

Select Board
Minutes
January 27, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, the Concord Select Board convened in the Select Board Room of the Town House on January 27, 2020 at 7PM.

Present were Michael Lawson, Chair; Linda Escobedo, Clerk; Terri Ackerman, Susan Bates, and Jane Hotchkiss. Also present was Stephen Crane, Town Manager.

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda

- Town Accountant Warrants
- Gift Acceptance:
 - White Pond Associates, Inc. \$201,690.00 White Pond Management Account
 - Concord Carousel Scholarship Fund Committee \$6,649.68 Carousel Preschool Scholarship Fund
- One Day Special Licenses
 - Concord Market 77 Lowell Road 2/1/20 6:00-10:00pm All Alcoholic Beverages
 - Concord Market 77 Lowell Road 2/14/20 5:00-8:00pm Wines Only

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

3. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Stephen Crane reported that the Planning Department is working on a grant application to apply for three districts to be designated as Business Improvement Districts (BID). The districts would be Concord Center, The Concord Depot, and West Concord.

Middlesex Savings Bank is generously donating \$10,000 to the Fire Department to help with thermal imagery cameras, so each vehicle that responds to an incident will have one. This will help us get two additional vehicles covered.

The report also included a Residential Electric Vehicle Rate Study which mentioned the Concord Municipal Light Plant. Mr. Crane stated that being included in the report was a good acknowledgement of CMLP's work.

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Michael Lawson reminded the audience that the Town Caucus was being held that night in the Public Hearing room at 7:30pm. The Town Election is March 31.

Mr. Lawson stated that the purpose of tonight's warrant discussion to not a substantive one. It is exclusively to set the order of the warrant articles.

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At the next meeting on February 10th, the Select Board will hear a report from the Starmet Reuse and 2229 Main Street Committee. Additionally, the Select Board will have a more in-depth discussion about the Junction Village TIF proposal.

Mr. Lawson stated that the Town Manager wanted a 6 month evaluation included as part of his contract. The Select Board members will be filling out the evaluation in the coming weeks.

5. Vote to place School Committee vacancy on the ballot for Town Election

School Committee member Yuval Erlich has resigned. In order to get this on the ballot for the Town Election on May 31, the Select Board needs to vote to do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: To place the following on the Tuesday, March 31, 2020 Annual Town Election ballot: School Committee, vacancy for 2 years, vote for one.

6. Consideration of Carbon Pricing Resolution H. 2810

Select Board member Jane Hotchkiss stated that endorsing this resolution would align with our Envision Concord goals.

Bouzha Cookman of 94 Hubbard Street thanked the Select Board for considering this resolution, and noted the efforts of Mothers Out Front in pushing for support for this resolution. Select Board member Terri Ackerman noted her support, stating that she was happy to see that lower and moderate income households were included in this resolution.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: that the Select Board go on record in strong support of H.2810, "An Act to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions," and urge the Legislature to pass the bill in the 2019-2020 session.

7. Review Town Manager's Budget

Mr. Crane commended the work of the Finance Director Kerry Lafleur and the rest of the Finance Department. Mr. Crane reported that the most notable aspects of the FY21 budget is that they have met the Finance Committee's budget guidelines, and have been able to expand services in key areas. Personnel wise, the town is looking to add a Land Manager, consolidate the Facilities Department in the spirit of fiscal responsibility, and reorganize the Fire Department reporting structure. Mr. Crane noted that we are expanding the responsibilities of our Tourism Manager to take on issues of economic vitality, given the needs described in the Envision Concord plan. Mr. Crane's draft budget takes 39 line item appropriations and consolidates them into 15. Ms. Ackerman asked what difference this change makes. Ms. Lafleur answered that line item transfers have to be approved by Town Meeting, and that the proposed consolidation would allow for further flexibility in how the money is able to be spent. Mr.

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Crane commented that the amount of money being spent and what we are spending money on remains virtually unchanged. The draft budget will be online on February 4, 2020.

8. Review and Approve Town Meeting Warrant

The purpose of this conversation is to set the order of the Town Meeting Warrant. The Select Board reviewed the Planning Board's request to have the order of their items rearranged in the Warrant, and determined that this was an appropriate request.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as discussed, subject to minor edits as deemed necessary by the Select Board Chair, Town Manager, and/or Town Counsel.

9. Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Bates attended the Middle School Building Committee forum, which was an opportunity for interested citizens to make comments. The first Economic Vitality Committee meeting took place on January 22nd, and they will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Ms. Escobedo attended a meeting at First Parish with Tammy Gouveia and Jonathan Hecht. Additionally, she attended the 2229 Main Street Committee, where de maximis outlined the summary of remedial design work plan and the remedial design schedule. We will be discussing this further on February 10, when the committee is scheduled to present to the select Board. Ms. Escobedo attended the Planning Board meeting, where they discussed the empty building at 59 Walden Street.

Ms. Ackerman attended the Capital Planning Task Force meeting on January 14. The task force will be holding a public hearing on March 2nd, where they are seeking public input. Ms. Ackerman attended the League of Women Voters on January 18th, where they discussed women's suffrage. The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Committee will be looking for new members in the spring.

Ms. Hotchkiss attended the Climate Action Advisory Board on January 15th, where they are working on the conclusion of their report. The Board of Health voted to wait until June 1st in order to evaluate Concord's goals as it relates to regulating vaping and tobacco products. Ms. Hotchkiss attended the Natural Resources Committee meeting as well.

Mr. Lawson attended the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the high school.

10. Miscellaneous/Correspondence

There was not any correspondence to report.

11. Committee Nominations

There were no nominations.

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12. Committee Reappointments

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to reappoint Jim Terry of 368 College Road, Lee Smith of 1836 Main Street, Linda Miller of 300 Main Street, Holly Darzen of 155 Heath's Bridge Road, and Keith Bergman of 56 White Avenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee for terms to expire May 31, 2020.

13. Public Comments

14. Adjourn to the Town Caucus for 7:30 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to adjourn to the Town Caucus for 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Escobedo, Clerk

Approved:

Meeting Documents:

<https://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23639/1-27-20-Packet>

Minuteman Media Network Coverage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7LhI6FAaGY>