

**5emorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833Meeting Minutes from the
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
05/16/2022
7:00PM-General Meeting
Verizon Channel 42/Comcast channel 9**

Selectmen Present: *D. Dawes, Chair, Vice Chair P. Kershaw, G. Fowler, D. LaMonica and A. Smith.*

Others Present: *Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator.
Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz participating on Zoom.*

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

*Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes
Pledge of Allegiance*

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator explained to the Board the process of re-organization of the Board after an election.

P. Kershaw nominated D. Dawes as Chairman for the Board of Selectman for the following year, seconded by D. LaMonica. O. Pacheco, Town Administrator asked the Board if there were any other nominations or if they would like a discussion on the matter.

G. Fowler requested a discussion, always thought the person being nominated should be asked if they want to be appointed to that position.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator asked D. Dawes if he would like to be appointed as the Chairman of the Board. D. Dawes accepted the nomination of chair.

A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes, Chairman asked if there was a nomination of the Clerks position.

G. Fowler nominated P. Kershaw as Clerk for the Board of Selectman, seconded by A. Smith.

P. Kershaw accepted the nomination of Clerk.

No discussion.

A roll call was taken all in favor.

VOTES BY THE BOARD:

G. Fowler motioned the Board to approve the meeting minutes from February 28, 2022, as presented, seconded by P. Kershaw.

G. Fowler motioned the Board to approve the Erie Fire Association No.4, Inc Lease agreement/renewal to expire on June 30, 2023, seconded by P. Kershaw.

Member of the Erie Fire Association No. 4 Matt Mckay asked about what total amount of the contract would trigger Town Meeting.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator explained the process of one-year agreements & three-year extensions.

Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes briefly updated the Board on the Host Agreement for High Fidelity.

D. LaMonica asked if there was any retail component in the contract. Per D. Dawes no retail.

D. LaMonica motioned the Board to approve the host agreement for High Fidelity with noted changes of the date & name to High fidelity no changes to Peak Limited, LLC, seconded by P. Kershaw.

Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

A. Smith motioned the Board to approve a request to hold a ride to end Alzheimer's to be held on June 4, 2022, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was 4-1 in favor of vote. G. Fowler abstained from vote.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ORLANDO PACHECO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SPOKE ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

TAX TITLE REPORT:

Treasurer/ collectors Office working with them -staying on the balance sheet / working on a project to sell the property to abutters -nothing buildable -process on the law to do this -abutter auction -estimate of ten (10) properties, abutters should be given the opportunity low value tax title properties -the Town is not maintaining the property. Town's goal is not to take the property.

D. LaMonica asked if the Town can sell the property for a lower price, then what is owed for taxes.

P. Kershaw asked who sets the value -Assessors Office sets the value.

G. Fowler asked if any of these parcels border the Green Way. Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator will be checking with all departments would be asked if they have any use for these properties.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL FUNDING :

ARPA award through the State –\$250,000.00 plus or minus for very municipalities Georgetown was given or will be given 250, 000.000 -down town recovery grant -have not gotten a contract or what the expenses are -no conditions have been given yet.

D. Dawes has contacted our state representative office to see if they have more info on this funding.

P. Kershaw inquired about funding for the Water Departments project.

WRAP FUNDING:

The Town will be receiving \$186,294.97 from the Winter Recovery Assistance Program. The funds must be expended in accordance with the MassDOT guidelines. Funding goes directly to the Highway Department.

P. Kershaw asked if this funding could be used to pave the parking lot of Town Hall. O. Pacheco will work with Peter Durkee, Highway Supervisor to get an estimate on Town Hall paving.

D. LaMonica asked if the Town had received the funds yet. O. Pacheco, Town Administrator answered not as of yet but they are on their way.

P. Kershaw asked if this funding could be used to pave the parking lot of Town Hall. O. Pacheco. Town Administrator will work with Peter Durkee, Highway Supervisor to get an estimate on paving the parking lot at the Town Hall.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS (S) LOCATIONS:

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator has been working with some of the approved vendors to provide feasibility on Electric Charging Stations at municipal locations such as -One (1) at Town Hall One to three (1-3) at the middle high school and two (2) at the Public Library and one (1) at the COA / Perley lot. One station can charge two vehicles, wider spaces would be needed, & be ADA accessible.

G. Fowler asked O. Pacheco, Town Administrator how the electric car charger works as he is an owner of an electric car.

D. LaMonica asked about how the Town gets reimbursed for the charging station.

A. Smith inquired about the charging stations on how fast can they charge.

AIR SENSOR GRANT APPLICATION (2022):

MADEP Air Sensor Grant 2022- this program has not been announced, expecting to hear more in the future, The Town can receive up to ten (10) sensors. Devices are monitored remotely via Wi-Fi. Goal is to monitor air quality along routes 133 & 97.

HOLIDAY DISCUSSION:

Juneteenth Holiday was spoken of and it was asked how the Board would like to treat that's day, there was no clear direction from the Board on this Holiday. G. Fowler suggested this be a topic/discussion for next Board meeting. It was spoken of that Monday June 20, 2022 would be the date for the Holiday.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

D. Dawes read aloud the Memorial Day information in Town spoke on Veterans Service who is need of personnel / volunteers. Read aloud seven members who were killed in action that were residents of Georgetown, spoke on the Electric Department will be placing flags on utility poles. spoke on an upcoming meeting that has been scheduled by the CARES committee.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke on Flag locations in Town / maps of locations/ flags are being worked on per D. Dawes, is being worked on

D. Dawes is going to ask the Board of Health about pond testing.

G. Fowler inquired about an update on the Town Wage and Classification study, suggested the Board hold a separate meeting for this topic only.

P. Kershaw spoke on the on-going progress of National Avenue.

A. Smith spoke on educational programs / Native Species kick off meeting will be held on June 14th, 2022 at the Public Library everyone welcomes to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Fowler moved to adjourn with P. Kershaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. meeting minutes transcribed by Maureen Shultz, Administrative Assistant.

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Documents used in Meeting:

Erie Fire Association No.4, Inc Lease agreement.

Meeting minutes from February 22, 2022.

High Fidelity / Peak Limited, LLC / Host Agreement.

Bike / Race Application / Ride to end Alzheimer's.