

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023 – 6:30 PM
Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room
323 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA

On January 9, 2023, the Select Board held a meeting at 6:30 PM at the Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 & Town Administrator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Select Board Announcements

Vice Chair Fabian read the Select Board announcements.

Town Administrator Announcements

Mr. Sky read the Town Administrator's announcements. Member LaCamera said we were authorized for a \$2.5 million project for the Bridge Street lights from the State, but we had to provide \$200,000 for the design. The developer of Lakeville Hospital was going to provide that funding, but that didn't happen. Why aren't we discussing doing the funding for the design. Why are we going through Community One (1) Stop? Mr. Resnick said they will fund design services. Mr. Sky said the goal is to shake loose the bond authorization from the State is to have the design work done. Either we pay for it or we get the State to fund it. Member LaCamera asked about the traffic study. Mr. Sky said it is underway.

Member LaCamera asked when the bathroom for the Fire Station will be done. There is money available to do the bathrooms. Mr. Sky said has spoken to Paul Nee about it. Member LaCamera asked when it will be done; the bathroom is a disgrace. Vice Chair Fabian said the build out is nice and has moved along quickly since hiring the facilities manager.

Member LaCamera said he would like to put on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss what we will do with the ARPA funds. We need to look at the opportunities now to decide what we will do. Vice Chair Fabian asked to place this on the next agenda. Mr. Sky said \$2 million from the County and the \$1,000,000 we have is a lot of money. We can use our \$1 million freely. \$1.5 has to be used for specific uses. Vice Chair Fabian said it is important to discuss this and it will be lengthy. Mr. Sky said we need to start with an idea on what is eligible in the law. The County's interpretation is very strict and it would make sense to have a session on the parameters. A lot of that money is intended for things that may not be priorities. Member LaCamera said the goal of the Board should be to use the County's money first and identify what we want and go after it. Mr. Sky said he is concerned that if we submit for our full amount of \$362,000, \$180,000 will be the bathroom. That will be enough to pay for the playground if they get back to us quicker. Member LaCamera said this is our money and we want to get it as quick as possible. Member Carboni said they said we would have to front the money. Mr. Sky said the money will be there until 2024. We have the \$1 million and \$2 million to apply for from the County. Vice Chair

Fabian said we should summarize what we have and get it to the Board and put it on the next agenda.

Member LaCamera asked why the article memo for Town Meeting has not gone out. Mr. Sky said he wanted to wait until the Board approved the schedule. Member LaCamera said we talked about the codification of the bylaws. That could be significant changes which would require significant public hearings. If we wait until January 23rd, that only gives people six (6) weeks. Mr. Sky said we can send the letter out. Vice Chair Fabian said the codification is separate. We chose to go for one (1) vote for everything instead of going through each change. Member LaCamera said it is a question of the timing. If someone wants to submit a petition article, we should notify the public now. If we wait until January 23rd, in his opinion that is a problem. Mr. Sky asked if the Board wanted him to send the memo out. Vice Chair Fabian asked when the memo went out last year. Ms. Craig-McGee said January 12th. Mr. Sky said last year the schedule was approved January 10th. Member Carboni thought there was enough time for the 23rd. Vice Chair Fabian said she is okay doing it after the 23rd meeting. Member LaCamera said it will be too late.

Meet with Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien and Commissioner Jared Valanzola regarding County's ARPA Selection Process

Present for the discussion with Plymouth County Treasurer Thomas O'Brien and Plymouth County Commissioner Jared Valanzola. Vice Chair Fabian said there are a few things we have submitted that have not technically been approved. We have a few questions. Mr. O'Brien said we have been travelling around speaking about the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Valanzola gave the Board information on what the Plymouth County Towns and Cities received for said Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), Plymouth County Towns received 50% greater than similar sized communities outside of Plymouth County. Lakeville received all the funding they were entitled to. Plymouth County did not return any funds to the Federal Government. Test kits were purchased by Plymouth County for every town in Plymouth County. \$91 million was the total grant, less the cost to administer and the test kits. The \$852,000 cost to administer was less than 1% of the full grant program; the national average was 3-5%. The last of the funds were distributed in September.

