

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 5, 2021
Record**

OPENING

Chair Michael Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio, Mariano Goluboff, Amy Shapiro, and Richard Mucci. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong. (Note - due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to MGL Ch. 30 §21(a) 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body.

Verdicchio - Goluboff

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Mucci, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn from Executive Session to Public Session, not to return to Executive Session.

Verdicchio - Goluboff

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Mucci, Bettencourt VOTED

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Monday, April 12, 2021 - Regular Session
2. Monday, April 26, 2021 - Regular Session before Town Meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, donations of \$1,410 from Winchester Rotary Club, Eleanor & Frank Vozzella, Jasper & Kathleen Asaro, Charles Culhane, William Wright, William Nash and Barry & Brenda Donaghey to the Winchester Public Safety Memorial.

Goluboff - Shapiro

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, donations of \$295 for appreciation of services provided by the Council on Aging.

Goluboff - Shapiro

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS

1. Ms. Wong reappointed Mary Ellen Lannon, Town Clerk, Beth Rudolph, Town Engineer and Shelia Tracy, Town Treasurer, for a one-year term to expire March 31, 2022. She also reappointed Jonathan Carlisle & Jack LeMenager, and appointed Michelle McCarthy to the Historical Commission for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
2. Town Manager's Updates:

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Town Meeting - The Town Meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 26th at 7:30pm and continue on April 29th and May 3rd.

Election - About 25% of registered voters cast ballots for the March 30th local election. Question 1 passed by a 3-1 margin, providing funding for repairs at the Muraco School and the final major flood control project.

Clinics - Weekly COVID Testing is available for \$20 each, or free for town employees. There will also be several post April vacation clinics.

BUDGET/FINANCE

- Finance Committee restored \$117k in cuts from the Town Manager to the Department of Public Works budget for various expenses.
- Finance Committee voted for Police Budget includes Mental Health Clinician position.
- Earmarks have been submitted to Sen. Lewis and Rep. Day's offices in the amount of \$100k each for the purchase of a trommel screener and improvements at Winter Pond. The earmarks will be considered as part of the state's budgeting process, and if granted, will be available for use in the Fall and must be spent by June 2022.

COMMUNITY

- The En Ka Society awarded a \$5k grant to the Griffin Museum for the Photoville Fence Winchester 2021 project in the Cultural District.

DEPARTMENTS

- A financial and capital review is recommended for Borggaard Beach and the splash pad to determine the options. There is funding needed for the extensive need for repair and continued operations. The Recreation Department has been doing a review & are not recommending the opening of the beach & the splash pond for the summer.

HOUSING

- The Cambridge Street 40B appeal has been dismissed per a settlement between the developer and private parties. This means that the project can proceed.
- The 2 affordable housing units at Winning Farm have been approved by the Dept. of Housing and Community Development.

REOPENING

- The Town Hall Lower-Level Flooring Replacement Project is beginning and will affect town operations and Town Hall reopening and operation. From April 15-22 all lower-level offices will move to their temporary locations and will not move back to their offices until June 7th.
- Town Hall plans to reopen the Mt. Vernon Street lobby to the public on May 1. Only the lobby area will be open for service. Town Hall plans to fully reopen after the Flooring Replacement Project by July 1.

MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Michelle Walsh, 45 Woodside Road, commented that as an abutter of the Woodside Road corridor, she feels that there were no organized meetings with neighbors and the abutters to address the needs of the corridor. The neighborhood is pushing for the Toole Design proposal from 2017 and she feels that the Town is abandoning the needs of the area. Chair Bettencourt informed her that this is what the Town has been working on for more than a year and will continue to include the residents in the planning of the Woodside Road corridor.

Heidi Rutstien DeLeo, Thompson Street business owner and is representing the businesses on Thompson Street. The Thompson Street business owners are extremely concerned about the loss of parking spaces on Thompson Street to restaurants for outdoor dining. They feel that the non-restaurant businesses were not included in the decision making and having less parking spaces affects their customers.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

LICENSES

HEARINGS

BUSINESS

- 1. Reorganization of the Select Board Chair & Vice Chair** - Chair Bettencourt welcomed Richard Mucci to the Select Board and thanked everyone for their support over the past year then he dissolved the Board to a committee of the whole for the purpose of reorganizing with our Town Manager Lisa Wong presiding. Town Manger called this section of the meeting to order, this is the Select Board reorganization portion.

Ms. Wong opened the floor for nominations for the Chairmanship of the Select Board for the Town of Winchester.

- *Motion That Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio be nominated to serve as Chair of the Select Board for the Town of Winchester.
Goluboff - Bettencourt

There is one nomination and second, are there any other nominations? Hearing no further nominations, Town Manager closed the nomination process and called for a vote.

Roll Call: In favor: Bettencourt, Goluboff, Verdicchio, Shapiro, Mucci VOTED

Town Manager opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chairmanship of the Select Board for the Town of Winchester.

