

**MEETING NOTICE**

**Select Board**

**Monday**

**January 22, 2024**

**6:00P.M.**

*Carla Brown*

Signed

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL  
816 MAIN ROAD**

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

Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – this meeting is being recorded.

**Welcome Comments from the Chair**

**Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

Dorothy Howarth, 105 Years Old, 12/12/18, Oldest Resident

**1. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request to accept the resignation of Michael Walden from the Historical Commission.
- b. Request to accept the resignation of Lawrence Holsworth from the Finance Committee, along with the committee appointments to the Infrastructure Oversight Committee and Internet Advisory Committee.
- c. Request from the Finance Committee to appoint Karen Raus to the School Building Committee.
- d. Request from Chief Dunn to appoint John Bell as Reserve Officer, and Robert Thibodeau as EMD 911 Dispatcher.
- e. Request from Chief Dunn to appoint Sgt. Robert Rebello as Deputy Chief.

**2. Action Items**

- a. Request to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement Division Road Solar 1, LLC.
- b. Request to accept the following donations to the Council on Aging: Totaling \$4520
 

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| \$20    | Judy Hanlon, Tech Help  |
| \$50    | Barry Klecan, Outreach  |
| \$25    | David Severs, Tech Help   |
| \$50    | Lisa Costa, Outreach  |
| \$100   | Bristol South Medical District Society, In Memory of Arthur Ancil |
| \$275   | Westport Women’s Guild, Best Use                                  |
| \$3,000 | Richard Decastro, Best Use  |
| \$250   | MCOA for Fitness Challenge Winner                                 |
| \$500   | Pacific Union Congregation Church, In Memory of Elsa Cory         |
| \$500   | Valerie Gwozdz, Social Day  |

**Totaling \$4,520**

- c. Request from Michael Burris, Town Planner to support a Joint Planning Board/Bike-Walking Path Committee application to the Mass Trails grant program.
- d. Request from Planning Board to initiate amendments to the Town Zoning By-Laws for consideration at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting relating to:
  - o Short-Term Rental Zoning Bylaw (Sections 3 Definitions; 5 Land Use Table; 9.8 B&Bs and STRs)
  - o Revision of section 7.7.1.1.2: Minimum Lot Width
  - o Add a definition of “Congregate Living” to Section 3, Definitions
  - o Replace the Unrestricted District with the Residential/Agricultural District (Section 5, Land Use Table; Other Sections as Referenced; Zoning Map)
  - o Create a new zoning district, the Westport Gateway District (new Section 5.4) This district would replace the Business District between the Fall River municipal line and Route 88.
  - o Modify the Science and Technology Overlay District (STOD; Section 6.6) to allow greater development flexibility and multi-unit residential.
- e. Request to approve Bristol County American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Waterline Design, \$163,000 and authorize survey work.
- f. Request from Chris Gonsalves to approve the change order for the 2023 Roadway Improvements.

**3. Discussion**

- a. Route 6 Area Public Water Supply Discussion
- b. FY25 Budget Discussion
  - 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan
  - 5 Year Financial Plan
  - Capital Stabilization Fund

**4. Town Administrator Report**

**5. Approve Minutes**

- a. January 3, 2024
- b. January 8, 2024

**6. Report on Bill Warrant**

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

**8. Comments and Statements**

**9. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

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

**11. Executive Session** – pursuant to the provisions of MGL c 30A section 21(a), Chair declares an open meeting will have a detrimental effect to:

- a. Discussion relating to potential new school construction litigation.
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes
  - January 8, 2024

**Adjournment**

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**Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

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

- ADA Transition Plan Committee – 1 Vacancy
- Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)
- Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.
- Economic Development Task Force - 3 vacancies
- Energy Committee – 2 vacancies.
- Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.
- Safety Regulation Board - 1 vacancy.

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

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