

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located in the upper level of Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Justin R. Evans; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; and Town Administrator Francis J. Lynam. Chairman Kowalski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kowalski asked everyone in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence.

Chairman Kowalski announced the meeting is being recorded and televised by WHCA.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Chairman Kowalski opened public forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 4-0-1** (Mr. Salvucci abstained).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lynam announced the Town received \$363,674 from the Complete Streets Funding Program. The money will be used to redesign the intersection at Park Avenue and Essex Street.

Mr. Lynam advised the Board of a meeting he attended earlier today where State Representative Alyson Sullivan and Senator Michael Brady's chief of staff were present. Ms. Sullivan has asked us to provide a list of three items of need for the Town which she will attempt to help us with. Mr. Lynam asked the members of the board to email him with any suggestions.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. LaMattina stated there is nothing new to report. He has spoken by phone with the chairman of the Hanson Board of Selectmen, Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmet, and hopes that a meeting with officials from both towns will possibly be taking place next week. Chairman Kowalski advised that he also spoke with Ms. Kemmett on Friday, noting that her motives are to keep things calm and peaceful between the two towns. Mr. LaMattina agreed, noting Ms. Kemmet understands our position. He reminded everyone that the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and Whitman's representatives serving on the WHRSD Committee have all voted and/or agreed to do what is right for our town – that the statutory method be used when determining the assessment for Whitman and Hanson.

NEW BUSINESS

31 Lazel Street

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to authorize the Town Treasurer-Collector to sign the deed, upon sale at auction, to the property located at 31 Lazel Street, taken in foreclosure on May 21, 2018.

Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Auxiliary/Special Police Officer Resignation: Jacob Dodge

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** with regret to accept the resignation of Jacob Dodge from the position of Auxiliary/Special Police Officer, effective January 30, 2020. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Auxiliary/Special Police Officer Appointment: John Hubbard

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Chief Hanlon to appoint John Hubbard to the position of Auxiliary/Special Police Officer, through June 30, 2020. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

On the recommendation of Mr. Lynam, Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant and to close same at the end of February, 2020. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with the M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21a, (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and (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. **Second Mr. Bezanson.** Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; and Chairman Kowalski – yes. **So voted 5-0.** Chairman Kowalski declared that having this meeting in Open Session will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. The meeting will reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second Mr. LaMattina, so voted 5-0.**