Mr. Valanzola said the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) is different than CARES. ARPA was given a three-year window to spend the funds with a time period for applications from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2024 with funds needing to be spent by December 31, 2026. Phase 1 and Phase 2 allocations have been released. On January 6th the Plymouth County Commissioners voted to allocate Phase 3 and Phase 4, which for Lakeville is a total allocation of \$2,077,294.17. The Federal government created an interesting formula for revenue. At a county level, we weren't going to do it. Four (4) communities have communicated that they are not going to use their revenue replacement funds. This means more funds for Lakeville in revenue replacement, but that doesn't affect the total allocation. Mr. O'Brien said ARPA is a four-year program and the Federal government expected it to be used over four (4) years. The rules are stricter and subject to more change. Interim final rule and then six (6) months later issued a new rule. The formula for revenue replacement was abandoned and said X amount can be spent on general government services. CARES has been vetted with no problems. There are millions of

dollars being taken back in other places, but none in Plymouth County. In Congress there is a move to restrict further these resources, so we are making sure these funds are being spent properly. The Commission voted to release 50% of the money early and wait for the ruling. In December, they changed the rules again regarding transportation. We haven't seen the guidelines yet. The County said there are five (5) categories that make sense: water and sewer, broadband, public health, economic development and hazard duty pay. Revenue replacement was not something we contemplated. He credited Mr. Sky and some of his colleague who told him that there are projects that do not meet the rubric and revenue replacement would help get those projects done. If you apply for revenue replacement, it is a reimbursement situation. The sheet handed out to you is still a draft; we have to wait until January 31st to see how communities will use Phase 3. In Phase 3, Part 3 is a small allocation for regional projects. A program for applications will be developed. The County does all the auditing so the Towns don't have to.

Member Carboni asked how the criteria was set up for proposals. Mr. O'Brien said it is based on statutes passed on the Federal level. The information is on the County's website. There are different interpretations on the rules. We are relying on the expertise of our audit firm. There have been instances where communities were denied and then we look to see if there are nuances left out of the application.

Mr. O'Brien said Phase 3 and 4 were approved on Friday based on the feedback and change in the rules, but Phase 3 is still draft. Member LaCamera said we hired an engineering firm for the water projects that we wanted to do, which was submitted in June. We did not receive a response until December. Why did it take so long? Mr. O'Brien said we were trying to make them fit. Member LaCamera said we accept the project that was rejected, but why did it take so long to approve the other projects. Mr. O'Brien said we had some questions on the other ones. When it became clear that some of the other three (3) were going to be denied, that is how we came up with Phase 3. Mr. Valanzola said we don't want to arrive at any answers hastily. The Treasurer has worked hard to make something work. We understand you need the funds, and we don't want to quickly reject or approve. We are aware that the Treasurer is trying to make it work for you. Plus, there are other communities in the queue. Member LaCamera said we lost an entire construction season waiting for approval and the costs have gone up substantially. We have a proposal from the Park Commission to approve replacement of a playground, which falls into a reimbursement category. How long will that take to approve? Mr. O'Brien said a playground would have been denied in the first category. Because of the new category, that will be something that can be done under General Government Services. Mr. Sky said the proposal for playground is to use the Town's ARPA money; not the County's. Member LaCamera said once the projects are approved, how do we get reimbursed? Mr. O'Brien said the portal is set up. Mr. Sky and the Town Accountant will submit the application. It gets reviewed by several entities and then it goes to the Commissioners. In the projects not considered general government services, it can take longer. Mr. LaCamera asked if the money would be received before the project was done or after? Mr. O'Brien said reimbursement would be after the project is done for general government services. Mr. Sky said the water project was not approved, but it is at Level 3. Mr. O'Brien said we will work on that.

