

**Board of Selectmen  
Agenda  
Municipal Center Resource Room  
Tuesday March 15, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

- Call to Order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Chairman Announcements
  - Citizen's Forum
1. Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments & Adoptions for Town Meeting  
Warrant / Community Development Director Presenting – Possible Vote(s)
  2. Discuss EV Charging Stations Rates – Possible Vote(s)
  3. Review Revised Movie Contract / Soldiers Field – Possible Vote(s)
  4. Review & Discuss Intermunicipal Agreement with Uxbridge for  
Water Service – Possible Vote(s)
  5. Close Warrant – Possible Vote(s)
  6. Approve Minutes – Possible Vote(s)
  7. Town Administrator's Report
  8. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of  
the Meeting
  9. Executive Session
    - a. Collective Bargaining
    - b. Interest in Real Property
    - c. Investigation
    - d. Litigation
  10. Adjournment

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Chair Kevin Morse, Vice Chair David Cortese, Timothy Bonin, Mike Fitzpatrick, Harold Davis (remote), Matt Wojcik Town Administrator.

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

(0:06) Pledge of Allegiance

(0:25) Chairman Announcements NONE

(0:30) Citizen's Forum NONE

1. (0:35) Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments & Adoptions for Town Meeting Warrant /  
Community Development Director Presenting – Possible Votes

Matt Benoit Community Development Director is present at meeting with four proposed bylaws for the board.

- a) New bylaw section 6.8 is a solar bylaw, the town does not currently have regulations for solar, only zoning. Mr. Benoit would like to see decommissioning, applicability, covenants, bonds, site control, operations & maintenance, landscaping etc. He has started this with a template from the state and from his work in Auburn, and is looking for the Selectmen's vote for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing in accordance MGL Ch 48 section 5. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Benoit if town counsel has reviewed these proposed bylaws before the Select Board tonight to vote. Mr. Benoit said no they have not, he will send them to town counsel after the board votes. Mr. Fitzpatrick would like to have town counsel review them first. The Board discussed holding on two of the bylaws to be reviewed by town counsel first. Mr. Benoit responded that his concern with that is the timeline and that the bylaws on hold will not make it to town meeting. TA Wojcik suggests that that the Selectmen vote on them all and require them to go to town counsel before they are received by the Planning Board.
- b) Site plan review needed language for holding a public hearing in accordance with the MGL.
- c) The height description definition for the building commissioner.
- d) The marijuana moratorium was a removal of something that has been expired for year.

**(19:45) Motion to send proposed bylaws over to the planning board with the request of town council reviewing them first made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.**

2. (20:35) Discuss EV Charging Stations Rates – Possible Votes

TA Matt Wojcik stated that they are just looking to recoup the cost the town is has to pay for the electricity not to make money on them. They are still doing the figures on what the charge will be.

3. (23:55) Review Revised Movie Contract / Soldiers Field – Possible Votes

The rating on the movie is PG-13, the edits have been reviewed by Rich Bowen.

(25:55) Motion to execute the revised movie contracts made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.

4. (26:20) Review & Discuss Intermunicipal Agreement with Uxbridge for Water Service – Possible Votes

TA Wojcik's intent is to approach the town of Uxbridge for an amendment to their existing agreement, the agreement is in the Board's packets. Uxbridge is responsible for fixing the pipe if anything happens to it because it is in the town of Uxbridge.

(30:20) Motion to endorse the idea of TA Wojcik along with Mr. Fitzpatrick to approach the town of Uxbridge for an updated water and sewer agreement made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.

5. (32:12) Close Warrants – Possible Votes

(32:21) Motion to close the warrant made by David Cortese, seconded by Tim Bonin.

(33:00) Amendment to motion made by David Cortese to close both the annual and special town meeting warrants, seconded by Tim Bonin. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.

6. (33:20) Approve Minutes – Possible Votes

(33:50) Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes made by Kevin Morse, seconded by David Cortese. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor. Tim Bonin abstains.

(34:21) Motion to approve the executive session minutes of March 1, 2022 made by David Cortese, seconded by Tim Bonin. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.

7. (34:46) Town Administrator's Report – Possible Votes

- TA Wojcik stated that he thinks it's appropriate at this time since there would only be discussion on Litigation for executive session that they discuss it in public session. There has been litigation across the country filed in different courts against opioid manufacturers and distributors and sometime ago the town of Douglas filed its own municipal action and joined that litigation on the advice of counsel. Together with the attorney general many municipalities have joined in this litigation and they have negotiated 40% of the settlement, and the funds will be targeted towards prevention and treatment of opioid addiction. The settlement documents have been signed and when the amount is known it will be made public.
- The finance committee continues to work through the individual department's budgets. As of tonight the municipal budget is only going to up by half a percent based on the information TA Wojcik has so far, which could change. On the school side there is a large increase in Norfolk Aggie tuition and bus transportation. TA Wojcik has been working on fixing the personnel compensation chart so he doesn't think that the town will stay at the half percent increase.
- Mr. Bob Minarik feels that MassWorks is treating Douglas unfairly due to the fact that last year MassWorks was willing to provide money to the Town of Sutton for the expansion of natural gas, and when Douglas asked for natural gas MassWorks said they didn't want to do it and told us to take natural gas completely out of our application. It was taken out of the application and they awarded us 3 million dollars. Mr. Minarik decided he wanted to continue to pursue an answer to providing Sutton with it but refusing Douglas. It became apparent that state decision makers did not realize that the gas company had built a large and very expensive step down facility in Sutton to extend gas to this area. The state of Massachusetts agreed to amend our MassWorks grant from 3 million to 4 million.

- We have a bid for the gym windows, under the budget provided at town meeting. Project should be starting in the spring.
- We have a bid for the library ceilings project, under the budget provided at town meeting. Project should be starting in the spring.

**8. (57:58) Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

Tim Bonin has an announcement that central mass metropolitan planning organization has a vacancy on that commission and has looked into the position and was awarded the alternate with someone in Sutton being the primary.

**9. (1:03:41) Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn made by Tim Bonin, seconded by David Cortese. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Kevin Morse, David Cortese, Hal Davis all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stephenie Gosselin  
Recording secretary