

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

7/15/2020 7:00PM Virtual via ZOOM

**Present:** Select Board members Robert Agoglia, Tara Loomis, and David Shanabrook, Robert Rowell, and Susannah Carey.

**Open:** Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia opened at 7:00pm.

**Minutes-**Motion to approve minutes from 7/15/2020, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, aye Robert Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

### Appointment of Brenda Barlow to School Committee Vacant Seat

Motion to appoint Brenda Barlow to School Committee, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, aye Robert Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

### Speed on Arnold Road

Message from Arnold Road resident, Darci Palmquist, for additional signage to lower traffic speed. Police Chief Thomann has increased patrols on the road and will use the portable speed feedback sign on Arnold Road as well. The Highway Department will install additional signage. Motion to install two signs on Arnold Road and have Police Department rotate speed signs on Arnold Road, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

### Vote for New Tabulations for Election

The new tabulators ordered by the Town Clerk were not received in time to use for any 2020 Elections. The new machines scan ballots, runs ballots through the machine again, and keep an optical copy of the ballot plus the paper ballot. Motion to approve discontinuance of the Accu-Vote Optical Scan Tabulator for all elections after the date of 11/16/2020 in all future elections, primaries, and preliminary and vote to replace it with the Image Cast Precinct Optical (ICP) Tabulator, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, aye Robert Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

### Town Officials

Board of Assessor's Chair, Robert Rowell:

Assessors meeting outside of Rhodes building next week.

Security Audit report meeting will be set up once report is received in Select Board office.

### Old Business

Advisory Committee on Race, Equality-Postcard was approved and will be sent out. Appointments of interested volunteers will be selected at the August 19, 2020 Select Board meeting.

### Liaison Reports

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; communications with Chief via email.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; discussion with Superintendent about Arnold Road speed signs and mitigating speed on Amherst Road with possibility of narrowing the travel lane. Costs near \$30k to remove current white travel line.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; Arnold Road discussion; Select Board received five complaints about Police Department staff not wearing masks at Annual Town Meeting. Police Chief Thomann and staff are aware that it was a mistake to not wear facemasks during annual town meeting. Select Board agreed it is not unreasonable for all town officials/authorities to have masks visible and available to wear for health of community modeling good practice; monthly statistics report from PD not distributed monthly; Francois Gouin will appear at next Select Board meeting on 8/5/2020.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; property at 18 Daniel Shays Highway is vacant and owned by the Town. Collector/Treasurer will proceed with an auction. Liens will be placed at 59 Meeting House Road to help mitigate the mess; a separate parcel exists at 59 Meeting House Road the town is foreclosing on and will eventually own. Possibility the lot size could be buildable if brought up to two acres. Conservation Commission may be interested in the land as well; Town Clerk has new posted hours; Susannah Carey is back in the office working.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, aye Tara Loomis, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

### **Documents Examined**

Minutes 7/6/2020, tabulators vote, postcard for volunteers.

Next Meeting: August 5 at 7pm, August 19 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey