

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room
323 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA

On February 28, 2023, the Select Board held a meeting at 5:00 PM at the Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Vice Chair Fabian. Members present were Vice Chair Fabian, Member LaCamera and Member Carboni. Also present was Ari Sky, Town Administrator, and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Administrator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Select Board Announcements

Vice Chair Fabian read the Select Board announcements. Member Carboni noted that residents over the age of 70 have their dog license fees waived.

Town Administrator Announcements

Mr. Sky read the Town Administrator's announcements. Vice Chair Fabian said the former Lakeville Hospital property is an important topic to the Town and residents. She will try to make sure that we keep everyone up to date on that. Member LaCamera noted that there will be budget meetings on March 6th, 8th and the 16th. Vice Chair Fabian asked for the meeting schedule to be posted on the Town's website. Member LaCamera said that the F/L Regional School District budget discussion is on March 15th.

Review memo from Town Planner regarding Community One Stop Grant Application

Marc Resnick, Town Planner, was present for the discussion. Vice Chair Fabian said this does not require a vote from the Board, but she wanted to discuss it as a Board. Mr. Resnick said we are proposing to submit an application under the One Stop program which is one (1) application for 12 grant programs. We would like to apply for MassWorks Grant, which funds road improvements. We are conducting a preliminary traffic study to determine if the warrants are met to install a light at Main and Bridge Street. The report is not done, but the engineer has reported that it does meet the warrant. The report will be submitted by the end of March. We can apply for engineering funds and the construction funds. Member LaCamera asked how much are we applying for. Mr. Resnick said last year they said \$300,000. We will get a full report from Environmental Partners regarding the costs.

Mr. Resnick said he has submitted an expression of interest to the Rural and Small Town Development Fund for improvements at the Peach Barn at Betty's Neck. We would apply for funds for repairs to the meeting room due to the roof leak. We would make the room accessible and add shutters to the windows. At the east end we would install restrooms and a kitchen for concessions; office; storage room, and make it handicap accessible. We would install a septic system, well for water and provide power to the site. He has reached out to Middleborough Gas

and Electric to see if we can run conduit to bring power up or a solar array. We would regrade the parking lot and driveway with dense grade material; put in a handicap walkway from the parking area and make repairs to the exterior of the building. Member Carboni asked who put this together. Mr. Resnick said he met with Nancy Yeatts and toured the building with staff and put together this list to reuse the building. Ms. Yeatts would like to keep the middle part of the barn in its existing condition for events. Member LaCamera said he has brought up the question about getting to the facility; the road is owned by the owners of the bogs. We reached out to them and they understand they are responsible for the road and its maintenance, but it has not been done. Last year they put sand down, but it did no good. That is a serious problem. It doesn't do any good if no one can get there, especially emergency services. Perhaps we should set up a meeting with them. We looked at paving that road. The DPW Director looked at it, but there may be conservation issues. We need to address this. Mr. Resnick said we don't own the road through the bogs. Once we get to the woods, that is ours. If we get a determination of eligibility, we would submit the grant by June 2nd with grant award in the fall. Member Carboni asked is this a quantifiable application or is it open ended? Mr. Resnick said there is a maximum limit of \$500,000. Some of these items are expensive and we will develop a budget.

Mr. Resnick said the third item is to do some Improvements at John Paun Park. He is going to the Park Commission to ask for approval of the work. Many of these items have been discussed by the Park Commission already. We would like to construct a restroom building on site. There were plans for two (2) individual stalls. We would like to include three (3) storage bays for sports leagues to store equipment. We will need to install a septic system. They had planned a tight tank, but that means pumping cost. Soils are fair at best with high ground water. We would probably put it closer to the road near the driveway. He reached out to Environmental Partners about potable water to the site. The Heath Agent says that the existing well would not provide potable water. Perhaps the property can be tied into Taunton Water which goes by to Blueberry Estates. We will look at expanding the parking area. Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Engineering has plans for the parking area with striping to park more cars to eliminate on road parking. We would like to add water to the snack shack and perhaps do some drainage improvements. Member LaCamera said the site is problematic for drainage, especially the rear field. He thought we decided not to do the water line to John Paun. Mr. Sky said Mr. Resnick spoke to Environmental Partners about drilling a second well for potable water and convert the other well for irrigation.

Review and possible comments on request from Planning Board for Site Plan Review - 13 Main Street

Marc Resnick, Town Planner, was present for the discussion. Vice Chair Fabian said the Planning Board asks for comment, concerns or questions from the Select Board on site plans. Member Carboni said when driving by the site, it doesn't seem large enough for a development like this. They are proposing 19 two-bedroom units. The water usage is 50 gallons a day per bedroom. Mr. Sky said they will be on Middleborough Water. Member LaCamera said they are on Taunton Water. Member Carboni said she is concerned about the line of sight exiting onto Main Street.

