
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 6, 2023
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas J. O'Loughlin and Select Board member Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

Select Board member Michael K. Walsh was absent.

1. The Select Board presented Citations to the coaches and members of the Under 14 Cheerleaders in recognition of their winning the Cheerleading National Championship.
2. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 23, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 23, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. The Board reviewed a petition from Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install one JO Pole on Exchange Street beginning at a point approximately 20 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Clark Street and continuing approximately 60 feet in an Easterly direction. This job is for system improvement and reliability. They also seek permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings for distributing purposes. Michael Fraser, representing National Grid, stated the pole will be installed at 21 Exchange Street. No members from the public attended the Hearing. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the installation of the pole on Exchange Street. UNANIMOUS.
6. Miranda Industries, LLC dba Acai Central filed an application seeking the available Common Victualler Wine and Malt Beverages License with Cordials. The business location is 8 Central Street, Milford, Massachusetts. All paperwork was in order. Tarik Miranda, Owner advised the Board he is seeking to add to his customer base and to continue to grow his business. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the application for the Common Victualler Wine and Malt Beverages License with Cordials. UNANIMOUS.

7. Joan Rich and Mathew Rich, the owners of Turtle Blessed, LLC dba TD's Pub, along with their Attorney Melanie Soloman were present for a Hearing pursuant to MGL Chapter 138, section 64 to consider whether the Board should modify, suspend or revoke their Liquor license as a result of an incident occurring on January 15, 2023. There were gun shots fired outside the establishment and the owners did not report the incident to the Police in a timely manner. Mr. O'Loughlin did note their cooperation once the Police contacted them. He informed them the regulations are clear, in that, there is an obligation to call the Police as soon as an incident such as this occurs. Attorney Soloman said she reviewed the Statement of Facts and a disagreement occurred on the back porch which the owners' thought was resolved. She said another person with a face mask incited the incident and fled, but then returned. She said Joan Rich did not know shots were fired. She will be educating the owners on their duty to report any incident occurring on or about their premises to the Police immediately. She will put in place Policies and Procedures for the owners and the staff. She will also train the staff. She asked the Board to admonish the owners, but not suspend or revoke their license. Mr. Mazzuchelli said the owners need to keep their customers in line. Mr. O'Loughlin told the owners to utilize the Police as it is better to call as they will not be punished for calling the Police. The Board decided not to suspend or revoke the Liquor License.
8. John O'Rourke, Director of Marketing & Municipal Affairs of GoodEnergy, was present to discuss the Town participating in a Community Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program. He reviewed the Plan which will need to be approved by Town Meeting and the DPU. This is a way to try to control the electric rates for the residents. The Town will approve the electric rates and contract term. The Plan is an opt out plan so every resident is included. There is no cost to the Town. The Plan will take about one year to implement. Mr. Mazzuchelli said this can be a good program for the Town. Mr. O'Loughlin said it could benefit every resident in the Community. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To contract with GoodEnergy to implement a Community Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract with GoodEnergy. UNANIMOUS.
9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 6, 2023
 - A. Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra – I have received a heartfelt thank you from Paul Surapine, Director of the Claflin Hill to Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin and Maintenance Custodian Mark Veneziano for their work in restoring the water services at Town Hall on Saturday afternoon just hours before the start of a winter concert. Carlos came to Town Hall on Saturday within minutes of him being called and under his direction was able to restore the water about one hour before the concert. Mark was instrumental in assisting him. As a result, the concert was held and enjoyed by many.

- B. Senior Center Director Position – I am pleased to inform the Board that we have received several applications from qualified individuals to serve as the next Director of the Senior Center. Interviews are being conducted by HR Director Kristin melpignano, Senior Center director Sue Clark, longtime Select Board member Dino DeBartolomeis and myself. We are seeking to make a recommendation to the Board for an appointment at the February 27th Select Board meeting.
10. Chairman Tom O’Loughlin and Town Administrator Rick Villani updated the Board on their meetings with Amazon. We will now meet quarterly instead of monthly, but if any issues arise we will contact Amazon directly to discuss resolving any such matters.
11. The Board reviewed a Memo from Town Counsel Brian Murray with a recommendation for an Electioneering Policy for the Board to review and approve. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To rescind the prior Policy and to adopt the new Policy as prepared by Town Counsel. UNANIMOUS.
12. The Board reviewed Executive Session Minutes for 2018 and 2019 from the Town Administrator with a recommendation for Release of these Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To Release the Executive Session Minutes as recommended by the Town Administrator and to post these Minutes on the Town website. UNANIMOUS.
13. The Board reviewed a request from Adam Hicks, owner of Depot Street Tavern, requesting signage on Depot Street to alert motorists of the crosswalk sign recently installed in front of the restaurant. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To approve signage on Depot Street to alert motorists of the crosswalk sign recently installed in front of the restaurant. UNANIMOUS.
14. The Board reviewed a Memo from Deputy Police Chief Robbie Tusino recommending the installation of a Crosswalk in front of Garrett’s Gas Station on Cedar Street as requested by Brianna Geary, Assistant Community Manager of the Quill Apartments. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To approve installation of a Crosswalk in front of Garrett’s Gas Station on Cedar Street. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To accept a Gift from James Wheelock in the amount of \$2,023.00 to the Skate Park Project. UNANIMOUS.
16. The Board reviewed a recommendation from HR Director Kristin Melpignano to move Laura Krovocheck, HR and Benefits Coordinator from a Grade 7, Step 7 to Grade 9. Mr.

Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To move Laura Krovocheck, HR and Benefits Coordinator from a Grade 7, Step 7 to Grade 9. UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the letter from Sue Clark resigning from the Public Transportation Committee. UNANIMOUS.

18. Invitation to Speak – None.

19. Select Board Members Thomas J. O'Loughlin and Paul A. Mazzuchelli both vote in the affirmative to enter into Executive Session: To discuss a contract for the Town Treasurer and Pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares-Sewer.

20. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:27 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Esq., Chair

Michael K. O'Loughlin

Paul A. Mazzuchelli