

Select Board
May 12, 2022

Stanley Wysocki
Robert Czekanski
Emily Winner

Via Zoom Remote Conferencing*

Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Jacobsen opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed the newest Board member Emily Winner who won the open seat in the election on Monday, May 9th.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner that Board voted unanimously by roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Wysocki as Chair. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)
Mr. Wysocki welcomed Ms. Winner to the Board and nominated Mr. Czekanski as Clerk.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Czekanski as Clerk. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERGEANT DUFRESNE

Chief Nelson was presented and presented the newly appointed Sergeant. Sergeant Dufresne has a criminal justice degree from Westfield State College, was a previously a full time EMT in Worcester and was a seasonal officer in Wellfleet. The Board warmly welcomed Officer Dufresne and congratulated him on his promotion to his new role. Sergeant Dufresne thanked the Board and invited the community to share their ideas for outreach. The Chief thanked the Board for the opportunity to fill the third sergeant.

PRIDE DAY AT THE FARM

Megan Moran of Cultivate Care Farms was in attendance to request approval for an event on Saturday June 4th at 401 Main Street.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve Pride Day at Cultivate Care Farm on June 4th, 2022. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN

Lynn Dischler was in attendance to request approval for an 8”X10” sign and two 18” x 24” hand painted signs to be placed at Pond Park to contain a QR code with information about the plant species in the garden. Ms. Dischler explained that they received permission from Parks and Recreation and have removed the sod and put plastic down for the teaching garden. The signs are semipermanent but will be moved around as needed. Mr. Wysocki inquired if Conservation Commission had approved the garden as it sits in an area that is jurisdictional. The Board advised this group that the Conservation Commission must approve this activity at the part. Mr. Wysocki indicated that this item was on the May 17, 2022 Conservation Commission agenda and recommended that it be made a posted topic for discussion at that meeting.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to conditionally approve the signs as requested upon approval of the pollinator garden by Conservation Commission with it being clear that this conditional approval not influence the Conservation Commission’s decision. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

SIGN REQUEST

Mike Lastella of Ty-Rods was present to request the placement of temporary signage for their event in Clinton.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve five signs as requested for the Ty-Rod car show for the week preceding September 11th. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Lowe announced that our long-time DPW foreman and foreman Ron Galeski has retired. Mr. Lowe will notify the Board at such time that an event is planned to thank Mr. Galeski for his years of work. Mr. Czekanski reminded the Board that a few years ago Mr. Galeski was credited with saving the life a person who had driven off the road during a snow storm.

Mr. Lowe provided two updates on state funding to the Board. The first was the official award of Clean Water Assessment Planning Grant to inspect the integrity of the culverts throughout the Town. The grant is for \$60K with a \$20K cash match which we planned for and an \$20K in-kind labor match. Mr. Lowe also notified the Board of the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) which has allocated \$250,116.87 based on 61.5 miles of linear road. It will be treated similarly to Chapter 90 money. The spending deadline is the end of June.

EAGLE PROJECT BENCH DONATION

Eagle scout candidate Mark Kimball was in attendance to offer his eagle scout project as a gift to the town. Mr. Kimball built two concrete benches to be installed at the Town Beach near the parking lot and surrounded by rubber mulch. They would not be on a concrete pad. Mr. Kimball has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission on the placement of the benches. Ms. Winner asked that the rubber mulch not be used at the location near the pond. Mr. Kimball agreed to use a more natural substance like natural mulch or peat stone.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to accept the gift of the two concrete benches for installation at the Town Beach. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

TOWN MEETING

Town Clerk Pam Powell and Moderator Doug Storey were in attendance to debrief following the annual town meeting. Mr. Wysocki commented that the clickers worked well. Mr. Czekanski asked that there be a grid shown for every vote to put confidence in the technology. Ms. Powell noted that a report was received showing that all of the clickers were working. The LCD screen displays and ok once votes are registered as well. Mr. Storey felt the meeting went well. There were not many controversial votes. In the future we can display the voting grid on all votes and not only the test votes. Brian Boyle commented that we consider inserting a cheat sheet for Town meeting protocols in the warrant for residents unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure. Mr. Storey offered to put that together for next year.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Public Service Announcements-Mr. Wysocki encouraged the public to use the scout barn for returnable bottles and cans.

Comments from the Chair- Mr. Wysocki, entering his 18th year as a board member, suggested that the Board become more proactive to situations including the school budget. Mr. Wysocki suggested that we engage with our school committee members in the summer or early fall. The assessment that we

received this year is not sustainable and we do not want to have an override in this Town. The second area of interest is our bylaws including the sign bylaw. Third, Mr. Wysocki mentioned bringing the DPW director and/or the scouts to discuss what can be done to reduce costs for the transfer station and to encourage residents to separate out deposit bottles and cans for the scouts. Last, Mr. Wysocki mentioned looking closely at the litigation with special education and engaging our school committee members to understand where in the budget those items are being covered.

Mr. Czekanski added that the Board have a discussion about the economics of having a transfer station.

Appointments

The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Planning Board to appoint Bob Roemer to the open seat on the Planning Board as an associate member.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Bob Roemer to the associate member position on the Planning Board.

(Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Town Administrators Goals

The Board had a preliminary discussion of the Town Administrator's goals for FY23. Mr. Czekanski explained that the goals represent areas of potential improvement in Town services or management for the Town Administrator and that the Town Administrator's performance evaluation is done based upon his performance toward these goals. Mr. Lowe will have a list prepared for next meeting and encouraged the Board to bring their own ideas forward as well.

Meeting Dates

Board reviewed the tentative dates. Mr. Czekanski noted that August 26th is a Friday.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the meeting calendar with the change of August 26th to August 25th.

(Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Future Agenda Item Discussions

Mr. Czekanski would like to have the Board discuss moving the meetings over to the Public Safety Building and asked the Board members to view the room for suitability. Ms. Jacobsen offered to reach out to Bolton Access Television to see if the move would cause any issues for their operations.

Bills/Payroll Warrants

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve bills/payroll warrants W22-22 & W22-22A. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Minutes

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted by roll call 2-0-1 to the regular session minutes of March 24th and April 7th, 2022. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-abstain, Wysocki-yes)

Executive Session

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote at 8:00pm to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with AFSCME Council 93 DPW Union if the discussion could have a detrimental effect on negotiations and the Chair declares it so and to approve minutes. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn at 8:19pm. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen.