

SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

In attendance: Chairman Daniel Lee, Clerk Lindsay Vayda, Associate William Watkins, Associate David Reilly, Town Administrator Gregory Hanley, Assistant to the Town Administrator Kara Nyman, Absent: Vice Chair Pamela Campanella

1. Chairman Daniel Lee called the meeting to order in the Noel C. King Conference Room and via Zoom. He asked the Board to pause for a moment of silence for Randolph Town Councilor Ken Clifton who unexpectedly passed away.
2. Approval of Minutes – MOTION to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2022 by Lindsay Vayda, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.
3. Confirm Future Meeting Dates – The Board confirmed meeting dates for Wednesday, May 18th prior to Town Meeting, and Tuesday, May 3rd for a Personnel Board Meeting.
4. Town Administrator's Report –
 - 150th Birthday Celebrations on Saturday, April 30th
 - Animal Control Officer Posting
 - Massachusetts Police Training Council using Kennedy School for training
 - Helicopters spraying for mosquito Control
5. Discussion/Vote – HCAM Annual Report – Zack Gorman, Executive Director of Holbrook Community Access and Media presented an overview of the HCAM Annual Report to the Select Board. There was a discussion regarding potential funding opportunities for HCAM.
6. Discussion/Vote – May 18, 2022 Special/Annual Town Meeting Warrant – The Board reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. There was a lengthy discussion on Article 15 of the STM Warrant about the feasibility study for the Kennedy School.

MOTION to strike number 15 from the STM articles, by William Watkins, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 2-2. Vayda voting no, Watkins voting yes, Lee voting no, and Reilly voting yes. Motion fails.

There was a conversation whether Chairman Lee should recuse himself from the vote because he is an employee of DPW which has an interest in relocating to the Kennedy School. Chairman Lee said he felt he didn't have to because he has no financial benefit from this. William Watkins introduced another MOTION to strike article 15 from the warrant, there was no 2nd.

MOTION to accept the Special Town Meeting warrant for May 18, 2022 as written, by Lindsay Vayda, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting to abstain, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

The Board then reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. William Watkins had concerns about articles 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

There was a discussion on Article 7 in regards to changing the Treasurer/Collector position from elected to appointed. MOTION to strike article 7 from the warrant, by William Watkins, there was no 2nd.

There was a brief conversation about article 10 and the public hearing for the MBTA Overlay District. MOTION to strike article 10 from the warrant, by William Watkins, there was no 2nd.

MOTION to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 18, 2022 as written, with the amendment of Planning Board, by Lindsay Vayda, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting to abstain, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

7. Discussion/Vote – PFAS Resolution – William Watkins introduced 3 resolutions concerning PFAS filters and testing.

MOTION to adopt the PFAS Resolutions by William Watkins, 2nd by Lindsay Vayda. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

8. Discussion/Vote – Permission to call for the Civil Service list for Sergeants – Police Chief William Smith came in front of the Board for permission to call for the civil service list for a permanent sergeant and acting sergeant.

MOTION to call for the civil service list for the sergeants by David Reilly, 2nd by Lindsay Vayda. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

Chief Smith also talked about National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and an incident that happened earlier in Town.

9. Discussion/Vote – Norfolk County ARPA Authorization – Town Administrator Greg Hanley requested authorization from the Board to utilize the Norfolk County ARPA Available Allocation in the amount of \$1,039,369.98 to help fund Holbrook's portion of the Tri-Town Regional Water System. There was a brief discussion on ARPA funding.

MOTION to authorize the Town Administrator to utilize the Norfolk County ARPA Allocation of \$1,039,369.98 to help fund Holbrook's portion of the Tri-Town Regional Water System, by Lindsay Vayda, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

10. Discussion/Vote – Water Abatements –The Board discussed the process for water abatements and recommendations by DPW. Chairman Lee suggested that the Board hear the cases, take them under advisement and vote at the next meeting.

Maryanne Brodbeck of 12 Ell Road addressed the Board about her request for a water abatement. She stated that she never had a leak and believes she was overcharged for water. DPW Superintendent Keith Nastasia said she can have the meter tested for a \$50 charge. If the meter is accurate, the resident pays the charge, but if it's out of compliance, the town pays the cost. Maryanne said she will have the meter tested.

Teri Chreung of 11 Virginia Road requested an abatement of a high-water bill due to a leak. DPW Superintendent Keith Nastasia said they were not provided detailed information about where the leak was. Teri was in attendance via Zoom and told the Board she found a leak in the garage but it was minor. Superintendent Nastasia recommended the Board table this until the next reading at the end of June. There will be no penalties or interest while they investigate this further. Chairman Lee told Teri that the Board will wait until the next read to look at the difference between the two readings and decide at the point.

11. Citizens' Forum – Chairman Lee read the following about public participation in meetings that was voted on 3/23/2004:

All meetings of the Board of Selectmen are open to the public. The law allows certain matters of business to be discussed in executive session from which the public may be excluded. However, no final action can be taken in closed session. The Board of Selectmen welcomes citizens to be present at all meetings. It wishes to be responsive to the public's need to address the Board on matters before the Board. In order that this may be accomplished in the most orderly manner possible, the Board of Selectmen has established the following procedures:

- 1) Time shall be provided at each meeting for individuals or groups to address the Board.
- 2) The last item on every Selectmen's agenda is "Citizens Concerns". Time is provided for citizens to make a statement concerning matters before the Board. The members will listen to concerns, but this is not seen as a time for questioning a member concerning a course of action, nor a time for debate.
- 3) Any speaker shall give his/her name, address, and the group he/she represents, if any.
- 4) Presentation should be brief. Five minutes should be maximum unless an extension is given to the speaker by the Chairperson.
- 5) Speakers are welcome to offer objective criticism of the Town. The Committee will not hear personal complaints of personnel in open session. Citizens are reminded that this agenda item allows citizens to state or make comment on substantive issues. It cannot permit unsubstantiated charges to be leveled against employees.
- 6) All Citizens who exhibit disrespectful or unruly behavior will be asked to leave the meeting room and building.

- 7) Any Citizens who relay any threat, either verbally or physically, will be removed from meeting room and building.
- 8) The Safety of the Board and Meeting Attendees will be taken very seriously, and behavior that compromises their Safety will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with accordingly.

Christopher Eddington of 52 Linfield Street said he feels the board is very unattainable to the citizens and asked how citizens' forum can be changed.

PJ Duggan reminded residents that FinCom will be voting on remaining warrant articles on Monday.

William Watkins spoke about being called an entertainer and asked that the Board have civil discourse.

Patty Conway of 1 Westdale Road asked about altering the citizens' forum process. She also suggested changing the appointment process for boards and committees.

DPW Superintendent Keith Nastasia announced that construction will be starting on Friday at the Brookville Fields.

12. Adjourn – MOTION to adjourn by Lindsay Vayda, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.