Member Carboni said there could be projects that were submitted that the community paid up front for and could be denied. Mr. O'Brien said as long as it is for general government services it

won't be denied. Mr. O'Brien said some communities have a broad interpretation of general government services. We have had communities submit items that don't meet the smell test. A community pool was looking to upgrade the pool and the play items. We did not feel that was appropriate. Mr. Valanzola said these monies are still relative to COVID. The Federal Government has begun clamping down on some of the use of the money. The State is in trouble for giving \$5 million to the Kennedy Institute, which was used to pay off some of their debt. He listed some examples around the country for things that were questionable. If you don't have it now, you can't use the money to get it. Vice Chair Fabian said the water to the Town House was approved, but the restroom was denied. Mr. O'Brien said that will be approved under general government services. Mr. Sky disagreed that the restroom did not qualify under water and sewer. Mr. O'Brien said most of those projects are under general government services. He has seen projects like that being called back by the Federal Government. Mr. Valanzola said none of our monies were clawed back for CARES, and we are trying to do that for ARPA. Lakeville received its own allocation, so you have funds to use of your own. Vice Chair Fabian said Scituate, Plymouth and Brockton are not using their revenue replacement funds. Mr. Sky said it is very difficult to calculate a revenue replacement figure under the guidelines. Mr. Valanzola said they don't need it for revenue replacement is what they said. Mr. O'Brien said Scituate intends to use all their funds on a large water project. Mr. Valanzola said Brockton and Plymouth received Gateway City money, which was a significant amount. If other communities took their revenue replacement, then yours would go down. Mr. O'Brien said we are the only county doing this with two (2) identical tranches. Member LaCamera said in Rochester, you were talking about revenue replacement to use for capital expenditures. You told them you could use their money for a feasibility study for a fire station. Mr. O'Brien said that would be under revenue replacement for a general government service.

Discuss and possible vote to award bid for Assawompset Elementary School improvements

Superintendent Alan Strauss and Kara Lees from the Freetown/Lakeville Regional School District and Joe Spangenberg from Watermark were present for the discussion. Vice Chair Fabian said we have the bid from NENA Construction for \$3,144,000. Mr. Spangenberg said they received three (3) general bids. NENA Construction - \$3,144,000; JJ Cardozi - \$3,438,000 and Paul J. Ronin - \$3,945,000. The construction cost estimate in the budget is \$3,379,255 so the low bid is \$235,255 lower than the budget approved by the MSBA. The balance moves to the construction contingency budget. Member LaCamera said the total budget is staying the same. t Ms. Lees said the budget is \$4,222,294 and did not include a change to the contingency. Mr. Spangenberg said we will submit a project amendment. The Owners Project Management (OPM) fee and designer fees were negotiated down. Member LaCamera said using that will probably not happen unless there is a major problem. Mr. Spangenberg said there is \$168,000 for contingency already. Vice Chair Fabian said the \$235,000 will be added to the \$168,000. Mr. Spangenberg said if the money is spent, whether it is eligible for reimbursement at 53.55% needs to be determined. We are in the process of getting bonds and insurance from the low bidder. If the contract is approved, we will send out the contract to the bidder.

Mr. Spangenberg said as part of our bid review, NENA's references were reviewed and there are no concerns with the bid. Member LaCamera said the owner, project manager and designer gave ratings on the references. All the ratings for the designer except for one (1) were neutral or

negative. Mr. Spangenberg said the project ended up being late. The manufacturer was not able to meet the delivery date and the project was delayed. The owner and project manager felt that NENA was good to work with. Member LaCamera said the owner, project manager and designer said schedule compliance was neutral, which is a negative. Mr. Spangenberg said they did not have a final completion date in the contract as they understood that there would be a problem with delivery. They couldn't say that they did not comply with the contract because there was no contract date. Vice Chair Fabian said the design of the windows was not firm the last time you were here. Mr. Spangenberg said the slide did not represent what we were getting. Member LaCamera said according to the contract, delivery of the windows is July 15th. Mr. Spangenberg said the estimated delivery date according to conversations with manufacturers is 16 weeks. Mr. Sky said fabrication delivery is July 21st on the schedule. Mr. Spangenberg said we have 40 days for submittals and then a review process. We are estimating April 23rd for the application and then 16 weeks after that for July delivery. Member LaCamera said how is this going to be done during school? Ms. Lees said there was always going to be some spillover; substantial completion October 20th. Mr. Spangenberg said the original schedule had us receiving the windows later. Vice Chair Fabian asked how do we work around the kids being in the building. Mr. Spangenberg said the contract allows for a certain time when the school is empty and then second shift when the school was not occupied. They will not be working when the kids are in class. Member LaCamera said looking at the contract, what does the unit pricing means. Mr. Spangenberg said there was an abatement survey done on the building. The specifics of asbestos removal were identified; this is additional if we find more asbestos. The purpose is to define the cost up front. Member LaCamera asked who is responsible to approve change orders. Ms. Lees said the Town as owner. Mr. Sky said we haven't really spoken about this yet. If the Board wants to have sign off over a certain amount it can be arranged. Mr. Spangenberg said the contractor would submit the change order to the architect and then they would review and recommend approval. He would do a review and make a recommendation to approve the change order. The MSBA does not have to approve beforehand; they would approve after.

