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TOWN OF CHARLTON
 Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
 Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 6:30pm
 Selectmen's Meeting Room – Meeting Room 1
 Town Hall, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA
 ZOOM Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87489442885>;
 Passcode: 061416; Phone Access +1-646-558-8656

Present: Chairman – William Borowski, Vice-Chairman – Patsy Rydlak, Clerk – Barbara Zurawski, Members – Stephen Koronis and David M. Singer, Town Administrator – Andrew Golas and SH Student Selectperson – Nina Zurawski and Bay Path Student Selectperson – Isabella Tanacea

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Borowski called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda / Warrant Approval as Needed

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 8, 2022 – **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to accept the minutes of March 8, 2022, seconded by Mr. Koronis, motion passes with Mr. Singer abstaining.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum

- Ms. Zurawski read the announcements.

IV. Appointments/Resignation:

1. Appointment – Historical Commission – Mr. Golas stated that attached is a talent bank form from Michael Bowie. Mr. Bowie was interested in being appointed as the WRTA Advisory Member as well as Veterans Housing but the WRTA Advisory Member position is filled and we do not have a Veterans Housing committee. We reached out to Mr. Bowie informing him of other committees that have openings and he is interested in being appointed to the Historical Commission. The Chairman of the Historical Commission reached out to Mr. Bowie and they would recommend the board appoint Mr. Bowie to the Historical Commission and he would concur. The term expiration of this appointment is June 30, 2024. **Motion by Mr. Singer to appoint Michael Bowie to the Historical Commission, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**
2. Appointment – Old Home Day Committee (2) – Mr. Golas stated that attached are two talent bank forms from Danielle Leboeuf and Debora Anderson seeking to be appointed to the Old Home Day Committee. The Old Home Day Committee would recommend the board make the appointments and he concurs. The expiration date for these appointments are June 30, 2022. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to appoint Danielle Leboeuf and Debora Anderson to the Old Home Day Committee, seconded by Ms. Zurawski, unanimous.**

V. Scheduled Appointments:

6:45pm – Pinning of two firefighters – Mr. Golas stated that Chief Knopf has asked for time on the agenda to officially pin two of his members, Awtumn Courville and Joseph Danna. Due to COVID, these ceremonies were placed on the back burner and he feels it's important to recognize these individuals for coming on board during historic times to serve the town and its citizenry. Chief Knopf came forward with Mr. Danna. He said due to a scheduling error, Ms. Courville could not be here. He said due to COVID, the ceremonies had to be held up. Mr. Danna's wife came forward and pinned him. The Board congratulated him.

6:50pm – Council on Aging appointment – Joint appointment by COA & BOS – Mr. Golas stated that at the board’s last meeting, they were notified that a member of the Council on Aging had resigned. The opening was placed on the town’s website and Facebook page. The Council on Aging is recommending the board appoint Michael Zereski to the board. The vote for appointment must be done jointly and by roll call vote by both boards and the term expiration date would be June 30, 2025. Present from Council on Aging: Cindy Cooper, James Russell, Vicki Thompson, James Howard and Barbara Larson. Mrs. Cooper opened the Council on Aging meeting at 6:50pm. **Motion by Ms. Larson to recommend the appointment of Michael Zereski to the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Russell. Roll call vote: Ms. Larson – aye, Mr. Russell – aye, Mr. Howard – aye, Ms. Thompson – aye, Ms. Cooper – aye, Mr. Singer – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.** The Board congratulated Mr. Zereski. Council on Aging meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

7:00pm – Pole Hearing – Gale Road – Mr. Golas stated that attached you will find a request from Massachusetts Electric, d/b/a National Grid to install 2 solely owned poles on Gale Road. Also attached is the notice that was sent to the abutters. This request has been forwarded and approved by both the Police Department and DPW Superintendent. No comments or concerns have been received. The Chairman should open the public hearing by reading the notice as sent to abutters. He would recommend the board approve the request. Chairman Borowski opened the hearing by reading the notice. Rebecca Marques from National Grid was present. **Motion by Mr. Singer to close the hearing, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous. Motion by Mr. Singer to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

VI. New Business:

1. Special One Day Liquor License request – The Overlook Community Fundraiser – Mr. Golas stated that attached is an application submitted by the Overlook Community for a Special Alcoholic Beverage License to be used on March 31, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm in the Performing Arts Center, 88 Masonic Home Road for a fundraiser for the people of Ukraine. The application was forwarded to the Police Chief, Building Commissioner and Fire Chief which all have approved with a stipulation by the Fire Department that R. Moore to be present to serve as the Crowd Manager, ensure all egress remains clear of any obstructions and trip hazards and all restrictions in NFPA 1, 527 CMR 1.00 & MGL 148 shall be enforced. Per the Board’s policy, if the special alcoholic beverage license is approved, the dates on the license should include the day before the event to allow the alcohol to be delivered, the day of the event and the day after the event to allow any alcohol left over to be picked up. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve the Special Alcoholic Beverages License submitted by the Overlook Community with the dates on the license to be March 30, 2022 – April 1, 2022 with the recommended stipulations by the Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Singer, unanimous.**
2. Nomination of Inspector of Animals – Mr. Golas stated that attached is notification by the Division of Animal Health that the Inspector of Animals and the Alternate Inspector of Animals term will expire April 30, 2022. You are asked to make the appointment of Emily Sears as the Inspector of Animals and Kathleen Flynn and Edward Hart as the Assistant Inspector of Animals. The term of these appointments will run from May 1, 2022 until April 30, 2023. Police Chief Dowd is recommending the appointments as well. Once the appointments are made, we will notify the Division of Animal Health who will make the official appointments. He would recommend the board make the appointments. **Motion by Mr. Koronis to make the appointments, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

