

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2022, 5:30 PM

Location: Eastham Town Hall – Earle Mountain Room

Present: Arthur Autorino, Chair; Jamie Demetri; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator;
Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director;

Remote Participation: Aimée Eckman, Vice Chair; Jared Collins; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk;

Arthur Autorino called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

Jamie Demetri – COVID Test distribution on January 15th went very well despite the cold weather.

Aimée Eckman – COVID Test distribution on January 21st also went very well and provided residents with approximately 950 kits.

Arthur Autorino – Read the thank you letter the Town received from the CCNS. A copy of the letter is in the Agenda Packet for this meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Open Warrant for the May 2, 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Art Autorino advised that the warrant would be opened today, January 24, 2022 and will close on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Jamie Demetri made a motion to Open the Warrant on January 24, 2022 and Close it on February 28, 2022

Alexander Cestaro seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes

Climate Action Committee Update – Cheryl Gayle, Chair and Roy Merolli, Member

Cheryl Gayle and Roy Merolli provided the update to the Select Board. The Board, Jacqui Beebe and Rich Bienvenue discussed the update in further detail with the Committee.

The full presentation and discussion can be viewed and heard on the Town of Eastham website at www.eastham-ma.gov.

Based on the work involved, the Committee asked for additional members. Jacqui Beebe will review the current charge and provide an updated version for the Select Board to consider.

LICENSING

Renewal of Used Auto Dealership License:

1. Advanced Equipment, 105 Holmes Road

Jamie Demetri made a motion to approve the Used Auto Dealership License for Advanced Equipment

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Approve Bond Results and Sign Note Documents

Rich Bienvenue reviewed the recent bid and note in further detail with the Board. Arthur Autorino read the Vote of the Select Board for the Clerk, Alexander Cestaro.

Jamie Demetri made a motion to approve the Bond Results

Jared Collins seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes

Residential Tax Exemption (RTE) Discussion

Art Autorino moved this item to this position as 1 remote member is having connection issues.

Rich Bienvenue reviewed the information in the packet and the process taken to provide this information. Currently we are confident that we are at the 55% non-resident (not eligible) to 45% resident (eligible). The Board discussed this in further detail with Rich Bienvenue.

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Mary Piekarz, a Part Time Taxpayer:

- Will this result in the cost of an additional staff member. Rich confirmed that this may be required.
- Part Time Taxpayers do appreciate everything the Board does for the Town even though they do not actually vote for the Board members

Art Autorino made a motion to not implement the RTE

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

DISCUSSION:

Jamie Demetri and Jared Collins would like to hold on a vote for a month to give the Board time to digest the information and to allow residents to comment.

Aimée Eckman noted that we set a policy 2 years ago – when the split hit 60% non-eligible for 2 years, then we would consider the RTE. So why do this now?

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Yes; Jamie Demetri, No; Jared Collins, No

The Board will revisit this discussion next year with updated information.

Search Committee Semi-Annual Report

The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Search Committee.

Budget Questions and Schedule

Jacqui Beebe noted that the Finance Committee will be reviewing, discussing and meeting with Departments. The dates are noted in the Town Administrator's report.

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1. January 3, 2022 Regular Session

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022

Jamie Demetri seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Technical Issue so No Response; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jacqui Beebe reviewed highlights in her report in further detail with the Select Board and noted a few additional items:

- The Master Planner has been selected and it is Union Studio is a company that we have worked with before and we are excited to work with them. The Kick Off date for the first meeting with them will be in February.

NEW/UPCOMING AGEND ITEMS AND NEEDED FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS ITEMS

The Board reviewed the items and noted progress in several of them.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamie Demetri made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Public documents for this meeting can be viewed on the town website through this link:

https://www.eastham-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4371/f/uploads/01-24-2022_select_board_packet.pdf