

**Board of Selectmen
Agenda
Municipal Center Resource Room
Tuesday April 19, 2022**

7:00 PM

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman Announcements
- Citizen's Forum

1. RiMaConn Relay Race Saturday August 27, 2022 – Possible Votes
2. Discuss ARPA Spending & Reporting – Possible Votes
3. Review PS & Highway Needs Reports & Dissolve Committee – Possible Votes
4. Approve Minutes – Possible Votes
5. Town Administrator's Report
6. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
7. Adjournment

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Chair Kevin Morse, Vice Chair David Cortese, Tim Bonin, Mike Fitzpatrick, Hal Davis (remote), Matt Wojcik Town Administrator, and Lisa Freeman Executive Assistant.

Chair Kevin Morse calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

(0:06) Pledge of Allegiance

(0:25) Chairman Announcements

Chair Kevin Morse would like to thank Ben's Container and Rubbish on West Street in Douglas for the loan of 8 rubbish barrels for the use by the non-profit groups in Douglas for the collection of bottles and cans for raising money.

(0:57) Citizen's Forum

NONE

(1:05) 1. RiMaConn Relay Race Saturday August 27, 2022 – Possible Votes

Matt Anderson from Hartford Marathon Foundation joined meeting remotely to gain approval for the race, a 95-mile relay race that starts in Lincoln RI and goes along the Blackstone River bikeway and ends in Hartford Connecticut.

(6:27) Motion to approve the use of the town's roads for the race made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. All members in favor.

(8:40) 2. Discuss ARPA Spending & Reporting – Possible Votes

The town received ARPA funds from two distributions, one was the local municipalities, and the other was the town's share of Worcester County allocation for a total of \$2,701,520. TA Wojcik explained that there needs to be committee established for this. His recommendation is that it be the Select Board members be that committee. Requests for use of the funds would come before the Select Board for approval. Jeanne Lovett Finance Director is asking the Board to take a formal vote to accept all the ARPA funds.

(15:08) Motion to accept two million seven hundred and one thousand five hundred and twenty dollars made by Tim Bonin, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. All members in favor.

TA Wojcik spoke to the Board about the hazard pay for police and fire and using ARPA funds. If the town is awarded the grant for the Economic Development Project they won't have to use the ARPA funds for that project. The board agrees that the committee should consist of the Select Board.

(38:36) 3. Review Public Safety & Highway Needs Reports & Dissolve Committee – Possible Votes

Mike Fitzpatrick thanked the members of the committee. The committee had a total of 5 meetings, and that the findings of said committee has passed the information along to the Select Board for their review of the Police, Fire and Highway building facility needs for the future 20 years.

(42:18) Motion for the board to accept the report which in turn dissolves the committee made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. All members in favor.

Board will put the Public Safety & Highway discussion on the May 17, 2022 meeting agenda.

(44:26) 4. Approve Minutes – Possible Votes

(44:46) Motion to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. All members in favor.

(45:05) Motion to approve the April 5, 2022 Executive Session minutes retaining all made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. Tim Bonin, Mike Fitzpatrick & David Cortese in favor, Kevin Morse abstains.

(45:30) 5. Town Administrator's Report

TA Wojcik would like to announce that the electric charging units are back online and fixed. One of the gym windows was removed this week and the asbestos was removed and the window was put back. The town should get the third quote this week to complete the quotes for the asbestos removal, next step is to coordinate the asbestos removal and the window installation to get the project moving.

The town is opening bids for the brush truck on Friday which is funded by a grant from FEMA. TA Wojcik would like the residents to know that they will be using CodeRed to notify residents about announcements for the road construction project. Bob Minarik of Economic Development joined the table to give an overview of the water/sewer project starting soon. There will be three phases, and each phase is an estimated 4-week time frame. He will update the Select Board at every meeting with the progress and forecast of the project. He will also meet with the School Superintendent and staff on a weekly basis to check in through the process of this construction. The town has received 20 plus bids for the project.

(1:11:14) 6. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting. Mike Fitzpatrick would like to know why the new sign installed in front of Gregory's does not have a permit issued, and would like this addressed. Also, the Dog Orphans sign is up and they have added a structure around the sign that he thinks should have a waiver for liability. Mr. Fitzpatrick would also like to get the Town Administrator's review underway because it is a little behind and he has met his end of the obligation within his contract. Chairman Morse would like to add the Town Administrator's review to the agenda on May 17, 2022. TA Wojcik would like to have a clause in the Town Administrator and Finance Director's contract that the people participating in the review must have a minimum amount of time working with that person to be able to understand the performance requirements. Tim Bonin asked if there was an actual estimated cost on the access road between the two schools, TA Wojcik responded that they have an estimate, but it is old. There were two different ones for the areas, one was \$170k and the other was \$500k.

(1:21:47) Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. All members in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephenie Gosselin

Recording secretary