

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2021

**Present:** Mr. Neil Rhein, Chairman; Mr. Michael Trowbridge, Vice-Chair; Mr. Frank DelVecchio, Clerk; Mr. Jess Aptowitz and Mr. Schoonveld. Mr. Barry LaCasse, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director were also present in meeting room 3A/B at Town Hall. Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager was not present.

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

Mr. Neil Rhein 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.

### 2. Town Manager's Report

- Budget/Finance Update
- Miscellaneous Items

#### Select Board Questions and Comments on Town Manager's Report

Mr. LaCasse provided a budget/finance update to the Select Board in the absence of the Town Manager, Kevin Dumas. He stated that local receipts were \$361,000 over projections, Sewer was \$161,000 over projections, Water was \$469,000 above projections, Parking was \$9,518 above projections and the Airport was \$7,684. He then stated that as of now it is still too soon to tell if the general government was but the FinCom Reserve has \$1.2 million remaining, which is also positive. Mr. Schoonveld commented that in the Town Managers report Mr. Dumas is looking for an amicable solution for One Mansfield with the new owners. Mr. Aptowitz commented that he was surprised to hear that parking was above projections. Mr. LaCasse noted that people are still using the train but the budget was adjusted, but still ended higher than first expected. Mr. Trowbridge wished Mr. Rhein and Mr. DelVecchio a Happy Birthday and Mr. Rhein wished Mr. Schoonveld a belated Happy Birthday.

### 3. Resident Questions and Comments

Mr. Peter Wiggins stated that he walked the streets of Mansfield and there were many people out and about and it feels good to be back to normal and see more people out.

*Items were taken out of order due to the public hearing not being able to start prior to 6pm.*

### 9. Warn to Adopt to Create the Volunteer Appointment Sub-Committee

Mr. Rhein stated this committee serves the purpose of interviewing volunteers and incumbents that serve on various boards and committees. The subcommittee would then make a recommendation to the full Select Board for appointment. Mr. Schoonveld noted that he liked the idea but was concerned that this committee was prescreening candidates when it is the responsibility of the entire Board to appoint candidates and believed this was deliberation amongst the members and that deliberations need to be in public during an open meeting. Mr. Aptowitz commented that he believed this was similar to the Town Manager Search Committee where several people were interviewed by the Committee and then three candidates were brought forward during open meeting for interviews with the entire Board. Mr. DelVecchio stated that the agenda item did not say that it was discussion and this discussion should happen at the next meeting. Mr. Schoonveld reiterated his concerns of deliberation of two Board members. Mr. Rhein noted that the intent was to streamline and have interviews take place off camera. Mr. Schoonveld stated the two members could interview candidates and provide written documentation of the candidates' responses, but not provide a recommendation.

### 10. Continued Discussion of 50 West Street Property

Mr. LaCasse stated that there was no update other than an internal meeting being scheduled.

### 12. 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:

- April 29, 2021
- May 5, 2021

b) Vote to Approve Warrants:

- Town Vendor Warrant No. 21051T in the amount of \$278,222.21
- Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21051E in the amount of \$73,404.64
- School Vendor Warrant No. 21051S in the amount of \$737,761.04
- Town Vendor Warrant No. 21052T in the amount of \$1,370,628.78
- Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21052E in the amount of \$67,970.61
- Town Vendor Warrant No. 21053T in the amount of \$162,153.83
- Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21053E in the amount of \$54,098.56
- School Vendor Warrant No. 21053S in the amount of \$1,258,298.98
- Town Vendor Warrant No. 22001T in the amount of \$7,715,569.24

c) Permits and Licenses:

- Consideration of Special Events Application for Hidden Lane Block Party
- Consideration of Go Gold Request to Place Gold Ribbons on South Common for Childhood Cancer Awareness
- Consideration of Special Events Application for Mansfield Rotary Club

d) Consideration of Proclamations:

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda. (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

**13. Consideration and Approval of Town Payroll Warrants:**

- Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21051PT in the amount of \$486,026.89

**Motion:** To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21051PT in the amount of \$486,026.89.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21051TV in the amount of \$169,925.47

**Motion:** To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21051TV in the amount of \$169,925.47.

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 21051PS in the amount of \$1,535,242.50

**Motion:** To approve School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 21051PS in the amount of \$1,535,242.50

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 3:0:2** (DelVecchio and Trowbridge Abstain)

- School Deductions Vendor Payroll 21051SV in the amount of \$327,432.41

**Motion:** To approve School Deductions Vendor Payroll 21051SV in the amount of \$327,432.41

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21052PT in the amount of \$ 482,609.86

**Motion:** To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21052PT in the amount of \$ 482,609.86

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21052TV in the amount of \$ 154,483.44

**Motion:** To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21052TV in the amount of \$ 154,483.44

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21053PT in the amount of \$387,178.93

**Motion:** To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21053PT in the amount of \$ 387,178.93

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21053TV in the amount of \$10,083.37

**Motion:** To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21053TV in the amount of \$ 10,083.37

(DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 22001PT in the amount of \$80,980.34

**Motion:** To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 22001PT in the amount of \$80,980.34 (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 22001TV in the amount of \$145,739.79

**Motion:** To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 22001TV in the amount of \$145,739.79 (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

- School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 22001PS in the amount of \$1,341,888.72

**Motion:** To approve School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 22001PS in the amount of \$1,341,888.72 (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 3:0:2** (DelVecchio and Trowbridge Abstain)

- School Deductions Vendor Payroll 22001SV in the amount of \$409,270.05

**Motion:** To approve School Deductions Vendor Payroll 22001SV in the amount of \$409,270.05 (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

#### **14. Correspondence**

Letter from Xfinity

Letters from TEC Associates

Letter from Matt Kassler

Mr. DelVecchio read a summary of the above correspondence items.

#### **15. Select Board Member's Comments and Questions**

Mr. Aptowitz stated that family fun night is Tuesday and Saturday is the first show at the Xfinity Center.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that he was able to view the last FinCom meeting and they will not be meeting until August and have not reorganized yet. He noted that they did express interest in the Select Boards goals.

Mr. Schoonveld stated that as liaison to the Planning Board he attended their last meeting and they are excited to participate in the 50 West Street and Master Plan Workshops.

Mr. Rhein thanked DPW/Highway for replanting trees on Old Colony and he stated that he took a tour at Fulton Pond for placement of Memorial benches and installation of cigarette butlers to deter them being thrown in the pond.

#### **4. Public Hearing in Accordance of M.G.L. Chapter 138 Section 12 for Consideration of an Alteration of Premises for an All Alcohol Common Victualler License for DGP and Sons Inc. dba Jimmy's Pub, George Pantos, Manager located at 141 North Main Street pending routing through Town Hall Departments and Public Safety at 6PM**

Mr. DelVecchio read the public hearing notice for the record.

**Motion:** To open the public hearing. (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

Mr. George Pantos 141 North Main Street was present as the manager of record. He stated that he was adding an outdoor patio to give an additional eighty seats. Mr. Aptowitz noted that it looked great and wished him the best. Mr. Trowbridge agreed that it looks great and was a great improvement. Mr. DelVecchio asked how many parking spaces were lost because of the patio and Mr. Pantos answered that he lost four, most of the area was an area that was not used. Mr. Schoonveld confirmed that the Board was voting to expand the alcohol license. Mr. Schoonveld asked if it was okay to approve this after the fact and Mr. Pantos stated that the temporary outdoor expansion had been extended until next year by the Governor. Mr. Rhein asked if there were any comments or questions by members of the public and Mr. Peter Wiggins commented that Mr. Pantos runs a great restaurant and the patio looks nice. There were no other questions or comments from the public.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing at 6:00PM. (Aptowitz/ **Passes 5:0**

**Motion:** To approve the alteration of Premises for an all alcohol common victualler license for DGP and Sons Inc. dba Jimmy's pub. (DelVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

*The Board paused and waited three minutes for 6:10PM to start the next hearing.*

**5. Public Hearing in Accordance of M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 157 for a Dangerous Dog Complaint made by Animal Control Officer Jeff Collins for a dog owned by Nancy Doyle at 6:10PM**

Mr. DeVecchio read the public hearing notice for the record.

**Motion:** To open the public hearing at 6:10PM. (DeVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

Mr. Paul DeRensis, Town Counsel was present virtually via GoToWebinar. Marianne Staples, Town clerk was present and swore in Jeff Collins, Animal Control Officer. There was no one else present virtually or on the phone for the dog hearing. Mr. Rhein then asked Mr. Collins to read his report of the incident. Mr. Rhein then read the email that was sent to the Board a few hours prior from Mr. Doyle owner of the dog Piper. The email agreed with the recommendation of the Animal Control Officer to fence the yard or have Piper on a trolley system that would provide a physical restraint instead of the electronic fence. Mr. Aptowitz asked Mr. Collins if he was all set with the recommendation provided or was there anything additional to add and Mr. Collins agreed. Mr. Trowbridge commented that all parties seem to be in agreement. Mr. Schoonveld asked how long this order would need to stay in place and Mr. Collins responded that she was seven and he anticipates this staying in place until she passes away. Mr. Schoonveld asked if the electronic fence was suitable and Mr. Collins stated that it is not and he reviewed this with the Doyle's. Mr. DeVecchio asked if the owners of the dog who was bitten are okay with this and Mr. Collins stated that he spoke with them and invited them to the meeting but have not heard from them since the release of the quarantine. Mr. Aptowitz commented that he found it unusual that neither party was present.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing. (DeVecchio/Aptowitz) **Passes 5:0**

Mr. DeRensis commented that the Board needed to first determine if the dog was a nuisance dog or dangerous dog and stated that he believed after listening to the hearing that it would be a nuisance dog.

**Motion:** To designate Piper a nuisance dog. (DeVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

**Motion:** To require that Piper be on a leash, or in a fenced in yard or trolley system when outside the domicile. (DeVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

**6. Update from the Trash and Recycling Committee**

Mr. Schoonveld and Mr. Azinheira provided a presentation from the Trash and Recycling Committee. The presentation provided an update on the current services, existing contract as well as financial information. The recommendation from the Committee was to continue with weekly curbside pickup of trash and recycling, standardize all containers to 64 gallons. The Committee has begun a thorough RFP process that should release within two months and a vendor selected by the end of October. They completed the presentation with some additional recommendations and considerations. The Select Board made comments and asked questions. Mr. Trowbridge asked that an updated charge of the committee be brought to a future Select Board meeting for consideration. Mr. Rhein stated the next step will be the RFP that will go out and then the Committee will come back to the Select Board with their final recommendation.

**7. Consideration of Change of Manager Application for TGI Fridays, Inc.**

Attorney Al DeNapoli was present virtually and the proposed manager of record Mr. Steven Cook was on the phone line. Mr. DeNapoli provided a summary of Mr. Cook's experience. He stated that the past manager left on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the application was filed on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Aptowitz asked for the new manager to introduce himself to the Police Department. Mr. Schoonveld asked Mr. Cook if this was the only location he would be managing and Mr. Cook responded that he was only at the Mansfield location.

**Motion:** To approve the Change of Manager application for TGI Fridays, Inc. (DeVecchio/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

**8. Continued Discussion of FY22 Goals and Objectives**

Mr. LaCasse began the discussion stating that he had some small suggestions to the document and he went through those that were mainly updates to completion status. The Board agreed with the suggested changes. Mr. Schoonveld asked what the new post-65 benefit program was. Mr. LaCasse responded that it was MIIA moving those individuals who were not on Medicare to Medicare. Mr. Schoonveld stated that was not a new benefits program and it only affected thirteen people and was not sure of the intent of that goal. Mr. LaCasse did not know of anything else nor any members of the Board, but agreed the goal was completed and moved on with the discussion. Mr. Rhein suggested moving the Manager Training of Diversity and Inclusion goal from Tier 2 to Tier 1 for FY22. Mr. DelVecchio noted that the Finance Committee is interested in what the goals are of the Board and if there were anything that they could work on for the Board they would also be open to that and as the liaison he is hoping for better communication between the two Boards. Mr. Rhein suggested that they may be helpful in completing an economic development dashboard. Mr. Schoonveld believed there were some goals that could be combined which would leave ten goals. He liked the management training goal and noted that the goal on diversity and inclusion needs to be defined as well as how to implement the ideas of the master plan. Mr. Rhein noted that he would work with Mr. Dumas and Mr. LaCasse to present a final document of the FY22 goals.

**11. Resident Questions and Comments**

There were no resident questions or comments.

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

Mr. Rhein opened up the floor for additional Select Board questions and comments. Mr. Aptowitz commented that he would like a report of the outstanding details. Mr. Trowbridge noted the passing of Randy Tatum who was a long time Mansfield resident and active within the community. Mr. Schoonveld commented that he got to know him and it is a loss for the community and sent well wishes to his family. Mr. Trowbridge also noted the passing of John Chartier who was a member of the Board of Health and his wife works for the Town.

**13. Enter into Executive Session and Not Return to Open Session under Exemption No. 3, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21-**

a.) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session and not return to open session under exemption number three, M.G.L Chapter 30A, Section 21 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and if the chair so declares at 7:38PM. (DelVecchio/Trowbridge)

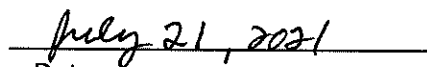
**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Passes 5:0**



Signature



Date

*Minutes prepared by Carrie Champagne*