- *Motion That Select Board member Mariano Goluboff be nominated to serve as Vice Chair of the Select Board for the Town of Winchester.
Bettencourt - Shapiro

There is one nomination and second, are there any other nominations? Hearing no further nominations, Town Manager closed the nomination process and called for a vote.

Roll Call: In favor: Bettencourt, Goluboff, Verdicchio, Shapiro, Mucci VOTED

Town Manager closed this portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Chair Verdicchio.

- 2. TTAC Update & Woodside Corridor Discussion** - Ben Keeler & Roger Wilson from Traffic & Transportation Advisory Committee presented to the Board TTAC's primary focus areas such as traffic calming, resident safety, promoting multimodal transportation, connecting neighborhoods and providing access to green/blue spaces. Specific requests for tonight's meeting are: Improve the connection between Wedgemere Station and Shannon Beach and long-term improvements at the Bacon Street/Mystic Valley Parkway intersection. Mr. Bettencourt expressed appreciation for TTAC's work and commented that one of the longer-term services that has been discussed is a town small bus such as what Lexington has. Mr. Keeler informed him that TTAC has also been discussing the town having a small bus.

Regarding the Wildwood & Woodside corridor, TTAC feels that more coordination is needed and they would like to have a meeting with staff, the Select Board and Eversource. Not having

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significant funding sources for construction of the corridor requires more planning, ownership of overall vision, opportunity and coordination especially with third parties.

- 3. Waterfield Lot LDA Extension** - The first amendment to the MOU was to extend the deadline to April 9th, Ms. Wong is asking the Board to approve a second amendment to extend the deadline to April 15th.

*Motion That the Select Board authorize Lisa Wong the Town Manager to sign a second amendment of the MOU to extend the deadline to April 15, 2021.

Goluboff - Shapiro

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio

VOTED

- 4. Town Counsel Contract** - Ms. Wong reminded the Board that at a meeting last month they approved Anderson & Kreiger's contract to June 30, 2021. The Board needs to approve the hourly rates from now to June 30, 2021 with a flat fee of \$25,000 for the next three months. According to Anderson & Kreiger's memo the new rate includes in house and litigation which are presently separated. Vice Chair Goluboff suggested that the Board approve extending the contract from April 1, 2021 to the end of FY22.

*Motion That the Select Board approve the renewal period for \$25,000 per month from the current \$22,000 for April 1 through June 30, 2021. And further that we renew the contract with Anderson Kreiger as Town Counsel for FY2022 effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with the rates as detailed on the memo from Anderson Kreiger.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio

VOTED

- 5. Black Horse Tavern Outdoor Dining Request** - James Covino, owner of the Black Horse Tavern, requested, in addition to the four parking spots that he has, he would like to block off the two parking spaces on Waterfield Road in front of the restaurant. Ms. Wong informed the Board that the MBTA stated that there will be no obstruction on Waterfield Road this outdoor dining season.

*Motion That the Select Board shift the parking that was approved as part of the Outdoor Dining application for Black Horse Tavern to having three spots instead of four on Thompson Street and two spots in front of Black Horse Tavern and we will reach out to The Spot to see if we can remove those outdoor dining spaces and somehow reconfigure to add more spots to their existing outdoor dining location patio.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio

VOTED

- 6. Warrant Articles** - Ms. Wong informed the Select Board that they need to approve the warrant as presented so that it can go to the printer Tuesday.

*Motion That the Select Board approve the warrant for Spring Town Meeting as printed.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio

VOTED

- 7. Committees & Commissions Appointments** - The Select Board reappointed the following committee members.

*Motion That the Select Board reappoint MaryEllen Lannon & Joanna Shea O'Brien to the Archives Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2024.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

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- Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board reappoint David Bae as an alternate member to the Board of Appeals for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint Robert Tedesco as an alternate member to the Board of Appeals for a term to expire March 31, 2023.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board reappoint David Risgin to the Commissioners Trust Fund for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board reappoint Sandra Thompson to the Committee on Names for a term to expire March 31, 2022.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint Reed Pugh to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint residents Kathy DiGennaro Ho & Candace Van Aken to the Local Historic Study Committee.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint Real Estate agent Loraine Murtagh to the Local Historic Study Committee.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board reappoint Harry Rothmann to the Senior Citizen Tax Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint Eddy Jabre to the Senior Citizen Tax Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board reappoint David Anderson & Benjamin Keeler to the Traffic & Transportation Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 1, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board appoint Deanna Laufer to the Traffic & Transportation Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2024.
Goluboff - Bettencourt
Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

CONSENT AGE NDA

*Motion That the Select Board conditionally approve Glen Doherty Memorial Foundation Ninth Annual 5K and 10K race: Sunday, September 26, 2021 beginning at 12 Noon. Start and finish line: Jenks Center. With the conditions that the approval is conditional on coming back to the Select Board and presenting a written plan to deal with the ongoing pandemic and that its only approved if there are no restrictions from the state or the local Board of Health restricting gatherings of that sort.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve Catherine Donaghey as a Special Municipal Employee for FY2021.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT : 10:10 PM

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the evening.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Shapiro, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio VOTED

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wong, Town Manager