

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD
6:00PM**

6:00 p.m. Call To order & Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

Public Hearings

1. Licenses/Permits

- a. Request from Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts, Inc to remove George Fournier as President and Director of the licensee and adding Caroline Taitelbaum as President (who is an existing officer and director) and to remove John Daly as Assistant Treasurer of the licensee and replacing him with Mac Rudnick, along with a request from Cumberland Farms, Inc. (100% shareholder of licensee) to remove George Fournier as Director and adding Caroline Taitelbaum as President (who is an existing officer/director).

2. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request to appoint Michael Yogman to the Climate Resiliency Committee.
- b. Request from Elizabeth Collins to accept her resignation from the Housing Authority, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Community Preservation Committee and Economic Development effective immediately.

3. Action Items

- a. Request from the Bristol County Retirement System to allow an additional 2% Cost of Living Adjustment.
- b. Request from Roger Menard, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals, with approval of the Personnel Board for the Board of Selectmen to approve the change of Principal Clerk to Zoning Board Administrator with an hourly rate of \$27.00 effective January 25, 2023. On July 1, 2023, the hourly rate will be increased by 2%.
- c. Request from the Town of Dartmouth to support a comment letter on the proposed Title V changes.
- d. Request to sign the agreement for Bernadette Oliver, Temporary Town Clerk, as of February 7, 2023.
- e. Request from the Planning Board for comments and recommendations regarding the application for Special Permit for Independent Living Facility and Site Plan Approval Love Impact Development for Stoneridge: A Private Community at Mello's Way & Chabot St, Map 21 Lot 8A. The applicant proposes 29 single family units with 10 (5 duplex units) on 15 acres of land.
- f. Request to file notice of election for unexpired Housing Authority Vacancy.

4. Discussion

6:30 PM

- a. Fiscal Stability Group Discussion
- b. FY24 Budget Discussion
- c. Karen Gonsalves (resident) – New Title 5 Regulations

5. Town Administrator Report

6. Approve Minutes

- a. January 23, 2023

7. Report on Bill Warrant

8. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action

9. Comments and Statements

10. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

11. Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

****Committee members with terms that end in June should advise if they wish to continue****

ADA Transition Plan Committee – 2 vacancies (Fin Com).

Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council – 1 vacancy (CIPC Rep)

Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)

Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.

Climate Resiliency Sub Committee Members

Energy Committee – 4 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Personnel Board – 1 vacancy.

Recreation Commission – 4 vacancies.

Safety Regulation Board - 1 vacancy.

Tax Incentive Program Committee (1 vacancy –Westport Economic Development Task Force Rep).

Westport Citizen’s Betterment Committee – 1 vacancy.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Associate Member

**** Committees are kindly requested to advise who serves as chair, vice chair and clerk ****

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Town Administrator
James K. Hartnett

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator
Re: Bi-Weekly Report
Date: February 6, 2023

1. SouthCoast Wind Energy

SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC (formerly Mayflower Wind Energy LLC) has filed their Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the SouthCoast Wind 1 Project. An electronic version of the DEIR can be viewed or download from the SouthCoast Wind:

Website: [https://southcoastwind.com/documents/\[southcoastwind.com\]](https://southcoastwind.com/documents/[southcoastwind.com])

2. Planning Grants

Michael Burris filed three expressions of interest (EOIs). This is the first step in the State's One Stop Grant Program. The EOIs allow the state agencies to review the requests and recommend funding sources prior to the full applications. The three EOIs filed are:

1. Main Road Placemaking and Streetscape Improvement Plan. Planning Board project. Grant of interest: Rural and Small Town Development Fund.
2. Former Westport High School Reuse/Adaptation. Long Term Building Committee Project. Grant of interest: Underutilized Properties Program.
3. Route 6 Sewer from Fall River to Route 88 (approx.). Grant of interest: Massworks.

While these are not the full grant applications the EOIs still require a significant amount of work and wanted to recognize the efforts of Michael and the Planning Board.

3. Marijuana Law

In August of 2022, *An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry* was approved in Massachusetts. It appears that this could have an impact on community impact fees and host agreements. Impact fees must be "reasonably related" to costs the municipality faces as a result of the marijuana business's operation. Some Marijuana facilities are refusing to pay their community impact fee. Currently waiting for guidance from the Cannabis Control Commission on how this impacts local agreements.

4. Select Board Name Change

A request has been made to Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representative Paul Schmid to file legislation on behalf of the Town to change the name of the Westport Board of Selectmen to Select Board.