



The Selectboard
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
TOWN HALL
1 SOUTH ROAD
WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027

MINUTES of an EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 1 South Road, and via video-conference.¹

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Phil Dowling, Chair.

PRESENT: Phil Dowling, Maureen Dempsey, Scott Johndrow

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief David White; Police Sergeant Jeff Fish; Mr. Jason Graham; Fire Chief David Antosz; Highway Superintendent Bill Jablonski; Ms. Carolyn Whipple; Douglas Finn.

Present from "Westhampton Connects" Committee: Ms. Susan O'Rourke, Ms. Susan Bronstein.

Present from the Board of Assessors: Mr. Walter Morrey, Ms. Marilyn Witherell, Ms. Winnie Gorman. Also present: Mr. David Zagorski, Assessors Assistant.

PRESENT BY REMOTE CONFERENCING: Mary Lou Burgess

Executive Session

Mr. Finn requested an executive session to discuss and determine strategy for ongoing litigation.

It was MOVED by Dowling SECONDED by Johndrow

To enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, the chair so declaring.

VOTED: DOWLING: YES; DEMPSEY: YES; JOHNDROW: YES

The board entered executive session at 8:10 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The roll was called:

¹ Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, the meeting was conducted as a "hybrid" (in-person / remote) meeting. Members of the public could access the meeting in person, or connect via "zoom" teleconferencing via internet – Meeting ID#: 870 4390 0582.

PRESENT: DOWLING, DEMPSEY, JOHNDROW, FINN. (8:11 PM)

All members were present in person.

Ongoing Litigation

Mr. Finn noted that, due to an appeal of a Special Permit Decision, made by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the original applicant had requested to withdraw their Special Permit application, stating their desire to discontinue their defense of the decision. Town's Counsel requested permission to allow the appealant to receive summary judgment, which would annul the original decision, and require all parties to be responsible for their own costs and fees.

After review and discussion, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To agree to the recommendation of Counsel, and to file no objection to summary judgment on behalf of the plaintiff in the case.

OTED: DOWLING: YES; DEMPSEY: YES; JOHNDROW: YES

Mr. Finn was directed to communicate its decision to Town's Counsel forthwith.

Leave Executive Session / Adjourn

There being no further business, it was MOVED by Dowling SECONDED by Johndrow

To leave executive session, and immediately to adjourn.

VOTED: DOWLING: YES; DEMPSEY: YES; JOHNDROW: YES

The board left executive session at 8:22 PM.

Adjourn

Having so voted in Executive Session, the board stood adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Finn

Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on _____, 2022.



Phil Dowling

Maureen Dempsey



Scott Johndrow