

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Hybrid

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Roger Manzolini, Chair; Neal Pilson, Selectman; Danielle Fillio, Town Administrator; Steve Sweeney;

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Al Hanson, Selectman; Amanda Hale; Dick Stover; Holly Stover; Steve Sweeney; Peter Beckwith, Highway Superintendent

Roger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Driveway Permit – 730 East Road:** Steve Sweeney came before the Board to request a permit to install a driveway at his building site (Tax Map 409 – Lot #2 – 730B East Road). Mr. Sweeney has consulted with Peter Beckwith concerning the work needed to keep the rainwater flow from going down the driveway and onto the property. He was advised that a swale and culvert under the driveway would accomplish that. Roger advised Mr. Sweeney that it will be his responsibility to maintain the swale and culvert and keep it free of debris.

The paperwork being in order, Neal moved to approve the driveway permit (with the corrected location). He was seconded by Roger and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen:** Neal moved to approve the Minutes. He was seconded by Roger and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Cultural Council Appointment of Amanda Hale:** Ms. Hale reported that she had been asked to join the council by a present member and, since she and her family have long been active in the community, she felt it would be an excellent fit for her. Neal read a letter of recommendation from Emily Cohen, asking that Ms. Hale be appointed to the council. Neal moved to approve the appointment of Amanda Hale to the Cultural Council. The motion was seconded by Roger and adopted by unanimous consent.

### TOWN CENTER DISCUSSION:

**Invoice** – Roger reported that there was an outstanding invoice from Contractor Dave Tierney in the amount of \$657,661.15 due for work done on the construction of the Town Hall/Library. He noted that the invoice was anticipated and appropriate and that it had been approved by the Building Committee. Roger moved that the Invoice be approved for payment. He was seconded by Neal and the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

**Public Comment:** Holly Stover asked about the arrangements for the Annual Pancake Breakfast on November 19<sup>th</sup> considering the cancellation of the Veteran's Luncheon and the Thanksgiving

Meal due to the uptick in COVID cases in the area. She said it was still undecided if the Pancake Breakfast would be only “grab and go,” or if it could be done as a sit-down meal.

**Town Administrator Updates:** None

**Selectmen’s Matters:** Neal asked when a link to the Survey for the Storm Water Project would be made available to residents. Danielle assured him that it is in the newsletter being distributed this Friday, as well as on the website. Neal explained the nature of the survey.

**Board of Selectmen’s Meeting:** Danielle advised the Selectmen that there would be a Special Town Meeting on November 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Subsequent Board of Selectmen’s meetings will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. In January, the schedule will return to its normal second and fourth Wednesdays.

Roger raised the issue of the word the Board had received about perceived public bullying at some Board and Committee meetings. He researched a program of the Massachusetts Municipal Association – “Conflict Management,” which will be available online through the MMA website. It contains a PowerPoint presentation and a recording of a meeting of 400 Board members discussing suggestions for the management of conflict. He suggested setting a date sometime in January or February to air the presentation. Neal agreed and suggested that all members of boards and committees should be asked to attend.

**Sewer Matters:** Roger moved to approve the purchase of pumps that Tom Grizey felt were necessary as a back-up in the case of a sudden breakdown, using his existing budget to pay for them. Neal seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Roger asked Danielle to advise Tom to go ahead and purchase whatever is needed.

There being no further business before the Board, Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. The motion was second by Neal and carried by unanimous consent.

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Roger Manzolini, Chair