



OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD
272 Main Street Townsend Massachusetts 01469



Chaz Sexton-Diranian, *Chairman*

Joseph Z. Shank, *Vice Chairman*

Theresa A. Morse, *Clerk*

R. Eric Slagle, *Town Administrator*

Sabrina Moore, *Administrative Assistant*

Topic: Selectboard

Time: November 28, 2023 18:00 Eastern Time {US and Canada}

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I. PRELIMINARIES:

1.1 Call the meeting to order and roll call.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Announce the meeting is being recorded and uploaded to YouTube.

1.4 Chairman's Additions or Deletions.

1.5 Review/Approve the meeting minutes for 11/14/23.

II. APPOINTMENTS AND HEARINGS:

III. APPOINTMENTS
OFFICIALS/PERSONNEL:

3.1 Appoint Autumn Buck as Conservation Agent to the Land Use Department effective 11/28/23 with start date of 12/04/2023.

3.2 Appoint Natalie Call as Council on Aging Board Member effective 11/28/23 with a term to expire June 30, 2026.

3.3 Addition: Appoint John James as part-time intermittent laborer to Cemetery and Parks Department effective 11/28/2023.

IV. MEETING BUSINESS:

4.1 Review and approve Department of Justice Grant award for Police Department.

4.2 Discuss/Approve potential expansion of PRECC to include Groton and Dunstable.

Board of Selectmen meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Chaz Sexton-Diranian present in person, Joseph Z. Shank present in person, Theresa A. Morse present in person.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Chaz Sexton-Diranian announced that the meeting is being recorded live on channel 9 and will be on the Town's YouTube channel afterwards.

Additions: 3.3 Appointment to the Cemetery and Parks Department.

Deletions: None

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the meeting minutes of 11/14/2023. Motion was passed with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes and Theresa A. Morse yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes.

None

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to appoint Autumn Buck as Conservation Agent to the Land Use Department effective 11/28/23 with start date of 12/04/2023. Motion was made with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes, Theresa A. Morse yes.

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to appoint Natalie Call as Council on Aging Board Member effective 11/28/23 with a term to expire June 30, 2026. Motion was made with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes, Theresa A. Morse yes.

Motion was made to appoint John James as part-time intermittent season laborer to Cemetery and Parks Department effective 11/28/2023. Motion was passed with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes, Theresa A. Morse yes.

4.1 was taken out of order. Police Chief Jay Sartell was present in person and explained what this grant for State level accreditation entailed. The Board discussed their opinions about it.

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to accept and approve the grant for the Police Department. Motion was passed with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Theresa A. Morse yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes.

4.2 was taken out of order. Police Chief Jay Sartell was present in person and explained the pros and cons of the expansion with Groton and Dunstable needing to dissolve their regional dispatch to join the larger regional Patriots PRECC. towns. An amended MOA was not yet drafted. The Board discussed their opinions about it.

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to approve the potential expansion of PRECC to include Groton and Dunstable. Motion was passed with Theresa A. Morse yes, Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes.

V. WORK SESSION:

5.0 ARPA Projects

5.1 Town Administrator Updates and Reports

None.

- Flagpole Policy proposal for 12/05/2023 meeting, the Board okayed. Town Counsel has reviewed and drafted a policy to state that the Town flagpoles are only to be used for the POW/MIA flag, American Flag and State Flag.
- An Aggregation plan meeting was held and regulatory changes that may be adopted for the plan for DPU were needed. Another Board of Selectmen vote is needed for the amended DPU plan with changes will be on the 12/5/2023 meeting. The Board okayed.
- Proposal will be submitted to have a town policy regarding Medicare. Written policy will be presented on 12/5/2023. The Board okayed.
- School budget update was given. The Board exchanged opinions.

5.2 Reports from Board liaisons

SharePoint had the original Board liaison document. Theresa A. Morse took the Historic District Commission. All Board members agreed to the rest as per document. Chaz Sexton-Diranian will attend the last Historic District Commission meeting 11/29/23. The By-law Review Committee will be under Theresa A. Morse liaison.

5.2.1 General Government

5.2.2 Elected Boards

5.2.3 Public Safety

The question of enforcement of the Master Plan was brought up. The Board okayed to have a copy of the matrix be brought up at the department head meeting and sent out to the Board and Committees on how the implementation was envisioned. The Board of Selectmen attended the service for the recently passed Cemetery and Parks Commissioner.
Short Discussion about new rescue Fire Department truck in need of new equipment and how to find the appropriate funding. The Board asked for a full list of what is needed and the amounts of cost. Town Administrator to talk to the Fire Department.

5.3 Announcements/Communications

- Tree Lighting on Sunday and Victorian Christmas at the Reed House.
- Townsend Rec Ski Club starts soon.
- Squannacook River Greenways for Rail Trail extension and submit a Mass Trails grant. Support from the Board of Selectmen wanted, letter of support and dealing with Mass highway to get a safe crossing installed. Will be put on the December 5, 2023 agenda. Joseph Z. Shank read email into record.

5.4 Next meeting - Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 05, 2023 at 6 p.m.

5.5 Review and sign payroll and bills payable warrants out of session.

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to review and sign payroll and bills payable warrants out of session. Motion was passed with Theresa A. Morse yes, Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes.

VI: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6.1 Executive Session pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective.

Motion was made by Theresa A. Morse and seconded by Joseph Z. Shank to enter Executive Session at 7:19 p.m and to adjourn in Executive Session:

1. Executive Session pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3), 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.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was passed with Chaz Sexton-Diranian yes, Theresa A. Morse yes, Joseph Z. Shank yes.

Recording of meeting found

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hOWBnr2S2o&list=PLQpCwUSpXeCa-inxdzK0jQMgEx3wCFBbE&index=1>

Minutes submitted by Sabrina Moore on 01/09/2024.

