

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024 – 5:30 PM

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

On April 3, 2024 the Select Board held a meeting at 5:30 PM at the Lakeville Senior Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Day. Members present were Chairman Day, Member Fabian, Member Carboni, Member Candito and Member Donahue. Also present were Interim Town Administrator Robert Nunes and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Administrator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Welcome the new Select Board and member comments

Chairman Day said for the first time ever we have five (5) members and all members are present. Normally we jump into reorganization, but being a special meeting, we are going to do a few things first. Lillian Drane, Town Clerk, read some history from 1853 when the Town was founded. Member Fabian noted that in 2019 the Board had the first ever woman majority on the Board. She welcomed the two (2) new members and is glad to have Member Carboni back. Member Candito and Member Donahue each made a brief statement. Member Carboni said she is grateful to be able to continue serving. Chairman Day summarized some of the inventions that were developed in the era when Lakeville was incorporated. He also spoke of some areas that he would like the Board to focus on in the future.

Public comments on Select Board goals for the next year, limited to 15 minutes

Susan Spieler asked why annual reports have not been put on the website since 2018. In looking at the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from 2011, there has only been one (1) set of minutes for the whole year. Ms. Drane said we have a designated person that puts the minutes up. Ms. Spieler said she would like meetings posted earlier as tentative. She would like to see the Chapter 61 process revisited. We don't have a 5% minimum land area map. We need to know where we stand regarding housing and whether we are close to safe harbor or not. She asked if all Town-owned land can go under Park Commission and then lease out the land. If anyone is on a board that has financial interest in land or building, they should not be able to build in town. We need more stringent rules toward that. She asked if the Board knew Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Rocky Woods? Mr. Nunes said he had spoken to John Olivieri who thought about Loon Pond Lodge being a better venue as it would be more interactive. They can't see people in the audience from the stage. Ms. Spieler said she is concerned about parking and lighting is not good in the parking lot. Mr. Nunes said he would pass on the concerns. Member Fabian said that the Town report for 2020 is done and we are waiting on the printer. She is almost done writing 2021 for the Select Board and she inherited 2022 so she has that one underway.

Reorganization of the Select Board

Member Day noted the positions that are typically reorganized after the annual election

Upon a motion made by Chairman Day and seconded by Member Candito, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Lorraine Carboni as Chair of the Select Board.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Member Donahue and seconded by Member Day, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Evagelia Fabian as Vice Chair of the Select Board.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Member Candito, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Brian Day as Veterans Services Agent.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Member Candito and seconded by Member Donahue, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Evagelia Fabian as a member of the Plymouth County Advisory Board.
Unanimous in favor.

Member Day said there was one (1) hearing this year for three (3) tickets. Only one (1) person showed up and the parking tickets were absolved.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Member Donahue, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Maureen Candito as Parking Clerk.
Unanimous in favor.

Chair Carboni reviewed the liaison positions. Maybe in a future meeting we can discuss what this position actually means. Member Candito said perhaps instead of positions there should be topics like land use, infrastructure, emergency services and the Boards and Committees and Departments that fall under that would streamline the communication. She mapped out a few topics: budget; economic development; health and human services; schools; land use and emergency. We can perhaps make suggestions on how it makes sense to move forward to be more streamlined and the liaison role becomes more meaningful. Member Fabian said some of those overlap so there is some value. She would like to see these positions filled as they are important, but we can speak to the Town Administrator on how to categorize them. Member Candito said we could put it back on an agenda after the fiscal year starts.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Member Candito, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Brynna Donahue as the Regional School liaison.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Member Candito and seconded by Member Donahue, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Evagelia Fabian as the Council on Aging liaison.
Unanimous in favor.

Member Fabian said that this position overlapped with other meetings that she had to go to. Perhaps someone else should do this one. The Board will revisit this.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Member Candito, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Brian Day as the Regional Finance Committee liaison.
Unanimous in favor.

Chair Carboni noted that while the contracts have been negotiated, we should still probably have someone as the liaison.

Upon a motion made by Member Day and seconded by Member Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Maureen Candito as the union negotiations liaison.
Unanimous in favor.

Chair Carboni said we do have one position that we need to fill for the Town Administrator Search Committee.

Upon a motion made by Member Donahue and seconded by Member Day, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Maureen Candito as a member of the Town Administrator Search Committee.
Unanimous in favor.

Chair Carboni said we need to think about aligning the appointment dates that expire in July. Why not have all the appointments happen in April after the election? We could look at shifting the dates in July with an expiration date of April?

Member Fabian said that if Member Donahue would like to attend Plymouth County Advisory Board meetings with her as a non-voting member that would be okay so she could get familiar with it. The other Board members were in favor of that.

New Business

There was no New Business discussed.

Old Business

Chair Carboni said the Lakeville Emergency Committee met today due to the flooding situation. We walked away with this committee meeting more often rather just in emergencies . Information will be put on the Town website and social media channels. LakeCAM will also show information on channels 22, 26 and 9 for Comcast and 30, 31 and 32 for Verizon. Emergency situations should call 911.

Member Day said in preparing the draft agenda for next week, he did not put revisit the ARPA projects. Mr. Nunes said it can go on Monday's agenda if you want. He will email out the projects and a summary. Member Fabian said it is sort of time sensitive right now. We had a really good Capital Planning Meeting last week. We did not vote because there were certain things Mr. Nunes will work with Plymouth County to see if they will approve some of it. Member Day asked if the Capital Expenditures Committee membership was set by by-law.

Member Fabian noted that she has been the Pond Dam Management representative for five (5) years. These are some of the things that can be combined.

Ms. Drane addressed Ms. Spieler's question regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes. She said looking at the website, there are minutes from 2007-2024, with the last one being January of 2024. Member Fabian noted that the Select Board packets are on the website on the Select Board page under the Agenda section. We have been doing this since COVID. Member Fabian said she doesn't remember if we have a Technology Liaison position. Chair Carboni said we can make a list. We talked about an IT committee. Member Day said he would like to look at bringing back Zoning Bylaws Review Advisory Committee or a new iteration. He spoke about the efforts to get new software for agenda preparation.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Member Candito and seconded by Member Day, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 6:28 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

List of documents provided at the Select Board Meeting of April 3, 2024

1. Agenda page