Ms. Lees said we were pleasantly surprised with the pricing. Mr. Spangenberg said every building is constructed differently; it is difficult to assign a specific amount of energy savings, but 10% to 25 %. As far as compliance, the document states that one of the best ways to reduce costs is to improve the building envelope and that meets that. Ms. Lees said the savings is estimated at \$7,000 to \$10,000. She spoke to the MSBA to see if they had any historical data on windows replacement, but they didn't have anything to share. They did say because this building was made up of different additions, it is hard to figure. Member Carboni said we are a Green Community and we track the data for our annual report, so we will be tracking the data. It may not be huge, but it will help.

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

VOTED: To award the contract to NENA Construction in the amount of \$3,144,000.
Unanimous in favor.

MBTA Communities and Southcoast Rail briefing from Town Planner

Marc Resnick, Town Planner, was present for the discussion. Mr. Resnick said a year ago the State released the draft guidelines for the program to create multi family units by right around transit modes. We were designated as a commuter rail community and needed to zone for 750 units. Based on the comments we submitted, we are an adjacent small town and required to rezone for 231 units, which would be 15 units per acre density by right. He has spoken to Jean Fox of the MBTA/Southcoast Rail project. The Lakeville station will not be removed or sold off. It will still serve the Cape Flyer and there is talk about commuter rail going to Bourne, so they might reopen the station in Phase 2. Vice Chair Fabian asked if they are going to continue to maintain the parking lot on the off months, i.e. trash pickup, plowing, landscaping. We need to find that out. Member LaCamera asked if they are going to repair the parking that is full of potholes. Vice Chair Fabian said this is going to be overflow parking for the Middleborough Station. Member LaCamera asked if they are going to provide a shuttle bus to Middleborough. Mr. Resnick said he will find out. Member LaCamera said the new governor is saying that they are going to sell excess property around the MBTA stations. He would like it in writing that they are keeping the Lakeville Station property.

Mr. Resnick said in December he spoke to Taylor Perez from SRPEDD regarding funding sources to be able to comply with the MBTA program. You need to do a complex analysis of existing zoning and land area appropriate for rezoning for multi-unit housing. As it is a State mandate, SRPEDD is trying to provide funding. The Mass Housing Partnership put out a request for funding proposals in November, but they were for the commuter rail communities and we didn't really qualify. However, Ms. Perez had conversations at Mass Housing Partnership and some of the communities that money was set aside for haven't been able to use it. It was suggested that we apply and our request was approved and they will pay SRPEDD for the work. It needs to be done by June 30th. Over the next week SRPEDD will submit a proposal to Mass Housing Partnership on what they can complete by the end of the fiscal year. It should include the evaluation of the land area, zoning compliance, some public outreach and develop the zoning that may be necessary to comply. They will work with the Planning Board on this. Vice Chair Fabian said isn't that the zoning that a simple majority will be needed. Mr. Resnick said yes. What may not be included is the public hearings for the zoning change and any informational public meetings and the article for Town Meeting. The Planning Board will meet with Ms. Perez on Thursday to discuss the scope of the project.