Review and possible vote on request from Town Clerk to approve Annual Election Warrant – April 3, 2023

Vice Chair Fabian said the Town Clerk would like the Board to approve the Town's Annual Election Warrant. She read the warrant into the record.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Town's Annual Election Warrant for April 3, 2023.
Unanimous in favor.

Review and possible vote on request from Department of Public Works Director to declare trucks and equipment as surplus

Vice Chair Fabian said the Board has received a request from the Department of Public Works Director to declare trucks and equipment as surplus.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To declare the following Highway Department trucks and equipment as surplus:
1980 John Deere Compressor D185; 2005 Pelican Sweeper; 1990 Ford F-700
Bucket Truck and 1994 Loader Plow.
Unanimous in favor.

Review and possible vote on request to connect to Taunton Water – 189 Rhode Island Road (for existing house)

Vice Chair Fabian said the Board has received a request to connect to Taunton Water for the property located at 189 Rhode Island Road, which is an existing house. They are requesting 550 gallons per day. Mr. Sky said this is for irrigation needs as well.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To approve the request to connect to Taunton Water for the property located at 189 Rhode Island Road, Lakeville, MA with an allocation of 550 gallons per day.
Unanimous in favor.

Review and possible vote on request from Mullein Hill Christian Academy to hold Honor Thy Mother 5K – May 6, 2023

Vice Chair Fabian said the Board has a request from Mullein Hill Christian Academy to hold the Honor Thy Mother 5K on May 6, 2023.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way Application for the Honor Thy Mother 5K on May 6, 2023.
Unanimous in favor.

Review and possible vote to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2023 and February 13, 2023

Upon a motion made by Member LaCamera with Vice Chair Fabian stepping down to second, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2023.
Two (2) in favor; one (1) abstention (Member Carboni).

Member Carboni asked on Page 2, third paragraph, remove one (1) of the words “enjoyed”.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 as amended.
Unanimous in favor.

New Business

Member Carboni asked if the Board could entertain a conversation about having a joint meeting with Freetown regarding the MBTA communities zoning and what they are planning on. They have not taken any action yet. This is bigger than just Lakeville as we are a Regional School District. Member LaCamera asked if Freetown sent in their application. Mr. Sky said there are a handful of communities that have not complied. Vice Chair Fabian said there are lots of people talking about being on the same page with Freetown. We have not received a formal request from their Planning Board to meet. Member Carboni said we could meet with our Planning Board. Mr. Sky said he received an email from Michelle MacEachern asking for the same thing. He referred her to the Planning Board Chairman. Vice Chair Fabian said she will speak to Mark Knox tomorrow. Its not a bad idea. Mr. Sky said we have until the end of 2025 to act. We should think about this and strategize what we will do. Vice Chair Fabian said this can hugely impact our schools.

Old Business

FY24 budget update

Member LaCamera said we should put this on the next few Select Board agendas for updates. Vice Chair Fabian agreed. Mr. Sky said we have preliminary State numbers from the Governor. We are down on Smart Growth, but the number will be adjusted according to Mike Rodrigues and Department of Revenue. The numbers are up for the Region \$361,000 and Old Colony by \$225,000. The School budgets had no increase in Chapter 70 aid. The Regional School Committee has a budget hearing on March 15th. Old Colony provided us with updated estimate We will be

basically level funding our assessment. Old Colony has their budget meeting on March 6th. We could try to send someone to that meeting. Superintendent Polansky has offered a separate briefing, which may be helpful. He would like himself or the Town Accountant to attend their budget meeting, but we can do the briefing. Mr. Sky said there is information that they don't willingly provide and he would like to be present to push for it. We should just ask for the alternate briefing.

Executive Session

At 5:52 PM, upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera, it was:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: Federal Multidistrict Litigation vs. CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically with PBA Local 185 and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a) (7) to comply with the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A, §22(f): approval of Executive Session Minutes for February 6, 2023 and not to return to Open Session.
Member Carboni – aye; Member LaCamera – aye and Vice Chair Fabian – aye.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Comcast regarding Channel Lineup Changes
2. Letter from Comcast regarding Form 500 for Year Ending 2022

List of documents provided at the Select Board Meeting of February 28, 2023

1. Agenda page
2. Agenda page; Town Administrator announcements
3. Agenda page; memo from Town Planner
4. Agenda page; email from Planning Board Clerk; Site Plans; Application for Site Plan Review; letter from Attorney Michael O'Shaughnessy
5. Agenda page; Annual Election Warrant
6. Agenda page; letter from Department of Public Works Director
7. Agenda page; Taunton Water Connection application
8. Agenda page; Public Way License Application
9. Agenda page; Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2023 and February 13, 2023
10. Agenda page
11. Agenda page; FY24 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates
12. Agenda page; Comcast Letter; Comcast Letter and Form 500 for 2022
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