

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

6/9/2020 9:00am Virtual via ZOOM

Present: Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Agoglia, Susannah Carey, Judy Eiseman, John Trickey, and Kathy Martell.

Open: Selectman Ribeiro opened at 6pm. Remote meeting checklist reviewed. Executive order on Remote Participation directed from Governor Baker's office, all documents are posted to the town website, all Select Board members confirmed present, votes by roll call only, public muted unless speaking or recognized by the Select Board Chair.

Town Officials

Planning Board Chair Judy Eiseman received further clarification on Annual Town Meeting warrant article 22 for the Community Choice Energy resolution. Her concerns surrounded wind, solar, profits for corporations, little concern for small towns. Goals for CCE include using grant funds to pay consultants to develop a plan for review, to build infrastructure, and to invite other towns to be more effective with energy in the Pioneer Valley.

Public Comment-no comments.

Sign June 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Select Board not interested in cutting down on the number of warrant articles any further. Opportunity on Town Meeting floor to table any of the 29 articles presented. Motion to sign the annual town meeting warrant as is, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Sign June 30, 2020 Annual Town Election Warrant

Motion to sign the town election warrant as is, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Old Business

Vacation Time-Selectman Agoglia was approached by a few departments about town employee's inability to take vacation time during the COVID-19 pandemic. Request for additional week of vacation to be carried over into fiscal year 2021. Motion to add one additional week, five days, to be carried over from FY20 to FY21 to be approved by their department supervisor, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Police Chief Contract-Terms of contract approved in Executive Session on 6/3/2020 but must also be done in an open meeting. Motion to approve terms of contract 2020-2023 for Police Chief with requests, 2% increase in year one, two, and three, also \$1.00 per hour increase in year two, and three, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Press Release- Selectman Agoglia will create a press release for the Gazette about Annual Town Meeting & Annual Town Election details. Select Board will not electioneer for candidates in the press release. The news of the write in candidates can be shared via social media by other residents.

Town Election- Write in candidates; Anne Stoddard for Planning Board, Dan Robb for Moderator, Sarahbess Kenney for School Committee, Chris Rice for Board of Health.

Adjourn-Motion to adjourn at 9:27am, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Documents Examined-Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Annual Town Election Warrant.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey