



## Select Board

### Minutes

November 9, 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

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

Meeting called to order at: 5:31 PM

Chair Loughran noted that Recreation Director Liz Francis resigned from her position and wished her well in future employment.

Chair Loughran recognized Vinnie O'Brien and Chris Toronto, Seniors in the Political Science Class at Canton High School, observing the Select Board Meeting.

**Public Hearing for an application for a license to store more than three vehicles at 20 North Street made by 20 North Street LLC, Richard J. Augugliaro, Manager, 1196 Canton Ave, Milton, MA 02186.**

Clerk read the Public Notice into the record.

Motion was made that the Board open the Public Hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Attorney Paul Schneiders was before the Board representing the petitioner, 20 North St., LLC. He noted that abutters were notified. A discussion was had.

Motion was made that the Board close the Public Hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the application for a license to store more than three vehicles at 20 North Street made by 20 North Street LLC, Richard J. Augugliaro, Manager, 1196 Canton Ave, Milton, MA 02186

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

**Public Hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Town of Canton Traffic Rules & Regulations, by implementing a parking restriction by removing on street parking in front of 537 Washington Street**

Clerk read the Public Notice into the record.

Motion was made that the Board open the Public Hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Dr. Alan Rapoport, 5 Ridge Hill Road, owner of 537 Washington Street, was before the Board to note his concerns with removing the parking spot. He referenced the Traffic Committee meeting where this was discussed and where the decision was made to remove the space, without being posted on an Agenda in advance of the meeting. The discussion continued. He noted his aging patients use that valuable spot for appointments. The discussion continued. Dr. Rapoport suggested opening the spot during the hours of 9 AM-5 PM. Kathy McCormack, 395 York St., member of the Traffic Committee was before the Board, *noting that this parking spot discussion, confirmed was not posted on Agenda, but came up as a result of a different Agenda item.* She now suggested trying enforcement first before removing the spot. She continued to note the confusion on whether this was a temporary change. The discussion continued. Mr. Thomas Theodore spoke as Chair of the Traffic Committee, noted the Committee unanimously supported this at the Traffic Meeting, and noted this is a trial to see if this helps improve the traffic in that area. Mr. Theodore, noted the plan is to also adjust the traffic light at Church Street. The discussion continued. David McCarthy, 5 Ridge Hill Road spoke on some traffic studies with reference to the Master Plan. He noted that this area in Canton Center was discovered to be a problematic area for traffic and speeding. The discussion continued. Dr. Cusner, who has a business at 537 Washington St., noted the importance of that spot to her patients. The discussion continued about the traffic patterns and traffic flow. The discussion continued about restoring the parking spot and revisit the discussion to also include the timing of the lights, at a future Traffic Meeting. The discussion continued.

Motion was made that the Board close the Public Hearing

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made to restore parking until Traffic Committee meets again and then implement change when decision is made

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

### **Joint Meeting with School Committee to interview interested Candidates for the School Committee Vacancy**

Chair of the School Committee Kristian Merenda called to order the Joint Meeting with Select Board and School Committee at 6:05 PM.

Motion: Ms. Merenda

Second: Ms. N. Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

It was noted that School Committee members Kristian Merenda, Nicola Gallagher, Maureen Moran and Kendall O'Halloran were all present, along with the Interim Superintendent Derek Folan.

The interested candidates David Wachendonk and Laura Arboleda were before the two Boards and gave brief descriptions of their interest and their skills in serving on the School Committee for the vacant seat. Mr. Wachendonk noted some of his experiences as a business owner, entrepreneur and technologist, are some strengths he possesses. Ms. Arboleda noted her experience in the Board of Health in Easton, would be useful with the current Covid 19 protocols, especially in the schools. Both candidates noted they have children in the school system and would like to be involved and bring forth some new ideas. School Committee Members and the Select Board directed questions to each of the candidates. A sample of the questions asked were, what motivates them; what would they improve; what would they bring to the table. A discussion was had. Mr. Loughran, Chair of the Select Board noted the appointment would be made at the November 23, 2021 Select Board Meeting.

Chair of the School Committee Kristian Merenda adjourned the Joint Meeting with Select Board and School Committee at 6:34 PM

Motion: Ms. Merenda

Second: Ms. Gallagher

Vote: 4-0

#### **ARPA Project Reviews**

Mike Trotta, Superintendent of Public Works was before the Board to make ARPA requests: Moran Treatment Plant, to help filter out PFAS; backup generators in various areas; to renew Washington Street from the Canton Center to Cobbs Corner to curb sidewalk, pave street, handicapped ramps. A discussion continued.

Victor Del Vecchio was before the Board for the Revere and Son Heritage Trust along with Steve Schottenfield, Alan Hines and Randy Scollins. They noted losses in revenue, also noting negative economic impact due to Covid, noting there was not a grand opening, delay in opening of restaurant, loss in rentals to name a few. Funds will be needed for the Museum. A discussion continued.

#### **CPA Projects Review; requests for support**

Victor Del Vecchio and Alan Hines were before the Board requesting support from the Board for the CPA project request from the Revere and Son Heritage Trust for public restrooms at the Paul Revere Heritage Site. They noted restroom facilities are a necessity at the site especially with visitors and if events are to be scheduled, as in the vision. The discussion continued about various restroom options. The discussion continued about funding options. Mr. Hines and Mr. Del Vecchio requested the Select Board co-sponsor this request, where the Town owns the property. The discussion continued.

