

Chairman Germain opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Battistini, M. Germain, B. Giovanoni, N. Demers and N. Rosenthal. Also present were Town Manager, R. Nunes and Executive Assistant, Colleen Lieb.

This meeting was recorded by MCCAM for broadcast on Comcast and Verizon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers the Board vote to enter into Executive Session to Return to Open Sessions for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to litigation that if done in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares – Brookside. Polled vote: Selectmen A. Battistini - Aye, M. Germain - Aye, B. Giovanoni - Aye, N. Demers - Aye and N. Rosenthal - Aye

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 PM.

UNANTICIPATED

There is nothing discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Giovanoni announced the Lead Water Replacement Program. Selectmen Rosenthal read the announcement regarding the Town Water Ban.

The Board of Selectmen presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jimmy Swarce for earning the rank of Eagle Scout as well as the Eagle Scout project which was fundraising for materials and constructing a kiosk at Pratt Farm.

There is an announcement for Middleborough Mess Movers II, they will be meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 9:30 AM, and all are encouraged to volunteer.

Paula Fay, 8309 Oak Point Drive, made an announcement for the Pancake Breakfast put on by the Friends of Middleborough. The Breakfast will be held this Saturday at the COA.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Battistini, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes as presented.

WARRANTS

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign the Warrants for Week(s) ending: 5/07/2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Germain asked the Town Manager to go ahead and post the vacancy on the Finance Committee for two weeks and have letters of interest sent to the Town Manager's Office.

Steve Adelman, Veteran's Agent, was present for the discussion. S. Adelman presented his request for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 30, 2022. The parade will start at 10 AM kicking off at the Town Hall Parking Lot and the Ceremony will begin at 11 AM. S. Adelman invited the Town Manager and the Board to attend the Parade and Ceremony. There is reference to the request for permission to hold the Middleborough VFW Poppy Drive from May 23, 2022 through May 30, 2022.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Demers and seconded by Selectmen Giovanoni, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for the May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony and the request for permission to hold the Middleborough VFW Poppy Drive from May 23, 2022 through May 30, 2022.

Discuss the Disposition of the Existing DPW - Wareham Street

Stephen McKinnon, Chairman DPW Building Committee, was present for the discussion. S. McKinnon explains that the DPW Building Committee has asked him to come before the Board to ask them to vote to authorize the demolition of the DPW Building located on Wareham Street. It is noted that the Board of Selectmen are the only group authorized to take action on Town properties, so the Board is required to authorize the proceeding of the demolition.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager or his designee to start the procurement process for the removal of the former DPW Building located on Wareham Street.

Discuss Posting of Fire Chief Position

The Board members discussed internally posting the position of Fire Chief for two weeks before posting for outside candidates. R. Nunes referenced the job description for the Fire Chief but it is noted that it will need to be updated. It is noted that the process needs to be started by the Board.

Upon motion made by Selectmen B. Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Battistini, the Board voted to post the job opening for the Fire Chief internally only for the next two weeks and then have the Town Manager assess if there are sufficient internal candidates (two or more) and if not, post externally and inform the Board. Motion Does Not Carry. 2-3-0

Upon motion made by Selectmen Demers and seconded by Selectmen Rosenthal, the Board voted unanimously to post the open position for Fire Chief both internally and externally for a three week period.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Battistini, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the name Jubrex Path, an access path for two house lots, located in the area of the corner of River Street and Summer Street as requested.

Matt Foye, Facilities Manager, was present for the discussion. M. Foye presented to the Board the Village Greet contract in the amount of \$43,460 for the interior paint and plaster restoration at the Oliver House.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the contract with Village Green in the amount of \$43,460 for interior paint and plaster restoration at the Oliver House.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Demers and seconded by Selectmen Giovanoni, the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign for the 38th Annual Cape Cod Getaway MS Bike Ride to be held on June 25th and June 26th with a request to use local roads in Town on June 25, 2022.

Discussion and Vote on Solicitations of Qualifications for an Adaptive Reuse Analysis of the Peirce Building

Selectmen Demers referenced the draft copy that the Board received several weeks ago. He notes that KP Law has reviewed it and had a few revisions, which he incorporated and then sent the document out again for the Board's approval. He asks if there is any Board comment.

