

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, December 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present for the Selectboard:** Phil Kantor, Chair; Bob Armstrong, Erica Goleman

**Others Present:** Janet Chayes, Open Space Committee; Joe Stzregowski, Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Minutes**

On a motion from Erica to approve the minutes of November 22, 2021, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Warrants**

On a motion from Bob to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant W22-13 for \$154,732.43, the Payroll Warrant PW22-13 for \$132,525.41 and the Payroll Deduction Warrant PDW22-13 for \$32,012.24 Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Meetings Attended by Select Board Members**

Erica attended a meeting of the Website Sub-committee to evaluate CivicPlus, an alternative to what we currently use (WordPress) but the committee is still evaluating other programs as well.

Bob had no conservation meetings in the past two weeks, and couldn't meet with Valley Solar – the company doing the solar project on Roaring Brook Road, so can't answer any questions people may have. He also met with Véronique, Roy and Ron Sweet about getting Comcast hooked up at the new town garage. The project is moving along.

Phil attended a school committee meeting, a teachers union negotiations meeting on Tuesday; the new Community and Economic Development Committee; and ARPA committee - what to do with some of that money. The school will also be requesting some of the available funding.

**Public Comments**

Janet Chayes said that the Open Space Committee is concerned about protecting our natural resources. A towns person approached her recently and suggested that there may be a petition made at Town Meeting to prevent any non-native plants from being planted on town property. Janet is hoping it can be resolved without going to Town Meeting. Bob suggested that the Garden or other town club or committee write a process of how we decide on what species can be planted on town property. Janet felt it should be carefully worded to exclude invasives, whether native or not, and suggested an ad-hoc committee rather than the Open Space Committee, which currently has a number of other projects.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

*George Forcier Disclosure by Non-Elected Municipal Employee of Financial Interest Form;*

George has completed his portion of the form requested by the State Ethics Commission and is now asking that the Selectboard sign the form so that he can serve on the Historical Commission. **On a motion from Phil to sign the form approving George Forcier to serve as a non-voting liaison member of the Historical Commission, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Appointment of new members of the Community and Economic Development Committee; Geoffrey Baker (3), Eileen Schneider (3), Robert Baker (1), Mikayla Reine (2), and Mike Haley (2) for staggered three-year terms;*

**On a motion from Erica to appoint Geoffrey Baker and Eileen Schneider to three-year terms ending June 30, 2024; to appoint Mikayla Reine and Mike Haley for two-year terms ending June 30, 2023, and Robert Baker for a one-**

**year term ending June 30, 2022, Bob seconded, all said aye, and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Appointment of David Hayes to the position of Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician, start date December 13, 2021. On a motion from Erica to appoint David Hayes Bob seconded all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.*

*Appointment of Matthew Martin to the position of Truck Driver/Laborer, start date TBD. Phil asked if there was a definite start date for Matthew, and Véronique said it should be as soon as possible, likely the 14<sup>th</sup> of December as there are some problems in scheduling physicals. On a motion from Bob to appoint Matthew Martin to the position of Truck Driver/Laborer, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.*

*Approve License Renewals for Baker0s Store, J&J Maggs Antiques, J&J Auto Sales, OESCO and Vight's Garage.*  
On a motion from

### **Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting**

None

### **Town Administrator update**

**Grants:** We have received a \$2,010 grant from MIIA for OSHA supplies and training for the transfer station attendants, as well as two ladders.

**Transfer Station:** We have received our inspection report from Jan Ameen of the Franklin County Solid Waste District. The main corrective action the town needs to take is to fill and level the pad towards the back which is sinking due to materials underneath decomposing and settling out. This remediation will likely require some extra funding for FY23. The town had set aside \$15,000 in the FY22 Board of Health budget to pay the Springfield Materials Recovery Facility processing fees, but the markets have changed and so far we are making money again rather than having to pay for our recyclables, so it should be possible to use some of those funds to help pay for these repairs. I am also pleased to announce the start date of Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for the return of the compost program!

**Training:** Next week I will be working from home every day but Monday, as my second MCPPO class is held from the 14th-17th.

### **Select Board member comments/concerns**

None

### **Mail**

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services Annual Report (not discussed)

Comcast Programming Advisory (not discussed)

### **Announcements**

None

**Next Meeting** Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

### **Adjourn**

**At 6:33 p.m. on a motion from Phil to end the public meeting and go into Executive Session for Reason #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (69 Main Street) if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, Erica seconded, by role call vote, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**