



SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2023
12:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Dean Charter, Jim Snyder-Grant, Himaja Nagireddy, Fran Arsenault, David Martin, Mark Hald, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti, and Town Counsel Nina Pickering-Cook

Mr. Charter opened the meeting at 12:00 PM and noted that the meeting was virtually attended and all votes shall be taken by roll call.

I. Regular Business

1. Chair Update/Town Manager Update/Members Minutes

Mr. Mangiaratti commented on the construction with Acton Center, Kelley's Corner, repointing the historic masonry.

Mr. Charter noted Iron Work Farm hosting events this weekend, 1 pm 4/16 holding civil war reenactment, 5:30 AM Robbins Ride reenactment, 4/17 Acton Minutemen convening at Isaac Davis House at 5:30 AM reenacting the historic march to Concord followed by a revolutionary war reenactment.

II. New/Special Business

2. Finalize Article Reviews and Recommendations

Article 8 – Mr. Snyder-Grant watched the Minuteman School Committee meeting and read through the article. The main cost driver is increased enrollment from Acton which will decrease over the years.

Article 11 – Mr. Martin does not recommend allowing the changes in the summary made by the Trustees, and noted the warrant is approved by the Select Board, not the Trustees. The article could also be amended at Town Meeting. The Board reviewed the warrant article with each of the proposed changes made by the Trustees and agreed on minor additional edits to the article, with feedback from town counsel. Board members deferred a recommendation on Article 1 (Choose Town Officers).

Mr. Snyder-Grant moved, seconded by Ms. Arsenault to recommend Article 8 (Minuteman Regional School District Assessment) and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Mr. Snyder-Grant moved, seconded by Ms. Arsenault to recommend Article 9 (Community Preservation Program-Direct Appropriation from Fund Balances) and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder-Grant to recommend Article 10 (Community Preservation Program – Appropriations from Open Space Set-Aside and Related Actions – 549 Main Street) and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nagireddy to recommend Article 11 (Amend General Bylaws – Board of Trustees of the West Acton Citizens’ Library) as edited and approved by roll call vote as 4-0-1 (Snyder-Grant abstain).

Mr. Charter held Article 15, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Firearms Business.

Mr. Charter suggested voting on the remaining articles (12-14, 16, 18-19, 34, and 35) as consent. Ms. Arsenault held article 18, Mr. Charter held articles 34 and 35.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nagireddy to recommend Articles 12-14 16, and 19, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ms. Arsenault inquired about what was being proposed to be amended in the general bylaws for personnel. Mr. Mangiaratti noted that there was a Personnel Board many years ago and is no longer in existence and the proposal is to delete it.

Mr. Charter moved, seconded by Ms. Arsenault to recommend Article 18 and approved unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. Charter suggested deferring a recommendation on Articles 15, 34, and 35, in which the Board was in general agreement. Mr. Snyder-Grant mentioned that the Town Moderator to consider a 3-day Town Meeting and if this information would be listed in the Town Meeting Warrant.

III. Consent Items

- 3. Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Arsenault to approve consent item 3 and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder-Grant to adjourn and approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Documents Used

- Agenda, Select Board, April 10, 2023
- Timeline to Town Meeting
- Article Summary Spreadsheet
- Draft Town Meeting Warrant