

SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

In attendance: Chair Katie Goldrick, Vice Chair Pamela Campanella, Clerk Patty Conway, Associate David Reilly, Associate William Watkins, Town Administrator Gregory Hanley, Assistant Town Administrator Kara Nyman

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair Pamela Campanella called the meeting to order in the Noel C. King Meeting Room and via Zoom.

Vice Chair Campanella thanked everyone who ran in the recent election and introduced the new Select Board members: Patty Conway and Katie Goldrick.

2. Reorganization of Board – MOTION to nominate Katie Goldrick as Chair, Pam Campanella as Vice Chair, and Patty Conway as Clerk, by David Reilly, 2nd by Katie Goldrick. Roll Call Vote: 3-2. Reilly voting yes, Goldrick voting yes, Conway voting no, Watkins voting no, and Campanella voting yes.

Chair Goldrick thanked Ms. Campanella for serving as Vice Chair and thanked the Board for nominating her as Chair. She said the Town has a lot of significant financial concerns and she looks forward to leading the Board in the right direction.

3. Confirm Future Meeting Dates – The Board confirmed a meeting date for April 12th.
4. Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrant – Chair Goldrick asked the Board to reschedule the date of the Annual & Special Town Meeting to the first week of June.

MOTION to move Town Meeting to the first week of June, by David Reilly, 2nd by Patty Conway. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Conway voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

5. Capital Improvement Plan – The Capital Improvement Planning Committee has a Select Board member vacancy.

MOTION to appoint Patty Conway to the Capital Planning Committee, by Katie Goldrick, 2nd by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Conway voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

6. FY24 Budget – There was a discussion about the budget process amongst the Board. Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski gave an overall perspective of the FY24 Budget.
7. Approval of Bonds – Treasurer/Collector Tiffany Sheehan said this is a borrowing from the Clean Water Trust for the Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant with 0% interest and 12% loan forgiveness.

MOTION that the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,712,000 (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General

Laws and a vote of the Town passed May 9, 2018 (Article 1 6), for drinking water infrastructure (the "Project"); that in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds the Treasurer is authorized to issue an interim loan note or notes (the "Notes") from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,712,000; that each Bond or Note shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") at a price determined pursuant to the Financing Agreement; that the Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form, the maximum interest rate and the principal maturities of each Bond and Note, and to execute a Financing Agreement (or Agreements) with the Trust with respect to the sale of the Bonds and Notes, such date, form and maturities and the specific interest rate or rates of the Bonds and Notes to be approved by a majority of the [Board of Selectmen] [Select Board] and the Treasurer and evidenced by their execution of the Bonds or Notes; that any certificates or documents relating to each Bond and Note (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures; that all action taken to date by the Town and its officers and agents to carry out the Project and its financing, including the execution of any loan commitment or agreement by the Treasurer, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and that the Treasurer and the other appropriate Town officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of the Financing Agreement(s) and the Project Regulatory Agreement(s) relating to the Project, by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Conway voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

8. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – Chair Goldrick asked that agenda requests go through the Town Administrator's Office and to include her. She also inquired about the Select Board group email.

9. Citizens' Forum –

Chris Eddington asked if the deadline for article submissions will be extended as the town meeting date changed.

MOTION to re-open the town meeting warrant and extend the article submission deadline until April 12th, by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Goldrick voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Reilly voting yes.

William Watkins asked if Town Counsel could set aside time to review citizens' petitions. There was a brief discussion on this topic in regards to cost.

Patricia Greeley asked if the signatory and review process for the Board could be revisited in the interest of transparency.

Chuck Greeley asked for the MBTA Zoning Article to be removed as it hasn't been through proper review. He also asked about filters for the plant.

Patty Conway said there were safety concerns at the water kiosk at the Brookville Bible Church.

Mary Donovan asked about the rat problem and Contrapest.

Patty Conway recognized that tonight is the first night of Passover.

David Reilly thanked the religious groups in Town who put together an appreciation day for the DPW.

10. Executive Session – MOTION to enter into Executive Session per to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (International Union of Public Employees, Local 151 - Town Clerical Employees) and to return to open session, by Patty Conway, 2nd by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 3-1-1. Conway voting no, Watkins voting yes, Goldrick voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Reilly voting to abstain.

The Board returned to Open Session. TA Hanley announced that Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

11. Adjourn – MOTION to adjourn, by Patty Conway, 2nd by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Goldrick voting yes, and Campanella voting yes.