VII. Old Business:

1. Annual Town Meeting Article Discussion

- Consider M.G.L. c. 40, sec 8J to formerly establish a Commission on Disability in the Town of Charlton
- Consider additional article for Police Department – An Act Relative to Special Police Officers in the Police Department of the Town of Charlton

Mr. Golas stated that at the Board's last meeting, you closed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Two items for discussion:

1. Consider M.G.L. C. 40, sec 8J to formally establish a commission on Disability in the Town of Charlton.
2. Request to re-open warrant and add an article for the Police Department – An act relative to Special Police Officers in the Police Department of the Town of Charlton.

1. Jeanne Costello has asked the Board to consider asking the town to accept M.G.L. C. 40, sec 8J to formally establish forming a Commission on Disability. Currently the town does not have one. This had previously gone to town meeting on September 27, 1999 and was postponed indefinitely. In reviewing the laws for this commission, it appears we already meet the specific needs with guidance by our Building and Planning Departments. At this time, he wouldn't recommend the board support this request. Chairman Borowski would like to see if there is enough interest from residents for this. Mr. Golas stated that the board could have an advisory board. Chairman Borowski would like to have this go to town meeting. Mr. Singer is not opposed to this but if there really is no benefit, meaning we don't have that many places around town where we would even have the opportunity to institute those tickets and fines and most of what this committee would do, we are already taking that step. Ms. Rydlak likes the idea but where would the money come from? She doesn't think we need something that official. Mr. Koronis thinks part of this is parents that needs help for their children. He asked if we could do a regional one with either Southbridge or Dudley. Mr. Singer recommended having an advisory committee first to see if we have people interested. Ms. Rydlak asked what would be the objective of the advisory committee, would their objective be to determine if we need this. Mr. Singer thinks their objective would be to perform the functions of what that commission would do. Ms. Zurawski thinks an advisory committee makes more sense. Chairman Borowski said currently this is on the warrant and we would need a motion to either keep it or remove it.

2. Police Chief Dowd is asking the board to petition special legislation regarding Special Police Officers in the Town of Charlton. Currently legislation states they must retire at age 65. Special legislation would allow them to continue as Special Police Officers until the age of 70.

Motion by Mr. Singer to reopen the warrant, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous. Motion by Mr. Singer to remove from the warrant the article to create the disability commission, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, motion passes with Chairman Borowski – opposed. Mr. Singer would like to know how many tickets get passed out in a year. **Motion by Mr. Singer to add the police article relative to Special Police Officers, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

Chairman Borowski said there has been discussions about a senior center and there is an article on the warrant for it. **Motion by Mr. Singer to remove that placeholder, seconded by Mr. Koronis.** Chairman Borowski would recommend that we talk with Council on Aging again to let them know that we are removing it. **Mr. Singer withdrew his motion. Mr. Koronis withdrew his second.** Chairman Borowski recommended leaving the warrant open until our next meeting and invite Council on Aging.

IX. BOS Policy Review

X. BOS & TA Goals & Objectives

XI. Student Selectperson Reports – Isabella Tanacea and Nina Zurawski reviewed their reports.

XII. Town Administrator Report – Mr. Golas reviewed his report.

XIII. Other Business (unknown at time of posting) Chairman Borowski asked that we talk to Human Resource about what type of form to use for the Town Administrator review. We are looking at doing that the second week in April.

XIV. Next Meeting Announcement:

- BOS Regular Meeting – April 12, 2022, 6:30pm

XV. Adjourn – **Motion by Mr. Singer to adjourn at 7:19pm, seconded by Mr. Koronis, unanimous.**

Submitted by:

Mary C. Devlin

Executive Assistant

Accepted by:



William Borowski, Chairman




Barbara Zurawski, Clerk



Patsy Rydlak, Vice-Chairman

David M. Singer, Member



Stephen G. Koronis, Member

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Bay Path RVTHS

Izzy Tanacea

School Committee/ School Happenings

- This week is spirit week at BP. Tomorrow is sports day, Thursday is pajama day and Friday is hat day. To participate in Friday's spirit day, students must pay 2 dollars to donate to the boys and girls club.
- MCAS for freshmen and sophomores is going on this week until Thursday.
- SkillsUSA district competition was Wednesday of last week. Congratulations to all medalists.

