

Approved: October 25, 2022

Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Present: Select Board Diana Szynal, Chair, Member Edmund Jaworski; Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator; Phil Genovese, DPW Director; Lydia Szych, Town Clerk; Mike Szych and David Cialek

CALL TO ORDER Chair Szynal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Szynal acknowledged the Hatfield Firefighters Association and the Fire Department for another successful bonfire. Selectman Jaworski reminded everyone it's October: check your smoke detectors, change the batteries and on Halloween slow down for children.

PUBLIC FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Selectman Jaworski made a motion to approve the meeting Minutes of September 22, 2022; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1 Colonial Power Group: Discuss and review Hatfield Electricity Aggregation Program: Topic was postponed until November 9, 2022.

TOPIC 2 Preservation of old birth records (1896-1928): Lydia Szych, Town Clerk informed the Board she is recommending to Community Preservation Committee to preserve old birth records. This is the third round of vital records being preserved and would like the Board's support. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to support the project for the preservation of vital birth records submitted by the Town Clerk; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

November 8, 2022 State Election Warrant for Select Board signatures: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to accept the November 8, 2022 State Election Warrant; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

TOPIC 3 Day Pond (Annual Fishing Derby) - Discussion of improvements to pond: Michael Szych and David Cialek of Hatfield Fish & Game informed the Board there is a possibility of grant money to improve Day Pond. The Select Board is in support of this project.

TOPIC 4 Appointments and Resignations: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to appoint Kathryn Chiavaroli to Community Preservation Committee-At Large; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

Fire Department new hires: The Select Board acknowledged the new hire to the Fire Department.

Approval of personnel forms: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Yagodzinski to the position of Transfer Station Attendant; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor –

aye; motion approved. Selectman Jaworski made a motion to appoint Matt Shippee to WWTP Operator-in-Training; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

Reclassification of COA position from office assistant to assistant director: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to approve Amanda Zygmunt to Assistant Director at Council on Aging; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

TOPIC 5 DPW REPORT: Water and Sewer Billing Commitment: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to approve the commit FY23 water and sewer Billing Commitment #1 to the Collector of \$655,332.42; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

Discussion of proposed water and sewer rate increase: Mr. Genovese informed the Board they have been working on this for a few weeks but didn't make the last 2 increases for the USDA grant. We are looking to schedule a public hearing to review the rate and increase the rates.

TOPIC 6 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Discussion of reinstating annual license fees: Selectman Jaworski made a motion to reinstate the annual license fees; Chair Szynal seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

Disbursement of National Opioid Crisis Funds: Ms. Michonski informed the Board the Town has received approximately \$23,000.00 from the opioid crisis fund and the Police Chief and Board of Health would like to use those funds for educational purposes. The funds must be appropriated at Town meeting.

Comprehensive Plan update: Ms. Michonski informed the Board we are in the process developing subcontractors with vendors for the comprehensive plan. We expect to have a meeting very soon.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Selectman Jaworski made a motion to adjourn; Chair Szynal seconded, no discussion, all in favor – aye; meeting ended 6:05 PM.

Respectfully,
Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant