

**SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBERS 8, 2023**

In attendance: Chair Katie Goldrick, Vice Chair Pam Campanella, Clerk Patty Conway, Associate David Reilly, Associate William Watkins, Interim Town Administrator Peter Morin and 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 – No minutes to approve at this time.
3. Town Administrator’s Report – Interim Town Administrator Peter Morin said there was nothing new to report.
4. Capitol Waste Services Contract – Chair Goldrick said the Board recently discussed the current trash contract. The Town is not collecting the amount of fees compared to what is being paid out; using tax dollars to supplement the cost of current program.

Mr. Watkins questioned the process of breaking contract with the current trash company. Chair Goldrick clarified the terms of the Capitol contract, as well as the fact that there is no cost to opt out.

Ms. Conway shared the feedback she had received from residents. Ms. Campanella clarified the town’s involvement with the trash business – partially vs. fully.

Mr. Reilly asked if February was too late to go with an RFQ and Mr. Morin confirmed it was not.

The Board discussed the financial aspect of the current town trash program and changing to the presented plan. Chair Goldrick gave information about the program that Troupe will be offering residents.

MOTION to notify Capitol Waste that the Board would like to terminate the contract at the 6 months, December 31, 2023 with the caveat that there’s potential of extending it 6 weeks carry over while the town transitions to Troupe, by Patty Conway.

Mr. Morin interjected that it should be split in to two motion. Ms. Conway rescinded her prior motion.

MOTION to notify Capitol Waste that the Board would like to exercise the clause in Article 6 of their contract, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 4-1 with Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting no, and Goldrick voting yes.

MOTION that the Board directs the Town Administrator to contact Capitol to investigate extending until February 15, 2024, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 with Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

5. Civic Holiday Celebration Committee Formation – The Board continued their discussion on forming a civic holiday celebration committee.

Ms. Conway requested to amend the name and charge to include “community engagement.” Mr. Watkins commented that there needs to be a distinction between the two committees.

There was a discussion about whether Board members can appoint themselves to various committees. Mr. Reilly asked if the board can appoint a selectman to be on that committee – and Attorney DeLuca said that a board member can volunteer on a committee. Chair Goldrick asked Attorney DeLuca to explain the ex officio rule. The Board and Attorney DeLuca discussed the legality of who can serve on committees and whether or not a select board member can serve.

Mr. Watkins stated that he believes an audit of current committees should be performed – Chair Goldrick replied about what committees were needed

MOTION to form a civic holiday celebration committee by Pam Campanella, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-1 with Conway voting yes, Watkins voting no, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

6. Citizens’ Forum –

Elaine Hyland (precinct 2) thanked COA Advisory Committee and expressed gratitude for change in language of article for special town meeting.

Chair Goldrick reminded everyone about the upcoming Veteran’s Day celebration.

Mr. Watkins stated that he has repeatedly asked for old business to be placed on agenda; Environmental Partners report, as well as the changing of the government structure which leads to the misappropriation of funds.

Vice Chair Campanella wanted to voice not having old items on the agenda, that it does not inform the public on what is going to be discussed.

Chair Goldrick, Ms. Campanella, and Mr. Watkins had disagreement over whether or not the request had been addressed.

Patricia Greely (Weymouth Street) wanted to let the Board know that some people were going to be cleaning up some grave markers at Union Cemetery after the Veteran’s Day celebration and asked for volunteers.

Ms. Conway wanted to let residents know that there is a survey available for the Open Space Committee.

7. Executive Session – MOTION to enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the 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 (Public Works Superintendent DOT Investigation) AND pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Deputy Police Chief) and not to return to open session, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 with Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

Mr. Reilly said he would be recusing himself from the Public Works discussion.

MOTION to adjourn into executive session on DPW investigation with Mr. Reilly abstaining, by Patty Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Campanella. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 with Conway voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.