

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 6:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, Second Vice-Chair John Shocik, Selectman Rick Antanavica, Selectman Herb Duggan Jr., Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

1. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment – Mike Franklin – EMS Coordinator

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to appoint Mike Franklin as EMS Coordinator for FY21. Roll call: 5:0:0

b. Appointment – Kyle Maldonado – Per Diem/On Call EMT-Basic

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to appoint Kyle Maldonado as a per diem/on call EMT Basic. Roll call: 5:0:0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/vote of use of Memorial School for storage of desks and other items to be removed from other school buildings temporarily while COVID-19 social distancing rules are in effect

Mr. Genereux noted the Superintendent requested the temporary use of Memorial School to store extra classroom desks and other items being removed due to COVID limitations on class sizes. The Superintendent agreed to coordinate with the Fire Department to ensure the desks are placed in an area where they won't be damaged during upcoming fire training. A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the use of Memorial School as temporary storage for desks and other items to be removed from the schools due to COVID restrictions. Roll call: 5:0:0

b. Discussion/vote of use of Memorial School for fire training activities

A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Brooks to authorize the use of Memorial School for fire training activities. Roll call: 5:0:0.

c. Open warrant for 09/26/2020 Town Meeting; Set close date of warrant for 08/13/2020 at 5:00 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik to open the warrant for the September 26, 2020 Special Town Meeting and to set the closed date of the warrant for August 13, 2020 at 5:00pm. Under discussion, Mr. Genereux noted that additional articles and citizens' petitions could be added to this meeting but there will be a second Fall Special Town Meeting in November to address regular business so this meeting can focus on the school vote. Roll call: 5:0:0.

d. Discussion/vote of 09/26/2020 Special Town Meeting technology, costs & funding; voter information (MGL c. 53 Section 18B and/or other legal options or requirements)

Mr. Genereux discussed the required retrofit of the former Millbrook Distributors building to accommodate Town Meeting. State legislation allows for municipal legislative bodies to meet in excess of the 25 person gathering limit provided there is social distancing and a safe environment. As this meeting is anticipated to be well attended and to avoid weather concerns associated with an outdoor Town Meeting, the former Millbrook building has been selected. The building has power but no IT such as equipment, internet and wifi. These items will have to be brought in at an estimated cost of \$10K-\$17K. Funding for these accommodations will be paid for by the Town's portion of the CARES act. Mr. Genereux noted the town is allowed to send an informational

mailer listing pros and cons to residents but as the cost is \$2,300 and Town Counsel would have to write the con side since the opposing group declined to write it, this will not happen. Information regarding the school vote will be posted on the website. Mr. Genereux added that there are 350 parking spaces on site and he is working with an adjacent property owner to obtain more spaces. The Chief of Police has allowed stated he will allow parking along Route 56.

e. Discussion/vote to approve warrant article for site work, construction and furnishing of a new Pre K-8 school as to form and place article on the warrant for the 09/26/2020 Special Town Meeting

Mr. Genereux discussed the proposed Town Meeting warrant article for the new school. The proposed school would replace both the Middle and Elementary schools. The MSBA grant amount will be \$42M and the Town will pay \$49.5M via debt exclusion. The twenty-year borrowing will happen incrementally over several years, resulting in the average single-family home tax bill increasing by \$910.80 in 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Duggan to place the article for site work, construction and furnishing of a new Pre-K – 8 school on the September 26th Special Town Meeting warrant. Roll call: 5:0:0.

f. Discussion/vote to approve the ballot question for site work, construction and furnishing of a new Pre K-8 school as to form and place question on the 11/03/2020 Presidential Election Ballot

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Shocik to place the question for site work, construction and furnishing of a new Pre-K-8 school on the November 3rd presidential ballot. Roll call: 5:0:0.

g. Discussion/vote Letter to Massachusetts Municipal Association – Police Reform Legislation

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Antanavica to send a letter to the MMA opposing their support of police reform legislation. Roll call: 5:0:0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Shocik at 6:50pm. Roll call: 5:0:0.