

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
8:30 A.M.

MEETING PLACE: TOWN CAMPUS ROOM A

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SPECIAL MINUTES

8:30 a.m. Special Session

First Selectman Banisch called the Special Session of Tuesday, March 12, 2019 to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were First Selectman Banisch, Selectwoman Ferris (via teleconference), Selectman Goldberg, and Selectman Murphy. Selectman Wilson was not present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectman Banisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 21, 2019 and February 25, 2019.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Comments.
 - a. Held for the end of the meeting.
4. Public Comment.

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss and take action to approve moving the Public Hearing on Monday, March 18, 2019 to Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to hear comment on:
 - a. The 2018 and 2019 Small Cities Community Development Program Applications process for Concord Meadows Retirement Community.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** moving the Public Hearing on Monday, March 18, 2019 to Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action to call a Public Hearing on April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Polson Middle School. The purpose of this meeting is to hear comment on the Academy School Community Center Design.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** calling a Public Hearing on April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Polson Middle School.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action to approve the promotional appointment of Christina Consiglio to the vacant position of Assistant Tax Collector effective 3/11/19, Grade 8, Step 4. The position is budgeted and funded and the vacancy was created by an internal promotion.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** the promotional appointment of Christina Consiglio to the vacant position of Assistant Tax Collector effective 3/11/19, Grade 8, Step 4.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to hire Katie Randall as a full time Dispatcher; position is funded and will fill a current vacancy.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** hiring Katie Randall as a full time Dispatcher; position is funded and will fill a current vacancy.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation from the Tax Collector in the amount of **\$4,000** to fund prior year refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** a Special Appropriation from the Tax Collector in the amount of **\$4,000** to fund prior year refunds

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** tax abatements/refunds in the amount of \$8,584.34.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss Town Planning Processes including the incorporation of a Master Plan.

Selectman Goldberg stated that there are planning activities happening concurrently; the Strategic Plan, the Board of Education Facilities Plan and the Academy School future use plan. He stated that the Board should review how these three plans impact one another and also how the implementation of any of these plans should be voted on at referendum.

First Selectman Banisch stated that the Board should call a separate workshop to review the current draft of the Strategic Plan and in that conversation the Board should also discuss these other two items.

Selectman Murphy questioned what the plan would be to solicit opinion from the other two Elected Boards and First Selectman Banisch stated that he agreed and that the Board of Finance Chair should be contacted to bring the BOF into this conversation.

The Board also reviewed the possibility that the “wish list” for Town facilities and services may be duplicated in the efforts of the Board of Education Facilities Committee and the Ad-Hoc Academy School Community Center Design Plan. The Board also reviewed the timelines for these two committees to report their plans to the Board of Selectmen. They also discussed the debate over whether the future of Academy School required one or two referenda and if the Town should solicit legal opinion on this matter. Also, Selectman Murphy stated that he had heard some talk about the Board of Finance being in disagreement of sending any item to referendum without bonding information included. He cautioned that the Board should reach out to the Board of Finance to determine their opinion on the referendum plan.

12. Citizens comments.

Roz Fahey of Bishop Lane stated that she was confused about the need for two referendum questions for the future use of the Academy School as a Community Center. She stated that there should not be another question asked about the feeling of a Community Center, but instead one referendum question to approve the bonding for the Community Center Design Plan for the school.

13. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Scott Murphy Library Expansion

14. Adjournment.

There being no objections, First Selectman Banisch adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
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