Senior News

- Seniors recently voted on their class superlatives. Voting ended on the 16th
- Class dues must be in before buying tickets for prom and ordered cap and gowns.
- This year's prom is enchanted forest and will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club on May 6th from 6-10 pm. Tickets are \$60 and are on sale until the end of march
- Our class trip in on May 31st and we will be attending a WooSox game. More information to come.

Sports

- All spring sports tryouts began yesterday March 21.
- All teams' rosters should be posted by the end of the week
- Softball's first game is on March 31st against BVT

Extra-Curriculars

- NHS is having their induction ceremony in May. More information to come.

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Nina Zurawski

-The Battle of the Borders

The Battle of the Borders will run from Tuesday, March 1st through Monday, March 28. We will be raising paper goods again as well as feminine products. It will be Dudley Elementary, DMS, & Mason Rd vs. CMS, CES, & Heritage vs. Shepherd Hill. We will send NHS students down to each school to count up and tally all items on the 28th after school.

-Congrats to the SH Music Department!!

Congratulations to the SH Music Department for their success this weekend!

*Fantasy won 2nd place overall

- Hannah White and Elizabeth Valley won best solo
- Brian Gosselin won best solo guitar

*Illusion won 1st place - GRAND CHAMPS

- Best vocals
- Best choreography
- Best show design

*Color Guard 4th place overall in Dartmouth

*Winter Percussion 3rd overall at Dartmouth

-MASSACHUSETTS AMAZING EMERGING ARTISTS RECOGNITIONS EXHIBIT

MAEA is sponsoring a juried art exhibit for high school students, grades 9 – 12, open to MAEA members only. The 2022 MAEA Recognitions Exhibit will be a virtual exhibit, posted on the MAEA website. We see this as a real-life opportunity for students to express what is important to them in a visually powerful way. Presenting the exhibit online opens up the possibility of reaching a larger audience on a digital platform.

AWARDS go from \$25-\$500

-Yearbook Sales

-Yearbook sales have been amazing this year! There are a few yearbooks left to purchase...sales are opened back up! The yearbooks left to purchase are first come, first served so once they are gone, that's it!

Go to the Shepherd Hill Yearbook page to order!

-VIRTUAL EXHIBIT

Virtual exhibit opens March 14, 2022

Best of luck to these students for being selected to have their artwork featured in the juried MAEA exhibit: Jake Beaudette, Jenn Broztek, Eda Lindstrom, and Collin Moody.

-SAVE THE DATE!

SHRHS Drama Club presents, "Choose Your Own Shakespeare" by Ashley Harvey ('22)

*FRIDAY, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th

*Get ready for a fully interactive Shakespearean experience where the audience decides what happens!

-Tryouts

Began on Monday, March 21st. Coaches will reach out to prospective student-athletes directly once registration closes. A list of Spring coaches and contact information will be provided on our website.

Please proceed to the [SH Athletics website](#) or directly to our registration [site](#) with your parent/guardian to sign up for one of the following sports:

- Baseball, Softball, Boys Outdoor Track & Field, Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis

-Course Selection

Next year's class selection is out! Make sure everyone chooses what they want to study for the school year of 2022-2023!

*There's a link on the SH Website!

-Booster Club

Let's Dance! Back to the 80's!

Dance the Night Away with DJ Phou!

AT POINT BREEZE, WEBSTER, MA

This is a 21+ event. Music, Prizes, Dinner. Cash Bar, 50/50 Raffle!

Dress to impress in your favorite 80's gear!

Proceeds support
the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute &
the Shepherd Hill Booster Club

Friday, April 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm - At Point Breeze in Webster MA



Town of Charlton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Andrew M. Golas, Town Administrator

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Andrew Golas, Town Administrator
DATE: March 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report – for Selectmen's meeting of 3/21/2022

Crumbing Concrete Update – As requested at your February 8th Meeting the following is an update on the Crumbling Concrete legislation. Senate Bill 548, An Act relative to crumbling concrete foundations was referred to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture on March 29, 2021. A hearing for the bill was held December 28, 2021. There is currently a reporting deadline of Thursday, March 31st on that bill from Committee.

Budget Timeline Update – Just as an update where we stand on the FY23 Budget development process. The Finance Committee met on March 16th with the School Departments to review their request and on March 30th to provide budget recommendations. A draft budget will be provided to the Board of Selectmen the week of April 4th. We will be looking to host a meeting of the Boards Wednesday, April 13th to jointly review budget and provide recommendations on warrant articles.

Auditor's & Accountant's Association Presentation – Just as information to the Board, on March 15th, I had the opportunity to present to the Massachusetts Municipal Auditor's & Accountant's Association a presentation on Strategies for Negotiating with Businesses as part of their annual school at UMass. The presentation was a highlight on the strategies and tactics used in negotiating the Amazon agreement and how other communities can use partnership agreements to their advantage. Overall it was a well-received presentation. I would like to thank the MMAAA for inviting me to speak on this topic.