



Select Board

Minutes

November 23, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall, 801 Washington St., Canton, MA

Chair Michael C. Loughran | Vice-Chair Lisa R. Lopez |

Clerk Thomas W. Theodore | Member Christopher J. Connolly | Member John J. Connolly

Also Present: Charles J. Aspinwall, Town Administrator; Laurie Bogue, Administrative Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

Mr. J. Connolly asked for a moment of silence for passing of Alan Leary, who had served on many Boards in Town.

Classification Hearing with Board of Assessors

Clerk read the hearing notice in to the record

Motion was made that the Board open the Public Hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Mr. William Galvin, Board of Assessors, appeared before the Board and gave some facts and figures about some tax shifts that are being proposed for FY 22. There was a discussion. He noted current assessments for single family, condominiums and commercial industrial properties have all increase from FY 21 to FY 22. Mr. Galvin continued to note the average single family home tax bill will increase by approximately \$244; the average condo will increase by approximately \$52. He continued to note the Town has increased in value. Mr. Galvin continued his discussion noting that the Board of Assessors is recommending a shift of 1.69% and the recommended rate for residential is \$11.36 and for commercial, \$24.20. The next reevaluation is scheduled for 2026. The discussion continued.

Motion was made that the Board close the hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board do adopt a residential factor of .793325 for FY22.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Joint meeting with School Committee to appoint the new School Committee Member

Chair of the School Committee Kristian Merenda called to order the Joint Meeting with Select Board and School Committee at 5:39 PM. It was noted Ms. Moran is not in attendance.

Motion: Ms. Merenda

Second: Ms. N. Gallagher

Vote: 3-0

Ms. Merenda noted that two excellent candidates stepped forward for the vacancy, Ms. Laura Arboleda and Mr. David Wachendonk. The discussion continued and comments were made by each of the School Committee members in attendance.

Motion was made to appoint Ms. Laura Arboleda to the School Committee for the remainder of the term

Motion: Ms. Merenda

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 8-0-1

(Ms. Moran abstain)

Chair of the School Committee Kristian Merenda made a motion to adjourn the School Committee at 5:52 PM

Motion: Ms. Merenda

Second: Ms. N. Gallagher

Vote: 3-0

Green Communities Annual Report

Laura Smead, Town Planner, appeared before the Board to update on the Board on the Green Communities Annual Report. The discussion continued about the progress made since becoming a Green Community in 2017, reducing energy use. Ms. Smead continued to note that a focus will be on heating efficiency. The discussion continued.

Motion was made that the Board accept the Green Communities Report for 2021

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

ARPA Project Reviews

JR McCourt for Housing Authority was before the Board to make ARPA requests for walkway and parking reconstruction at the Hemenway School. A discussion was had.

Steve Marshall, Business Manager for School Department was before the Board to make ARPA requests for a bleacher project, ventilators for the Hansen School, and if Middle School project proceeds additional funds would be needed. A discussion was had.

Randy Scollins, Finance Director was before the Board to make ARPA requests noting negative economic impacts, which replenishes unemployment trust funds and requesting lost revenue due to audit compliance of grants. A discussion was had.

Mr. Aspinwall went over important dates for the Annual Town Meeting Timeline. The Chair noted a *change in the previous Select Board Schedule in order to accommodate the timeline.*

Motion was made that the Board approve the timeline for the Annual Town Meeting

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve in person Early Voting for the Special Town Election from December 4 to December 10 at Memorial Hall

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board Approve the Common Victualler's license for Canton Pie Company Inc dba Domino's 100 Washington St. Suite C

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board accept the grant agreement from Mass Clean Water Trust in the amount of \$150,000 and authorize Randy Scollins and Mike Trotta to be authorized officers to execute the grant paperwork and commend the Public Works and Finance Departments for obtaining this grant,
Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Allan White for the Temporary Shift Manager/Zamboni Driver for the Parks and Recreation Department

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint William Ferrara and Michael Gardner as Parks and Recreation Rink Assistant

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Tom Birmingham as a Conservation Commission Member

