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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri, Select Board Vice-Chair Bradford Morse, and Clerk Adam Murphy are Present.

The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Paul Ciaburri

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Open Session Minutes from February 20, 2024, and February 28, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Murphy to accept the Open Session Minutes from February 26, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. Select Board Member Morse abstains from the vote and the minutes are approved with a 2:1 vote.

People on the Agenda:

Public Safety Building Committee Chair, Arnie Johnson – ARPA Funding request for and Owner Project Manager – Public Safety Building Committee Chair Arnie Johnson is present to request ARPA funding for an Owner Project Manager for the proposed public safety building project. Mr. Johnson states that the Owner Project Manager will be approximately \$140,000 and is requesting \$90,000 in ARPA funding, the other \$50,000 would be transferred from the Public Safety Feasibility Study funding budget. After discussion, the Board decides to table the discussion pending more information.

Highway Surveyor, Jeff Eldrige - Transfer Station update – Town Administrator Cannon is present on behalf of the Highway Surveyor to give the Board an update on the proposed transfer station. Mr. Cannon notes that the consultant is ready to present a site assignment to the DEP and states that the site assignment will also need to be signed off by the Select Board; he will present it at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Report:

- Town Administrator Cannon states that he received a resident's complaint about the logistics of the Town's online permitting process. He notes that he will work on advertising the permitting on other pages on the website as well to make it easier for residents to access.
- Next, Town Administrator Cannon updates the Board on the issue with Direct Energy and states that the issue has been resolved.
- Town Administrator Cannon then states he received the annual report from ORCTV.

- Town Administrator Cannon relays to the Board that a grant was received by the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the sum of \$5,800.
- Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that he and the Town Planner have been working with SRPEDD and have received a technical assistance grant to make sure the Town is complying.
- Town Administrator Cannon then states that the language change for the Fire Chief's Home Rule petition has been sent to the State House so now he is awaiting to hear from them.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board of the upcoming meeting dates.

Old Business:

Payroll and/or Vendor Warrant Approvals - Select Board Member Ciaburri notes all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed.

New Business:

Salt Shed Contract – Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that procuring a Salt Shed is two phases. The first phase is to purchase the actual salt shed from the State bid list. The second phase is to put out a Request for Procurement for the construction of the Salt Shed. Mr. Cannon states that Town Council has reviewed the contract and advises the Board not to sign it at this meeting.

Presidential Primary Police Detail Appointment –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to appoint officers Connor Leddin and Austin Alves to work the Presidential Primaries on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

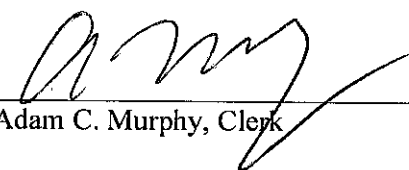
Annual Town Meeting Warrant –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to open the Town Meeting Warrant for it to remain open until March 22, 2024 for the Annual Town Meeting on May 13, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Select Board Member Murphy states that he met with Personnel Board Chair, Kris Nash and Town Accountant, Suzanne Szyndlar and is happy with the progress being made by the Personnel Board.

Adjournment:

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L.c.30A 21(a)(2) and G.L.c.30A 21(a)(6) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, not to return back into Open Session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.


Adam C. Murphy, Clerk