Member LaCamera said he is not sure what the purpose of the grant is. Mr. Resnick said there are steps that communities need to go through to get their draft zoning bylaws approved for compliance with the program. The One Stop application for the Bridge Street project is a program that you would not be eligible for if you do not comply. Member Carboni said SRPEDD would be assisting the Town to identify the areas within the ½ mile radius of the Middleborough Station. Mr. Resnick said a half a mile from the Town line with Middleborough. That area will be evaluated. Member LaCamera said everything around the existing train station is developed. The only thing left is Lakeville Hospital. What is the benefit? Mr. Resnick said that is what the study from SRPEDD will show. We need to attempt to comply with this. It does not have to be vacant land; it can be land that could be redeveloped in the future. We would be creating the opportunity

to the development community to build the units. Member Carboni said she would not want the Town to not comply and lose potential grant opportunities in the future.

Member Carboni said with the last presentation we had at the Library, there were 7-11 residents being affected by Southcoast Rail and there could be mitigation. There was supposed to be some outreach. She would like to have the Town reach out and let them know there could be mitigation. Vice Chair Fabian said Jean Fox was part of this. Member Carboni said they were going to send out some correspondence. We as a community need to reach out to the residents that there is mitigation available. Mr. Resnick said Jean Fox said they would make attempts to notify the residents.

Discuss and possible vote to approve funding for Gamache Playground Refurbishment Project

Present for the discussion was Melisa Turcotte of the Park Commission and Scott Holmes. Mr. Sky said we have been discussing this for a while and now have enough information to put together a budget. After this, procurement will have to be done. Ms. Turcotte said they have been working with three (3) different companies. Right now, there are two (2) slides, a climber and swing set that needs to be repaired. We would like to keep what is there, keep the swing set and add another structure to be handicapped accessible and inclusive. We had gotten it down to under \$100,00,0 but the additional expense for fencing and landscaping pushed the money up. Ms. Turcotte said this will be in the existing footprint. We do have an alternative. Vice Chair Fabian asked about the landscaping that is currently there. Ms. Turcotte said the large trees can stay. There some grasses and burning bushes that need to come out. There are memorials that will stay and the bench will be refurbished. Member LaCamera thanked Ms. Turcotte for her work. Mr. Holmes, Vice Chair Fabian and he have been trying to get this project going for three (3) years. Vice Chair Fabian said when our kids were young, there wasn't much secure fencing. Ms. Turcotte said she is hoping to move the entranceway away from the road and parking lot. Member Carboni asked about the memorial bench. Ms. Turcotte said we will refurbish it this winter.

Mr. Sky said we need to decide whether to fund it this and which pot to fund it from. If it is Town money, we can move forward with procurement right away. If County, we need to wait for funding. You could use the Town ARPA money and apply for the County reimbursement. Member LaCamera asked what is the lead time. Ms. Turcotte said four (4) to five (5) months. Mr. Sky said if it gets denied by Plymouth County, we can use the Town's money. Member LaCamera said we can better prices from local vendors for the landscaping work. Mr. Sky said we can put it in as an add alternate in the Request for Proposals and if the number is acceptable, we can accept it.

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

VOTED: To approve up to \$170,000 of ARPA funding for the improvements and additions to the Gamache Playground and direct the Town Administrator to apply for ARPA funding from Plymouth County.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss tower facility at 100 Fern Avenue