Selectmen Rosenthal stated that he would like a copy of the survey attached to the materials so that those reviewing it can see what the Town thinks the use should be. Selectmen Giovanoni asks that the Board be given more time to review it and that it be made public for discussion. It is noted that the Office of Economic and Community Development will be funding this, which is capped at \$29,999.

Selectmen Demers agrees to bring this back to the Board for a vote at next week's meeting.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Battistini and seconded by Selectmen Rosenthal, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Richard Young to the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors.

Donna Johnson, Weston Forest Committee, was present for the discussion. D. Johnson presented to the Board the Weston Forest Brochure. There is reference to the reimbursement request in the amount of \$223.99. The cost covers the expenses of printing the Weston Forest Brochure as well as purchasing Trail Markers.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Rosenthal and seconded by Selectmen Battistini, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the reimbursement of \$223.99 for brochure printing and trail markers to Donna Johnson to be paid out of the Weston Forest Memorial Fund.

Vote to act as Project Sponsor and authorize the Town Manager to execute all documents and take actions necessary to secure grants for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a transit oriented residential complex on property adjacent to Pilgrim Junction station on West Clark Street and adopt Resolution provided by Urban Innovations, Inc. LLC

Ryan Correia, Joseph Longo – CorGo LLC and Robert Ardolino, Urban Innovators, were present for the discussion. R. Nunes explained that there was a Project Review Committee Meeting and various Town Departments attend regarding the proposed project. He explained that this process starts with a vote of the Board of Selectmen and that by approving this, the Board is not taking away any authority from any other Boards that need to permit the project. This resolution will allow this group to go through the process to see about securing Federal Funding through grants for improvements to the Town's Water and Sewer infrastructure as it relates to the West Clark Street site. R. Nunes noted that KP Law has reviewed the Resolution and had no issues with it. KP Law provided the motion to move the resolution forward.

J. Longo read into the record the West Clark Street and Oak Avenue Project Description and there is a map presented that shows an outline of the project.

Chairman Germain opened the discussion up to the Board for comment. Selectmen Rosenthal asks that the Panning Board, Town Planner and Arista Development be asked to provide input on this. There is reference to not wanting to give any type of agreement on allocations of water and sewer. R. Nunes explained the Resolution has nothing to do with allocation and that as a resolution that allows them to sponsor, Urban Innovators, Inc. to work with them and the Town to find funding. R. Ardolino spoke about this Urban Innovators business and how the program would work. Selectmen Rosenthal asks the members of the Planning Board that are present to speak on the matter.

Jack Healey, Planning Board, asks the Board to wait one week before they take action on this Resolution. He would like to have a chance to discuss it further with the Planning Board and have them make a recommendation to the Board. Their next meeting is Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Tracie Craig-McGee, Planning Board, expressed concern that the Planning Board was not made aware of this proposed Resolution and noted that the Selectmen should have kept the Planning Board in the loop on this matter. She explains that they cannot make good decisions if they do not have all the information and time to digest it.

The Board asks that any comments or feedback from the Planning Board be received in time for the Board to take this up at their next scheduled meeting, Monday, May 9, 2022.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign and send letter of support for the Picone Property.

Mike Bumpus, Water Superintendent, was present for the discussion. M. Bumpus provided a brief explanation to the Board on the contract. There are no questions.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to sign the contract for the Mizaras Well Pump Station as presented.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS AND LICENSES

There are none.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Robert Nunes, Town Manager, reviewed the Town Manager's Report. The report covered April 11, 2022 through April 29, 2022. He referenced the meeting with the owner of the Benny's Store and adjacent parking lot. It is noted that the lease is up on that property in November, so negotiations for new lease are forthcoming. It is noted that the previous lease was for a twelve year term. He briefly notes the retirement of the OECD Director in June and noted that the position has been posted and interviews are scheduled.

REPORT ON COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Selectmen Demers noted that the Peirce Building Working Group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 5 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

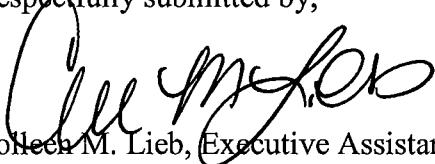
CORRESPONDENCE

There is nothing discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Selectmen Giovanoni and seconded by Selectmen Demers, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Colleen M. Lieb, Executive Assistant
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