

Approved May 23, 2023

Select Board
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Present: Select Board: Diana Szynal, Chair, Members Brian Moriarty and Edmund Jaworski

Also in attendance: Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator; Diane Brzozowski, Chair, Kim Baker, Darryl Williams, Sean Barry and John Wilkes, Jr., Finance Committee, Phil Genovese, DPW Director; Amy Landry, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity; Robert Flaherty, Fire Chief

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

TOPIC 1 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** MGL. Ch. 30A, §21a, # 1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual: Selectman Moriarty made a motion to move into executive session under MGL, Ch. 30A, §21a #1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and return to regular session; Selectman Jaworski seconded: Jaworski – aye; Moriarty – aye; Szynal– aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Selectman Jaworski stated Town Meeting, May 9th, is coming fast as well as Town elections on May 16. Ms. Michonski reminded the Board of the public meeting to be held on May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Hatfield Elementary School to review the budgets with residents. Town meeting is May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Academy and elections are held on May 16. Chair Szynal mentioned paving and milling work is going on around Town. Chair Szynal mentioned the latest water quality report went out and spring sports are happening at Smith Academy.

PUBLIC FORUM No one

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes of April 18, 2023; Ms. Michonski informed the Board the word “and” being added on page 2, Topic 2, between the words “tuition” and “transportation”; Chair Szynal seconded; no further discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Selectman Jaworski abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 2 Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity request for One Day Liquor License for event on May 17, 2023 at RK Miles from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Amy Landry of Pioneer Valley

Habitat for Humanity presented before the Select Board requesting a One Day Liquor License for an event PVHH is holding on May 17, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at RK Miles. There is a ticketed price but food and alcohol are included in that ticketed price. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to approve the One Day Liquor License to be held at RK Miles to benefit the Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity on May 17, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Selectman Jaworski seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

TOPIC 2 FY2024 Budget, Capital Projects and Finalize Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Discussion and review with Finance Committee @ 6:00 p.m.: Ms. Michonski informed everyone that a couple of changes occurred with the balanced budget over the last week. The Finance Committee suggested the \$61,000.00 which would have been put into the stabilization fund will now be used to pay down the vocation tuition and transportation shortage. Mr. Williams is hopeful people will come out next Tuesday because questions are easily answered at these meetings rather than Town meeting. Selectman Moriarty stated Department Heads need to be at the May 2 meeting to answer questions about their budgets. Ms. Michonski informed him that they have been notified and it was also brought up at the Department Head meeting earlier in the day. Selectman Moriarty brought up the fact in the last two years there were COVID funds available whereas this year there is not and that this was coming our way but the COVID funds delayed what was going to happen inevitably.

The Town Warrant Articles were discussed and voted upon by the Finance Committee as follows:

1. No vote required.
- 2 - 5 Sean Barry made a motion the Finance Committee recommend Articles 2, 3, 4, 5; Mr. Williams seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
6. Sean Barry made a motion the Finance Committee recommend Article 6; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
- 7-8. Darryl Williams made a motion the Finance Committee recommend Articles 7 and 8; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
9. Sean Barry made a motion the Finance Committee recommend Article 9; Darryl Williams seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
10. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 10; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
11. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 11; Sean Barry seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

12. No vote required.
13. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support this article; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
14. No vote required.
15. No vote required.
16. No vote required.
17. No vote required.
18. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 18; John Wilkes, Jr. seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
19. Article 19 will be taken off the Warrant.
20. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 20; John Wilkes, Jr. seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
21. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 21; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
22. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 22; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
23. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 23; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
24. Darryl Williams made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 24; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
25. Selectman Moriarty questioned the use of the verbiage “Town Center”. Ms. Michonski will follow up with Community Preservation Commission to request the words Town Center be changed.
26. Sean Barry made a motion that Finance Committee support Article 26; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.
27. Sean Barry made a motion that Finance Committee not support Article 27; Kim Baker seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

28. No vote required.

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN Selectman Jaworski made a motion to adjourn; Selectman Moriarty seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,
Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant