

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021**

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

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

Mr. Kevin Dumas called the meeting to order at 5:00PM because the Board needed to reorganize. 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. The public was not allowed to be present in Town Hall. Mr. Dumas read a statement and provided an email address and phone number to those watching directing residents to send their questions in.

2. Reorganization of the Select Board

Mr. Dumas asked the Board for nominations for the Chair of the Select Board. Mr. Trowbridge nominated Mr. Rhein. Mr. Schoonveld commented that he wanted to nominate himself as he is been on the Board six years, but noted he could only do half the job. There was no further discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Passes 5:0

Chairman Rhein thanked everyone for the honor of being chair and then thanked Mr. DelVecchio for his work as Chair of the Select Board the past year with all of the challenges of the COVID. The Chair then asked for nominations of Vice-Chair. Mr. DelVecchio nominated Mr. Trowbridge. Mr. Schoonveld nominated himself. The Board then voted on Mr. Trowbridge as Vice-Chair by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Aptowitz- Yes DelVecchio – Yes Schoonveld - No Trowbridge – Yes Rhein – Yes

Passes 4:1

Chairman Rhein asked for nominations for Clerk. Mr. Trowbridge nominated Mr. DelVecchio as clerk. There were no further nominations or discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Passes 5:0

Chairman Rhein asked for nominations for Chair of the Board of Light Commissioners. Mr. Schoonveld nominated himself. Mr. Aptowitz nominated Mr. DelVecchio. Mr. DelVecchio stated he was going to nominate Mr. Trowbridge. Mr. Trowbridge commented that he would withdraw his name and let the other two take that role. There were no further nominations and the Board voted to name Mr. Schoonveld as Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

Aptowitz – Nay DelVecchio – No Trowbridge – No Schoonveld - Yes Rhein – Abstain

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The Board then voted by roll call for Mr. DelVecchio as Chair of the Board of Light Commissioners.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Passes 4:0:1

Chairman Rhein asked for nominations for Clerk of the Board of Light Commissioners. Mr. Trowbridge nominated Mr. Rhein. There were no further nominations or discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Schoonveld - No DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Rhein – Yes

Passes 4:1

Chairman DelVecchio asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Light Commissioners. Mr. DelVecchio nominated Mr. Aptowitz. There were no further nominations or discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Mr. Aptowitz – Yes Rhein – Yes

Passes 5:0

Chairman Rhein suggested discussing Board and Committee appointments at the next meeting and asked members if they have a preference to email him. Mr. Schoonveld asked that the OPEB Task Force be reinstated given that there is no longer a policy or turn it into an Insurance Task Force. Mr. Schoonveld also added that the Trash and Recycling Task Force is wrapping up their recommendation and will be completed soon.

Mr. Schoonveld left the meeting at 5:15PM.

3. Presentation of Harry Chase Place Re-Design by Craig Miller

Mr. Dumas introduced Mr. Craig Miller and provided background information on the project. Mr. Dumas stated that this project was a result of a recommendation from the Downtown Committee and the idea to further develop Harry Chase Place. Mr. DelVecchio noted that there has been some confusion or misconception that this project was already decided and Mr. Dumas stated that this presentation was a recommendation and is being discussed because of the PARC grant opportunity that arose and the potential to receive up to \$400,000 towards the project should the grant be awarded because of its proximity to the train station. Mr. Miller then went through his presentation and concept of the park. He explained the benefits that a park could bring to the Downtown and the businesses Downtown and the importance of open space having a diverse set of features to appeal to all different people. The Board asked some questions and decided a public hearing on this would be necessary to move forward.

4. Resident Questions and Comments

There were no questions or comments.

5. 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 Warrants:

- Town Vendor Warrant No. 21045T in the amount of \$3,449,087.88
- Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21045E in the amount of \$16,307.20
- School Vendor Warrant No. 21045S in the amount of \$258,139.31

b) Permits and Licenses:

- Consideration of Event Application from Mansfield Local Cultural Council on June 23, 2021

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

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Aye Trowbridge – Yes

Passes 4:0

6. Consideration and Approval of Town Payroll Warrants:

- Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21045PT in the amount of \$395,942.04

Motion: To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21045PT in the amount of \$395,942.04.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Aye Trowbridge – Yes

Passes 4:0

- Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21045TV in the amount of \$125,737.47

Motion: To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21045TV in the amount of \$125,737.47.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Aye Trowbridge – Yes

Passes 4:0

- School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 21045PS in the amount of \$1,731,694.54

Motion: To approve School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 21045PS in the amount of \$1,731,694.54.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Aye Trowbridge – Abstain

Passes 3:0:1

- School Deductions Vendor Payroll 21045SV in the amount of \$413,456.58

Motion: To approve School Deductions Vendor Payroll 21045SV in the amount of \$413,456.58.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge)

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Aye Trowbridge – Yes

Passes 4:0

7. Correspondence

- Notifications from Verizon

Mr. DelVecchio read a summary of the two Verizon notifications.

8. Select Board Member's Comments and Questions

Mr. Aptowitz congratulated Mr. Rhein and was glad to be here and thanked everyone for their well wishes.

Mr. DelVecchio congratulated Mr. Rhein on his victory and wished him luck as Chair and appreciates everyone's service here.

Mr. Trowbridge congratulated Mr. Rhein and all the candidates. He also thanked Mr. DelVecchio for being chair. Mr. Trowbridge asked when the Board would be in person. Mr. Dumas answered that there was a test of the system and will report back on that.

Chairman Rhein thanked all the voters, but noted it was a low turn out overall. Thanked Town Clerk's office for running a smooth election as always and the election workers. He reminded everyone that

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

There were no items.

10. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting of May 12, 2021 at 6:23PM. (Aptowitz/DelVecchio)

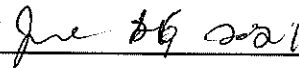
Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes DelVecchio – Yes Aptowitz – Yes Trowbridge – Yes

Passes 4:0



Signature



Date

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