



OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MAYNARD
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

via remote access

(This public meeting was held remotely and recorded.)

Present: (via Emergency Remote Access)

Armand Diarbekirian, Selectman

Chris DiSilva, Chairman/Selectman

David Gavin, Selectman

Melissa Levine-Piro, Clerk/Selectman,

Justine St. John, Selectman

Gregory W. Johnson, Town Administrator

Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town Administrator

Becky Mosca, Administrative Assistant,

1. Meeting Opening

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to enter Executive Session for the purposes listed.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session

A. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town, MCAD Complaint Koschoff v. Maynard.

B. To discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual - Police Department personnel.

C. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel – Police Chief.

D. To conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Police Chief.

Closed Executive Session at 7:14 pm

3. Re-Convene Open Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comments:

Margaret Ann Miles, resident on Summer Street, asked whether the Selectmen meeting was available on the town's webpage and social media such as Facebook. Mr. Johnson replied that the meeting was presented on the town's webpage, but was not certain if it was on the social media sites.

Jeffrey Swanberg, resident on Acton Street, supports the delay of the Town Elections.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to accept and approve the March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes, as shown.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to accept and approve the March 4, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, but not release.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to accept and approve the March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes, as shown.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to accept and approve the seven correspondence items (A thru G), as shown.

- A. Chapter 90 Funds from MassDOT for Fiscal Year 2021
- B. Notification of immediate Response Action Plan Addendum and Status Report related to White Pond potential contamination
- C. Xfinity TV Services changes effective May 5th 2020
- D. Xfinity the 2019 license fee payment per subscribers
- E. Xfinity Comcast policies and procedure information
- F. Annual Beano Report from St. Bridget Parish
- G. MAPC MAGIC Healthy Aging, Healthy Living Report

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to accept and approve the two Consent Agenda items (A thru B), as shown.

- A. Cemetery Deed
- B. Green Community program application for FY20

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Hearing: Water and Sewer Rate Setting, 8:00 pm

Read legal Notice:

The Maynard Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday March 17, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. in Room 201 of the Maynard Town Building at 195 Main Street, Maynard for the purposes of discussing the Town Water Use By-Laws specifically, Water and Sewer Rates. The Public is invited to attend.

Continued hearing to April 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Board requested the Director of Public Works Justin Demarco and and Pioneer Consultants Doug Gardner to come back with alternative rates to be proposed and considered at the continued meeting date.

8. Community Impacts by Public Health Conditions

A. Declaration of State of Emergency

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. Levine-Piro to declare that as of April 7, 2020, a state of emergency exists in the Town of Maynard, and shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to our judgement that the conditions leading to this declaration no longer exist.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Financial:

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the current financial conditions and analysis being conducted by the town's finance team, in reflection of the current public health crisis and its impact on the economy and taxpayers.

C. Reporting procedures of cases:

The Board deliberated over whether to provide the public with COVID-19 positive case number at the town or county-level. The state's Department of Public Health prefers the county-level. The Board members' preference is for town-level at this time.

9. Town Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Ms. St. John to set new date for Annual and Special Town meeting until June 13, 2020.

Board will set time place and location at a later meeting.

Voted: By roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of proposed town meeting articles to be continued to the Board meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020. Articles are to be considered by order of urgency as to when to deliberate over, either for the summer town meeting, or a future town meeting in the fall.

10. Town Administrator Report

Mr. Johnson commented that the reports from the town departments all showed the current work and concerns they have at this time with constant communication regarding the conditions and communication surrounding the public health crisis.

11. Chairman's Report

Mr. DiSilva asked that we add new agenda item to next week's agenda with the revised election date and times. He referenced the comment from Mr. Swanberg earlier.

Mr. DiSilva congratulated the Maynard High School's Girls Basketball Team named as this year's Co-Champions.

Mr. DiSilva thanked all the workers at Town Hall, DPW, Public Safety and others for the work and keeping up with operations in Maynard.

Mr. DiSilva proposed to invite the Sesquicentennial Committee to the next Board meeting to review their plans and any changes in response to the public health crisis.

12. Board Member Reports

Mr. Gavin added this congratulations to the Maynard High School's Girls Basketball Team and asked to have signs made for the entrance to Maynard, as was done for the Boys Team in the past.

Mr. Gavin proposed a community event in celebration of whenever the town "re-opens".

Mr. Gavin inquired as to the status of the proposed marijuana retailer NewCann and whether its Host Community Agreement is expired. Ms. Zammuto confirmed that it is as of April 1, 2020.

Mr. Gavin requests all resident to fill out the census forms either online or by mail.

Mr. Diarbekirian asked if proposed recreational marijuana retailer MassWellsprings was approved by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) for its provisional certificate. Ms. Zammuto responded affirmatively.

Mr. Diarbekirian asked if the other Board members were aware that the Planning Board had some new rules and regulations for policies and procedures.

Ms. St. John thanked everyone for coming together and working through this public health crisis.

Ms. St. John wanted to know if there were resources available for help with rental assistance. The town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) member Bill Cranshaw said they have article in this year's warrant that might help cover some funds in the future.

Ms. St. John asked everyone to purchase gift certificates from local businesses here in Maynard once the town opens back up and not use the gift certificates until later in the year.

Ms. Levine-Piro asked if we could remove the tennis court nets and the town's swings so the public wouldn't use them at this time. Mr. DiSilva asked to have legal opinion and if we need a curfew.

Ms. Levine-Piro reminded residents to stay home and stay safe.

Ms. Levine-Piro requests to have a Board of Health member at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Ms. Levine-Piro asked how the Board can support the small businesses here in Maynard, and whether they can offer any help or defer taxes.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. DiSilva and seconded by Mr. Gavin to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Voted: By roll call. Motion approved.

Approved:

Date:



Melissa Levine-Piro, Clerk/Selectman

Initials: bjm