Mr. Sky said the Town owns a monopole at 100 Fern Avenue. The initial lease lapsed in July 2017 and the tenant continued to pay lease payment of \$45,000 a year. The Town issued a Request for Proposals in March of 2022 and received two (2) responses. This is a 20-year lease with a single payment of \$2,150,000. There were three (3) areas in the lease that have been under discussion: Section 2.4 – non-disturbance – SBA had language that would have allowed the tenant to walk away if we did not block access to the site for others. The language is now acceptable. Section 4.2 – pre-paid rent – tenant shall pay a lump sum on the commencement date – when they sign they pay and Section 6.9 – removal bond the zoning law requires a \$200,000 removal bond. Tenant felt it was much more than needed. The previous lease was \$50,000; they wanted \$65,000 however, they will need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a waiver. Member Carboni said the monthly rent went into the General Fund so we won't have that now. This is one-time monies. Mr. Sky said the money will roll into the general fund and come up as free cash. We could put it in capital stabilization. Member Carboni said can we put it somewhere interest bearing and use it to improve our bond rating. Mr. Sky said any stabilization fund will help improve the bond rating. As long as it is not being spent, it will yield interest. Member Carboni said we still have to look at the budget that it will be \$45,000 less going forward. Vice Chair Fabian said the original lease was written when? Mr. Sky said it was written in 2007 for 10 years and the Selectmen refused to renew. Mr. Sky said the current tower is 70% occupied. Vice Chair Fabian said there is reference in the agreement to the tenant and subtenants. Mr. Sky said the advantage to them is they pay us once and don't have to worry about it for 20 years. The advantage to us is get a big chunk of money. We could talk to them about an annual payment, but he doesn't see an issue losing \$45,000 a year. Vice Chair Fabian said we can do something that we don't normally do. Mr. Sky said there are capital projects that could use some of this money. Member LaCamera said the lease was not renewed in 2017, but it should have been. He gave Mr. Sky credit for working on this for over a year to look at the different options to come up with the best alternative. If you look from a present value standpoint, inflation is 6% to 8% right now. If we have this money up front, we wouldn't have to borrow money and if we are putting it to a capital project it is in present dollars.

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

VOTED: To approve the Fern Avenue cell tower lease as presented.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve license for Lakeville Martial Arts Studio

Scott Holmes, Chairman of the Park Commission, was present for the discussion. Mr. Sky said this license expired last year. He has been working with the Martial Arts Studio and Scott Holmes on this. We talked through some of the issues with the facility. The rent wasn't enough to cover the cost at \$525 a month. It has been increased to \$725 a month for three years. We strengthened the language regarding maintenance on the building. It also strengthens the language regarding damage to the Town. The Park Commission considers then to be a good tenant. Mr. Holmes said Mr. Marando has been a help to the Town. He helps with the bathrooms and secures them at night. He has been a good tenant and is good for the community. Vice Chair Fabian said he also cleaned the port of potties during Covid. Member LaCamera said his concern is that the licensee agrees to maintain the structure of the building, including outside restrooms. It doesn't require cleaning.

Mr. Holmes said Mr. Marando helps us out by doing that. Member LaCamera said we have had some incidents with kids clogging up the toilets. Mr. Marando shouldn't be responsible for that. Mr. Holmes said the part time staff takes care of it on the weekends, so we haven't had to get outside help. Member LaCamera asked if port a potties should be used for sporting programs instead of using the bathrooms. Mr. Sky said this is a license and is non-transferrable.

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

VOTED: To approve the license for Lakeville Martial Arts Studio.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss selection process for at large members to the Fire Station Building Committee

Vice Chair Fabian said we have received 14 letters of interest for the at large members for the Fire Station Building Committee. We can close the applications now. Member Carboni said there are four (4) positions. All 14 applicants should have an opportunity to come before the Board. Mr. Sky said you could rank your top 4 applicants and he could compile the list and then set up interviews if the Board wants to interview them. Member LaCamera said he is looking for some sort of project management experience. There are some candidates that are very good. In previous committees, we looked for people that had industry experience. All these people live in Lakeville. Vice Chair Fabian said each member should bring three (3) or four (4) names forward. We could develop criteria to try to keep it neutral. Member LaCamera said we can come up with a list of questions. Some applicants identified their skills and projects that they have worked on. Mr. Sky said the charge you approved in December spoke to the requirements you were looking for. Vice Chair Fabian said we did create the charge and that is how she started reading the letters of interest. her top 4 and we could interview people and ask the same questions. A rating system is still subjective. Vice Chair Fabian said the four (4) people shouldn't all be in the same category. Member Carboni said with the Superintendent Search Committee, it was important for this Board to know what we were looking for. Vice Chair Fabian said with the Town Administrator Search, the company gave us choices. Member Carboni said she is hoping the information that was submitted captures their experience. Mr. Sky said that most of the applicants submitted some sort of resume. Vice Chair Fabian asked if she could reach out to people to ask questions. Mr. Sky and Member LaCamera did not recommend doing that. Mr. Sky asked the members to get their top four (4) choices by the end of the week and we can set up interviews.

