

Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833

Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memorial Town Hall

7:00PM -General Meeting

Selectmen Present: A. Smith, Chair, D. Dawes, R. Bancroft, D. LaMonica and R. Hoover.

Others Present: Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Hoover put a discussion on the table regarding the Budget, and suggested that when the budget is completed to talk with the Finance Committee to start a bigger financial plan for long term with time to talk new business.

A. Smith mentioned the Town's budget will be done by March.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke about three scenarios relating to the budget such as -basic budget, budget with an override and long-term budgeting with different numbers including different services.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

HR Candidate applicant Mr. Paul Winspeare is not present at this meeting / The Board will deliberate on candidate Mr. Paul Winspeare.

The Board mentioned an e-mail that received by Michele Grenier, Conservation Agent who had offered her services for the HR Position -although the Board took her interest as genuine but would like to keep both positions separate.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to hire Mr. Paul Winspeare as an Intern HR Director for the Town of Georgetown, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

The Board did not approve at their previous Executive Session Meeting held earlier on December 11, 2023 of the executive sessions meeting minutes from June 5, 2023 and September 7, 2023, therefore they will and cannot be released at this time.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to appoint Police Chief David Sedgwick as a Constable for the Town, Harbormaster, Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Emergency Response Coordinator, Liquor License Agent, Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, SATURN (Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network, with a term to expire on June 30, 2024, seconded by R. Bancroft. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

R. Hoover motioned the board to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Town of Essex and the Town of Georgetown for the Conservation Agent for thirty-two hours at which time she will be scheduled in the Town of Essex on Tuesdays with the remainder of hours to be in the Town of Georgetown paid for by the Town of Georgetown with reimbursement from the Town of Essex, seconded D. LaMonica. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Lamonica accepted a donation to the Georgetown Police Department from the Kiwanis Group of \$500.00 in donations of Market Basket gift cards and \$1000.00 from the pickle ball community, R. Bancroft seconded motion. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes asked about the letters regarding the Whittier project and the School Building Authority letter.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Board members spoke on the following Misc items.

Second letter was to Whittier Schools-General and Financial and processing concerns.

D. Dawes spoke on his input on the Whittier letter.

Site cost and site work was spoken of-Sewer lines working with Haverhill -save money.

Fairness argument / Noncompliance.

Class size & Georgetown enrollment.

D. Dawes spoke on his input on the Whittier letter.

Local Towns to govern themselves.

MBTA milage in Communities / letter to require fairness to our housing.

Roadways / supporting what the resident wants.

A. Smith mentioned that the MBTA Letter is with the Planning Department and O. Pacheco, Town Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Dawes motioned the Board to adjourn at 8:32P.M. with R. Hoover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.