

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 1, 2023**

In attendance were Chairman Randolph G. LaMattina; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Justin R. Evans; Member Dr. Carl F. Kowalski; Member Shawn M. Kain; and Town Administrator Mary Beth Carter.

Chairman LaMattina opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a moment of silence.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to enter into Executive Session. **Second** Dr. Kowalski. Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Kain – yes; Dr. Kowalski – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; and Chairman LaMattina – yes, **so voted 5-0**.

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to reconvene in Open Session. **Second** Mr. Evans, **so voted 5-0**.

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

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

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. **Second** Mr. Evans, **so voted 4-0-1** (Dr. Kowalski abstained).

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the Open Session minutes of the joint meeting held on April 18, 2023, with the Hanson Select Board and the WHRSDC. **Second** Mr. Evans, **so voted 4-0-1** (Dr. Kowalski abstained).

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. **Second** Mr. Evans, **so voted 4-0-1** (Dr. Kowalski abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Use of Town Hall

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Christine Morse on behalf of The Miss Massachusetts organization for permission to use the Town Hall auditorium on June 3, 2023, in order to conduct a Mr. Pageant fundraiser. **Second** Dr. Kowalski, **so voted 5-0**.

OLD BUSINESS

Assistant Town Administrator Position

Mary Beth Carter announced that four applicants were chosen for interviews for the Assistant Town Administrator position and it is her recommendation to offer the position to Kathleen Keefe.

Mr. Evans **MOVED** to accept Ms. Carter's recommendation to offer the position of Assistant Town Administrator to Kathleen Keefe, subject to successful negotiation of an employment agreement. **Second** Dr. Kowalski. Mr. Salvucci suggested all candidates come before the Board of Selectmen in order for the members of the Board to see the qualifications of each candidate and provide their input on each of them. Mr. Kain is confident that Ms. Carter is making the right decision. Mr. Evans, who took part in the interview process, clarified that other candidates had similar experience as Ms. Keefe. Chairman LaMattina relayed that he agrees that the position should be offered to Ms. Keefe. Dr. Kowalski feels confident that Ms. Keefe is qualified to do the job. Chairman LaMattina asked for a vote in connection with the motion on the floor. **So voted 4-1** (Mr. Salvucci opposed).

221 High Street: Final Order re: Nuisance Dogs

Chairman LaMattina asked Ms. Carter if the kennels at the animal shelter have been secured as recommended by the ACO, in the event the dogs from 221 High Street need to be placed at the shelter. Ms. Carter stated that the facilities director has informed her that improvements have been made to the kennels at the shelter. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve a final order regarding nuisance dogs (owned or harbored by Jean Karger of 221 High Street) pursuant to MGL, c.140, §157, and the Town of Whitman General By-Laws, Chapter 110. **Second** Dr. Kowalski, **so voted 5-0**.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn to Town Meeting subject to the call of the chair. **Second** Dr. Kowalski, **so voted 5-0**.

At 11:03 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second** Dr. Kowalski, **so voted 5-0**.

Justin R. Evans, Clerk