Discuss community recognition program concepts

Mr. Sky said he came upon this program from his earlier tenure in Fauquier County, Virginia and each member recognizes one (1) citizen of the year. It can be an individual or a group. They try not to be political, focusing on people or groups that do good work. Vice Chair Fabian said this is a nice idea. Do we want to do it for 2022 or keep it in mind for 2023? Member Carboni said its great; there a lot of people in our community that do good things. A program like this is monumental. Mr. Sky said this is a Board driven exercise. In his mind this would be a good gesture from the Board to the community. Vice Chair Fabian said she and Ari would put something together to present to the Board.

Reschedule February 27th Select Board Meeting Date

Vice Chair Fabian said she has a conflict with the February 27th meeting. Is everyone available on the 28th. It would have to be at 5:00 PM because someone else has the room at 7:00 PM. There was no objection from the other Board Members Vice Chair Fabian said we will have to keep the agenda in mind timewise.

Review and possible vote to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022

Vice Chair Fabian thought that she had read the Select Board announcements. Ms. Craig-McGee will check on that. Member Carboni said on page 5, 1st paragraph, second to last sentence: a comment letter asking that the Zoning Board of Appeals not approve the development until the water was approved. Member LaCamera said do we need to appoint Lorraine to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Sky said the committee was created by the Superintendent to support the School Committee. It was not a formal vote of the School Committee. The superintendent appointed members. Freetown designated attendees. Member LaCamera said if it is a subcommittee of the Regional School District it needs to be posted. Member Carboni said it's not a subcommittee. It is a working group. Member Carboni said she will be attending.

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

VOTED: To approve the December 19, 2022 Select Board Meeting Minutes as amended.
Unanimous in favor.

New Business

There was no New Business discussed.

Old Business

Member LaCamera asked about the budget schedule. You said you would be presenting the preliminary budgets to the Board and Finance Committee on February 13th. When will we get the preliminary school budgets. Mr. Sky said mid-February. Member LaCamera said so we won't have the numbers for our meeting. Mr. Sky said the governor is not presenting her budget until March 1st, so whatever we have from the Schools will be subject to change. It will be an educated guess number. The new calendar assumed that we would have the number. If it was done in January we would have the numbers, but won't have them now until March. Member LaCamera said the State surplus was huge and they should use \$60 per student. He is concerned about the Region's budget. Mr. Sky said he has had discussions with Old Colony and the Region regarding the budget. The March 1st push back is a concern. It will be a planning number because they won't have the State budget numbers. It will be a conservative estimate for revenue. We will have the information prior to the February 13th meeting. Member LaCamera said he would like detailed numbers from the Region. Mr. Sky said last year the Governor's budget was presented in January. Vice Chair Fabian said to ask Old Colony and the Region to give us what they can.

At 9:11 PM, upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member LaCamera it was:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically with PBA Local 185; IAFF Local 3188 and Laborer's International Union, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Vice Chair so declares and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (4) to discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (7) to comply with the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30A, §22(f): approval of Executive Session Minutes for October 13, 2022 and December 5, 2022 and not to return to Open Session.
Roll call vote: Member Carboni – aye; Member LaCamera – aye and Vice Chair Fabian – aye.

Other Items

1. Letter from Town Clerk regarding Heather Clark – Loon Pond Lodge

List of documents provided at the Select Board Meeting of January 9, 2023

1. Agenda page
2. Agenda page; Town Administrator announcements
3. Agenda page
4. Agenda page; email from Town Administrator; bid review page; list of bids received; references for NENA Construction; email from Joe Spangenberg; total project budget; draft AIA Standard Form of Agreement; project funding agreement
5. Agenda page
6. Agenda page; memo from Town Administrator; summary from Park Commission on project; plan of equipment location; photographs of equipment
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