Motion was made to allocate up to \$15,000 to direct DPW to lay ground work for sewer, water, electrical and use of mitigation

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Select Board co-sponsor with the Revere and Son Heritage Trust the CPA application

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

The Chair noted to the Board, while referencing the Community Preservation Act projects list, to forward any questions to Ms. Lopez, for her to bring forward to the Community Preservation Committee, while doing their project reviews.

Melissa Mayer, Member of the Conservation Committee and Regen Milani, Conservation Agent, were before the Board asking for letter of support for \$25,000 of CPA Funds to be moved to the Canton Conservation Land Fund, for future strategic purchases relating to purchases of Conservation Land, looking to build up the fund. Ms. Mayer noted this would be a recurring request. The discussion continued.

Motion was made that the Select Board write a letter of support for the Conservation Committee for the application to the CPC for \$25,000 for the Town's Conservation Land Fund.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

#### **Approval of Special Legislation for CORI processing costs**

Mr. Aspinall noted to the Board, some questions regarding the Legislation and CORI processing costs and the purchasing of alcohol for the second floor Preview Room at the Rolling Mill which would be subject to changes on the lease of the Rolling Mill. He noted this is creating some concerns and confusion of liquor use and sales. Mr. Aspinwall noted he spoke to Dan Myers of Northern Spy who has concerns regarding the lease addressing the second floor preview room and alcohol use. Mr. Aspinwall continued to note that the Revere and Son Heritage Trust wants to modify the statute regarding CORI processing costs. The discussion continued. Mr. Del Vecchio agreed and continued the discussion about the use of the second floor and how and if the Trust is able to spend money relating to alcohol. Mr. Del Vecchio noted the ambiguity relating to the statute and interpretation regarding the Trust and although not a city or town, the spending authority is with the Town. The discussion continued about some language changes with Legislation relief. It was noted that this is taken under advisement.

#### **Discussion/Decision Special Election re: acquisition 1860 Washington Street**

The Chair noted that the Town is actively trying to seek community input about the purchase of 1860 Washington Street. He noted a Special Town Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2021 and an election on Tuesday December 14, 2021. He continued to note there will be ongoing public information sessions.

Motion was made that the Board approve the Election for December 14, 2021 and approve the language that Town Counsel submitted for the debt exclusion

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve Select Board Meeting Schedule for January 2022-June 2022

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the Application to Obtain a Special License to Serve All Alcohol Beverages at a One-Day Event to be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, One Blue Hill River Road on July 23, 2022 at 6:30 PM until July 24, 2022 at 12:30 AM contingent upon Building Commissioner, Police Chief and Fire Chief approval

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the Application to obtain a special license to serve alcoholic beverages at a one-day events for Winterlights at Bradley Estates, 2468B Washington St. to be held on November 19, 2021, December 7, 2021, December 22, 2021, from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM contingent upon Building Commissioner and Fire Chief approval.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the Submission of Sewer Rate Relief Fund Application

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board I move that the Board approve the closure of Memorial Hall and non-essential offices on November 26, 2021 with use of personal time or vacation time therefore.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the ambulance bill abatement request of a deceased resident in the amount of \$1105.75.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board authorize the request to pay the current bills and the remaining FY '22 Comcast Business phone bills, to be funded from Revolving Fund #142, the Paul Revere Heritage Site Rolling Mill and Open Space Fund.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Nicole Rinnig to the Department of Elder and Human Services *Program Coordinator*.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made to appoint Ryan Taylor as DPW Heavy Equipment Operator (Sewer Department)

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board appoint Steve Marshall as School Representative to the Cable Advisory Committee

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

Motion was made that the Board appoint Joyce Stenmon as member of the Cultural Council

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

Motion was made that the Board appoint Lisa Lopez as the Select Board Representative to the Master Plan Implementation Committee

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

Motion was made that the Board Appoint Melanie Martin as Member to the Canton Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee

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

Motion was made to increase the Pine Street Sticker cost from \$10.00 to \$20.00

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

The Vendor Warrant total for the week of **10/29/2021: \$1,482,062.99**

The Payroll Warrant total for the week of **10/29/2021: \$ 273,135.92**

The Vendor Warrant total for the week of **11/05/2021: \$1,309,304.38**

The Payroll Warrant total for the week of **11/05/2021: \$1,250,362.52**

Motion was made that the Board approve the Cemetery Commitments in the amount of \$3075

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

Motion was made that the Board approve the Cemetery Lot/Perpetual Care Deeds

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

#### **Reports on Sub Committees from Select Board Members**

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

**Covid Task Force**-Ms. Lopez noted there are 6 vaccine clinics scheduled and details on the Board of Health web page.

Motion was made that the Board approve the Federal Awards Policy

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

Motion was made that the Board approve the amended Minutes from the Select Board Meeting on October 12, 2021, correcting to Mr. Scollins presented budget before the Select Board.

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Motion was made that the Board approve the ARPA funding request from the Board of Health for contact tracing in the amount of \$4000

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

**Request to plow Revolution Way and sidewalks**

Motion was made that the Board approve the request from Canton Holdings that the Town plow Revolution Way and the park side sidewalks from Revere Street to Neponset Street

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Announcement was made regarding Thursday November 11, 2021, Veteran's Day Lunch at the Canton Town Club.

The Select Board will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 5:30 PM in the Salah Meeting Room, 801 Washington St.

Motion was made to go to Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations (Town Administrator); consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, (1860 Washington Street); to conduct collective bargaining sessions (Police negotiations) 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 7:46 PM

Motion: Mr. T. Theodore

Second: Mr. C. Connolly

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas W. Theodore, Clerk