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Melissa Mayer as the Conservation Commission Member to the Community Preservation Committee

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Christin Santiago as Pappas Rehab Representative for Reservoir Pond Advisory Board Committee

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board Accept and Authorize: the use of the gift in accordance with the terms there of under MGL Ch. 44 S. 53A: the donation of \$1000 from Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to the Fire Department

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board Accept and Authorize: the use of the gift in accordance with the terms there of under MGL Ch. 44 S. 53A: the donation of \$10.00 from Marianne Barbato and Loretta Maceachern to the Fire Department

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board Vote to Accept and Authorize: the use of the gift in accordance with the terms there of under MGL Ch. 44 S. 53A: the following donations to the Department of Elder and Human Services

Donations in memory of Walter Hardiman

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. O'Malley, Jr.	\$50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick A. Hart	\$50.00
Ms. Ann M. McLaughlin	\$25.00
Kathleen Hart	\$50.00
Kathleen Skelly	\$100.00

Christine Derosa	\$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Caggiano	\$50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carter	\$50.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Seabrook	\$20.00
Mr. William Quinn	\$100.00
Irene Martin	\$20.00
Gena Lanigan	\$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke	\$100.00

Donations in memory of Betty Dolan

Kathleen Robbins and Family	\$50.00
Josephine McCoolle	\$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. William Marston	\$50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith	\$30.00
Christine McDonnell	\$50.00
Carol Morris	\$15.00
Nancy Pendleton	\$50.00
Ryan P. Sullivan, Lt Col, USAF	\$320.00
Matthew C. Robbins	\$100.00

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

The Vendor Warrant total for the week of **11/12/2021: \$847,397.85**

The Payroll Warrant total for the week of **11/12/2021: \$269,852.80**

The Vendor Warrant total for the week of **11/19/2021: \$2,392,744.49**

The Payroll Warrant total for the week of **11/19/2021: \$1,309,881.03**

Motion was made that the Board approve the Cemetery Lot/Perpetual Care Deed number 2161

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore Second: Mr. C. Connolly Vote: 5-0

Reports on Sub Committee from Select Board Members

Mr. Loughran noted to the Board updates from the following committees:

Housing Trust- Mr. Loughran noted the committee received 3 responses for the contractor to look at housing inventory. The committee is going through references and will report back once a recommendation is made

Ms. Lopez noted to the Board updates from the following committees

Community Preservation Committee-Ms. Lopez noted the committee will begin hearing the presentations of 13 projects on December 13 and December 14. It was announced that the State will match 39%.

Covid Task Force-Ms. Lopez noted there are 6 vaccine booster clinics scheduled. Contact the Board of Health for more information.

Announcement of Award for excellence in Financial Reporting

The Clerk read the News Release for award in excellence for the Finance Department. Randy Scollins, Finance Director, noted it's a credit to Mr. James Murgia and the Finance Team.

Mr. Loughran noted a reminder that Special Town Meeting is December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss 2 articles, Saint Gerard Majella Church and financing a Zamboni for the ice rink.

The Select Board will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Salah Meeting Room, 801 Washington St.

The Chair noted that before going to Executive Session, the rule of necessity will need to be invoked. Members of the Select Board have family members that the relationship needs to be disclosed before discussing one of the Executive Session matters. They each noted they could be fair and impartial to the discussion.

Motion was made to invoke the rule of necessity

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, (1860 Washington Street); to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (AFSCME employee); to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (ARPA Premium Pay); if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating or bargaining position of the public body, seconded by Mr. C. Connolly, the Chair declares.

Roll Call, 5-0

Mr. J. Connolly Affirmative

Ms. L. Lopez Affirmative

Mr. C. Connolly Affirmative

Mr. T. Theodore Affirmative

Mr. M. Loughran Affirmative

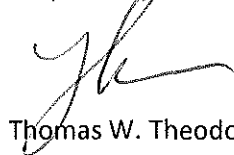
Motion was made to adjourn at 6:56 PM

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas W. Theodore, Clerk