punch list assigned from the Recreation Committee
 - ii. To be paid out of current Rec budget allocation
 - iii. Per proper accounting procedures, will need to break out an amount to allocate to a Wage line in Operating budget

Mr. Johnson made a motion to endorse appointment of Ray Korny to do groundskeeping for Recreation Committee

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

- b. Approval to dispose of 2 soccer goals – they are broken and not usable; scrap metal

Mr. Johnson made a motion to allow Rec Committee to dispose of 2 soccer goals

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

5. Special Use permit requested on 4/13/2021 by Bay State Anglers for 4/25/2021 - 7am – 3pm event; 8 boats

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve special permit request by Bay State Anglers for 4/25/21

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

Action: Ms. Stout to notify PD of Special Use permit event details

6. PVPC invoices - Administrative invoices #10, 11, 12 and demolition invoices (recaptured funds)

- a. Standard monthly invoices for administration of Housing Rehabilitation, Domestic Violence and Tri-county Food pantry grant programs
- b. Invoices for demolition for 16 Island Rd.; to be sent to PVPC for payment processing using approved recaptured funds

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve administrative invoices #10, 11, 12 and invoices for 16 Island Rd.

2nd by Ms. Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt – Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes

7. Opening Town Hall

- a. Ms. Stout has reached out to Board of Health (BOH) for input – they have responded with standard state office guidelines
 - i. We need to have plan for prepping the Town Hall
 - 1. Signage
 - 2. 6 ft markings
 - 3. Arranging for extra cleaning days/times and funding for this
 - 4. Enforcement
 - a. BOH is enforcing authority
 - b. Discussion on monitoring that any persons entering are wearing masks – possible Senior Work Program person assist with this
 - ii. Discussion on one-way traffic and using front door for entering and door at Police Department side of building for exiting
 - iii. Limit public access to certain areas
 - iv. Consider opening parttime certain days/hours to start
- b. Ms. Schmidt to reach out to Sturbridge Town Hall to see how they are handling things
- c. Ms. Stout to contact Brimfield and Wales

Ms. Schmidt made a motion to close meeting at 5:24PM

2nd by Mr. Johnson

All in favor and meeting adjourned at 5:34PM

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Stout, Town Administrator