

## **SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023**

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

1. Call to Order – Chair Goldrick called the meeting to order in the Noel C. King Meeting Room and via Zoom.
2. Approval of Minutes – MOTION to approve the open session minutes of April 19, 2023, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.
3. Town Administrator's Report
  - Memorial Day Parade Committee Meeting
  - Town of Braintree Master Plan – Tri-Town Water District
  - Hazardous Mitigation Plan Committee
4. HRECC Part-Time Employee Hires – Director Hooke requested to hire 5 part-time dispatchers as the Communications Center is expanding. He explained the hiring and training process to the Board.

MOTION to accept the recommendation of the Communications Department to hire Coleen Hallisey, Nancy Ferris, Ygnayelli Beato, Lawrence Curtis, and Kalijah Robinson as part-time dispatchers for the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Goldrick. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

5. Appointments: Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Opioid Settlement Committee, Historical Commission –

MOTION to nominate Katherine Nee and William Conrad to the Conservation Commission, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Goldrick. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

The Board agreed to table the appointments for the Open Space Committee.

MOTION to appoint Pam Vayda, Steve Zebowski and Alex Bisgounis to the Opioid Settlement Committee, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Goldrick. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to approve the Board of Health nomination of Allyson Pinkhover to the Opioid Settlement Committee, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to appoint Patty Conway as the Select Board Representative to the Opioid Settlement Committee, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Watkins. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to appoint Chief Smith's recommendation for Officer Michael Szczesny (community outreach officer) with an alternate for Matthew Gray for the Opioid Settlement Committee, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to appoint Mary Donovan and Donald Austin to the Historical Commission, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Conway. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

Ms. Conway acknowledged the passing of Pauline Smith and thanked her for her service to the Historical Commission.

6. Citizens' Forum –

- Mary Donovan asked questions about the Bluedrop locations and contracts. She also requested the cost of Poland Spring water delivery to all municipal buildings.
- Vice Chair Campanella arrived at the meeting.
- There was a follow up discussion on these items and public records requests.
- Patricia Greely asked about a refund for a public records request.

7. June 2023 Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants –

The Board reviewed the June 2023 Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants.

There was a discussion about the Select Board's role in the budget process.

There was a lengthy discussion about the facilities manager pilot program and whether to keep it in the FY24 budget.

MOTION to accept Article 1 - Report of Town Officers, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to accept Article 2 - Reports of Committees, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to accept Article 3 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation Funds Authorization (Chapter 90), by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Conway. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to accept Article 4 - Authorize Public Library Use of State Aid, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Conway. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION to approve Article 5 - Town Budget, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

PJ Duggan from the Finance Committee asked for clarification on what the Board was voting on. He said the Board should only be recommending that the articles go on the warrant – not recommending the article itself. He explained that Finance Committee makes the recommendations to Town Meeting.

MOTION to accept the annual town meeting warrant as written, by David Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

Ms. Conway said she has a real issue that the Board is not presenting a proposed solution for town meeting vote on a temporary intermediary filtration for our existing PFAS issues. There was a discussion about associated costs.

MOTION to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup> special town meeting warrant, by Pamela Campanella, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Watkins. Roll Call Vote: 3-2. Conway voting no, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting no.

8. Citizens' Forum –

- Elaine Hyland asked for the status of the COA feasibility study.
- PJ Duggan asked if the warrants have changed.
- Director Kimberly Usselman asked about the Library Board of Trustees article.
- Patricia Greely asked if there was an article on the warrant for water filters.

9. Select Board Comments –

- Ms. Conway reminded everyone about upcoming appointments.
- Mr. Reilly asked about the flags for Memorial Day & Juneteenth.
- Chair Goldrick invited people to attend the Memorial Day Committee Meeting.
- Mr. Watkins said information should go through the Town Facebook Page not individual members.

10. Adjourn – MOTION to adjourn to executive session per 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 not to return to open session, by Patricia Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.