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TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room
37 Main St., Charlton MA
and Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87489442885>

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

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Borowski called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge to the flag. He introduced Bay Path Student Selectperson Isabella Tanacea. Ms. Tanacea said she is a senior at Bay Path and is excited to be here.

II. Consent Agenda / Warrant Approval as Needed

- a. Minutes of Special Meeting – September 21, 2021. **Motion by Mr. Koronis to approve, seconded by Ms. Zurawski, motion passes with Mr. Singer abstaining.**
- b. Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 28, 2021. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve, seconded by Mr. Singer, unanimous.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum

- Ms. Zurawski read the announcements.

IV. Appointments/Resignation:

1. Appointment – Per Diem Dispatcher. Mr. Golas stated that Police Chief Dowd is asking the Board to appoint Jose Aponte as a Per-Diem Dispatcher. He would recommend the board make the appointment. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve Chief Dowd's request, seconded by Ms. Zurawski, unanimous.**

V. Scheduled Appointments:

VI. New Business:

1. Reprecincting Map – approve. Mr. Golas stated that Town Clerk Karen LaCroix has informed us that we are bound by state law to adjust some of our precincts to have them remain within the target population. The numbers used are from the Federal 2020 Census. We were able to move the fewest people possible and remain within our variance percentage. We will be moving approximately 54 residents (not just voters) from Precinct 3, (see black outline on map) to Precinct 4. All residents and voters will be notified by mail in Dec/Jan. of the changes. Changes do not take effect until December 31, 2021. The board is asked to vote to accept the 2020 Reprecincting plan for the Town of Charlton as presented by the Town Clerk. **Motion by Mr. Koronis to accept, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**
2. Winter Washed Sand Bid award. Mr. Golas stated that Winter Washed Sand bids were opened and read on October 7, 2021 at 10:00am. Two bids were received from Hylka Construction Co., Inc.

and Mass Broken Stone Company. After review of the bids, DPW Superintendent Foskett is recommending the board award the bid to Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, 332 Sawyerhill Rd., Berlin, MA in the amount of \$18.25 per ton delivered. Last year's award was to Hylka Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$17.95/per ton delivered. He would recommend the board award the bid as requested. **Motion by Mr. Koronis to approve, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

3. Request for Common Victualler (coffee/food) – Bellies. Mr. Golas stated that attached is a request from GLL, Inc., d/b/a Bellies for a common victualler license (coffee/food) to be used at 109 Masonic Home Road, Unit 2. The hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday, 6:00am – 2:00pm. They have completed the proper paperwork needed. He would recommend the board approve the request. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Singer, unanimous.**

VII. Old Business:

1. Special Town Meeting – Approve/Sign Warrant. Mr. Golas stated that the Special Town Meeting Warrant is ready to be posted with the Town Clerk. The Board needs to approve the warrant for us to do so. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve the final warrant for Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Koronis, Mr. Koronis thinks he should abstain since he is an abutter to Article 12 and rescinded his second. Mr. Singer seconded Ms. Rydlak's motion. Motion passes with Mr. Koronis abstaining.**
2. Approval of Tax Increment Financing agreement with Amazon and approval of application submission to the EACC. Mr. Golas stated that enclosed, please find the proposed Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) and application submission to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) for the proposed Amazon project at 53 Sturbridge Road. In order for Amazon to proceed with submitting their application to the EACC prior to the November 3rd deadline, the Board of Selectmen should vote to approve the TIF and to authorize the application to be submitted. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to approve the agreement for the TIF with Amazon, seconded by Mr. Singer, unanimous.**
3. Review Draft American Recoveries Act Budget. Mr. Golas stated that attached is the American Rescue Plan Act that he would ask the board to review and approve or make any changes. The Town of Charlton is scheduled to receive a total of \$4,098,908 over the next two years under this Act. The budget outlines the initial municipal plan for the use of the funds available under this program. (see attached) He reviewed the items. Peter Boria, Water Superintendent came forward and explained what the operational replacement engineering & construction is. Discussion around the Economic Development Coordinator and funding such as looking at the last two years instead of all four. We have other projects that we could spend this kind of money on. Mr. Singer said an Economic Development Director shouldn't just be applying for grants. They should be attending all the trade shows and chamber events, networking and actually interacting with these businesses to bring them to Charlton. Ms. Rydlak said we have teams in the town hall that know how to coordinate this. Chairman Borowski asked Mr. Golas to come up with an alternate proposal and see what we can come up with at our next meeting and then we'll do a formal direction. Mr. Singer said we want the return on the investment. Chairman Borowski recommended that knowing it is ultimately taxpayer money that we publish a public hearing notice and we actually have a formal public hearing on it to let the residents come in and have a discussion.

VIII. BOS Committee Reports

IX. BOS Policy Review

X. BOS & TA Goals & Objectives – Mr. Singer would make a recommendation under TA Goals under fees which currently states, “recommend that current fee structure not be lowered as current structure is equivalent, if not lower than comparable communities. For further consideration, please identify particular fees Board would like to see reduced and by how much,” he would recommend Mr. Golas provide the fees to the board that the board controls so each member could go through them and as far as other towns, he doesn’t care what other towns charge or don’t charge. If there is an opportunity for the board to lower some of the fees, he thinks we should look at them. Chairman Borowski asked to put this on the first meeting in November.

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

XII. Other Business (unknown at time of posting):

Ms. Rydlak said she was asked by the Scouts to attend their meeting on the 21st of November so she can talk about what the board does.

XIII. Next Meeting Announcement:


- BOS Regular Meeting – November 9, 2021, 6:30pm, Selectmen’s Meeting Room
- BOS Special – Pre-Town Meeting – November 15, 2021 – 6:00pm – Charlton Middle School
- Special Town Meeting – November 15, 2021 – 7:00pm – Charlton Middle School

XIV. Adjourn: **Motion by Mr. Singer to adjourn at 7:26pm, seconded by Mr. Koronis, unanimous.**

Submitted by:

Mary C. Devlin
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:




William Borowski, Chairman

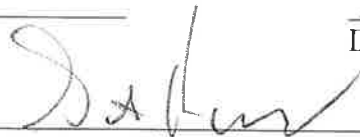


Barbara Zurawski, Clerk

Patsy Rydlak, Vice-Chairman



David M. Singer, Member



Stephen G. Koronis, Member



Town of Charlton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Andrew M. Golas, Town Administrator

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Andrew Golas, Town Administrator
DATE: October 19, 2021
SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report – for Selectmen's meeting of 10/26/21

2022 License Renewals – We have started the process for the 2022 License Renewals issued by the Board. They will be brought to you at your meetings in December for approval.

Pre-Town Meeting Information Session – Town Moderator Noreen Smith will be hosting a pre-town meeting information session on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00pm to educate voters on the importance of town meeting and the articles being considered. This session will be held via Zoom. See the town website for details.

NEC LNG Project – Mass Energy Facilities Siting Board issued a final decision approving the construction of a Gas Liquefaction and Storage Facility on Rt. 169 at their meeting on October 21st. Project info available at www.townofcharlton.net/LNG.