

Select Board Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2021

Present: The members of the Select Board all participated remotely via using GoToWebinar: Mr. Frank DelVecchio, Chairman; Mr. Jess Aptowitz, Clerk; Mr. Michael Trowbridge and Mr. Steve Schoonveld. Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager and Mr. Barry LaCasse, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director also participated using the GoToWebinar.

Mr. Neil Rhein, Vice Chairman was not present at the start of the meeting but arrived at 6:02PM

1. Call To Order Select Board Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. He then asked those present to state the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast live and taped for future broadcast on Mansfield Cable. Chairman DelVecchio read a statement and provided an email address and phone number to those watching directing residents to send their questions in, and they would receive a response within twenty-four hours.

2. Consideration to Re-open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Motion: To re-open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

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3. Consideration to Add Two Articles to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Dumas presented two articles that were being considered as additions to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The items he explained were for the purpose of removing the police department and fire department from civil service statue. He stated that the fire union has agreed to this and the last step is to take the vote at Town Meeting. Mr. Dumas stated that the police negotiations are not final so the article for the police department may be passed over at Town Meeting if an agreement is not made prior. Mr. Schoonveld asked a few questions that were answered by Mr. Dumas.

Motion: To add two articles to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

4. Consideration to Close the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant

Motion: To close the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

5. Consideration to Approve and Sign the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant

Motion: To approve and sign the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant as presently prepared, and to allow the Town Manager to make any necessary, corrective or non-substantive changes thereto at the recommendation of Town Counsel. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

6. Discussion and Consideration to Create and Place Veteran Memorial Street Sign in Memory of Corey Shea

Mr. Michael Raymond, Veterans Agent was present and provided the information for this agenda item and the following one. He also described the signs that other Towns have done to honor those that were killed in action. He

explained that Earl Mason, Town Historian helped him with this and he did research on each veteran and confirmed that each veteran had declared Mansfield as their place of residence. He was seeking permission to add a sign on the street signs that each lived at. He also stated that he has money in his budget to cover the cost of the signs and is working on an additional twelve names that he will seek the Boards permission in the near future. He also hopes to have the following signs completed by Memorial Day if approved.

Motion: To create and place Veteran Memorial Street Sign in Memory of Corey Shea to be placed on top of existing street sign located at Shea Circle. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

7. Discussion and Consideration to Create and Place Veteran Memorial Street Signs in Memory of Veterans from World War II and Korean War

Motion: To create and place Veteran Memorial Street Signs in Memory of the following Veterans from World War II and Korean War listed below. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

1. Angelo Cataloni (MIA - WW2, Navy, SLC). 81 Angell St.
2. Clinton A. Davidson (KIA - WW2, Army, SGT). 109 West St.
3. Arthur M. Hodge (KIA - WW2, Army, PVT). 750 N. Main St.
4. Joseph A. Lucy (KIA - WW2, Army, SGT) 32 Draper Ave.
5. Thomas L. McAuley (MIA/KIA - WW2, Army, PVT). 22 County St.
6. Erwin F. Morse (KIA - WW2, Army, PFC). 117 Willow St.
7. William A. Quinham (KIA - WW2, Navy, M3C). 76 Williams St.
8. Clifford C. Sherman (KIA - WW2, Air Corps, 1LT). Elm St.
9. Francis E. Talty, Jr. (KIA - WW2, Army, PFC). 22 Pleasant St.
10. Howard Tillotson (KIA – Korea, USAF, AMN) 131 Dean St.

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 4:0

8. Resident Questions and Comments

There were no resident questions or comments.

9. Review and Approve Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda may be adopted with a single motion. Any member of the Select Board may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration in which case that item will be voted on separately from the remainder of the Consent Agenda. All licenses have been routed through Town Hall Departments and any conditions have been noted below.

- a) Vote To Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - March 3, 2021
- b) Vote To Approve Warrants:
 - Town Vendor Warrant No. 21038T in the amount of \$244,642.44
 - Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21038E in the amount of \$38,980.33
 - Town Vendor Warrant No. 21039T in the amount of \$1,042,374.68
 - School Vendor Warrant No. 21039S in the amount of \$553,137.38
 - Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21039E in the amount of \$100,175.92
- c) Permits and Licenses:
 - Consideration of 2021 Water Installers License for Site & Septic Corp.
 - Consideration of 2021 Drainlayers License for Moran Excavation
 - Consideration of Tent Fee Waiver for MMAS

Motion: To approve the consent agenda. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Passes 4:0

10. Select Board Member's Comments and Questions

Mr. Aptowitz stated that the Light Commissioners have an upcoming meeting and the major focus will be on the budget. He stated that the budget will be sent out well in advance and if any member has any questions they should be sent prior to the meeting to Mr. Sollecito so that the meeting can move swiftly. Mr. Aptowitz then asked if the Corey Shea flag pole area could be resealed prior to Memorial Day as it was getting faded. Mr. Aptowitz then stated that several residents have reached out to him in regards to the trash and recycling survey and if there was going to be a presentation made to the Board. Mr. Schoonveld answered that there was a meeting this past Monday and the committee is working on their recommendation that will be made to the Select Board which will be done by the first meeting in June so that an RFP can be sent out for the hauling contract that expires in a year. He also added that there may be a recording done that could be sent out to everyone of the summary and they plan to email the summary to all the participants who did the survey.

Mr. Schoonveld also commented that the flowers and bushes at the Shea Memorial also need some care. He then stated that the Plymouth Street Playground equipment has been removed and it looks like a beach. He added that he is glad to see the progress and that it is being considered as part of CIP. Mr. Schoonveld then stated that he did not provide a rhetorical tax question of the week last week but will provide one next week.

Mr. Rhein joined the meeting at this time and mentioned the 14th Annual Great Mansfield Cleanup that will be happening over the course of three weeks starting April 10th through May 2nd. He stated that individuals can register at keepmansfieldbeautiful.com and someone will be in touch with their cleanup route and supplies.

Chairman DelVecchio did not have any comments.

Mr. Trowbridge stated that he also received a lot of questions about Trash & Recycling because many people thought a decision had been made already. Mr. Trowbridge stated that the schools are also in need of new playgrounds and the cost is very high and they will be brought to CIP from the schools next year.

11. Any items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting

There were no items.

12. Enter into Executive Session and Not Return to Open Session under Exemption No. 2, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21-

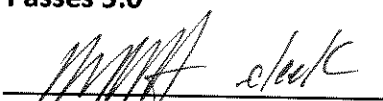
- a.) To discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.
- b.) Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2021

Motion: To adjourn to Executive Session and Not Return to Open Session under Exemption No. 2, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to approve executive session meeting minutes of March 3, 2021 at 6:07PM.


Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio - Yes

Passes 5:0



Signature



Date