



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

MINUTES of the MEETING

Tuesday, July 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 1 South Road.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Dempsey, Johndrow, Bronstein.

Also present: Teri Anderson, Bill Jablonski, Marilyn Witherell, Matt Montague, Douglas Finn

Department Reports (if any)

Highway

Bill Jablonski reported that Southampton Road and Northwest Road work had been completed. Additional work done on gravel roads after the recent rainstorms.

Mr. Jablonski asked for approval that the Admin Asst could sign Ch. 90 Reimbursements to meet deadlines. General approval.

The Condition of the library parking lot entrance was discussed. Mr. Jablonski noted that specific project was on the docket.

MVP

Ms. Anderson offered a proposal for a Master Plan Implementation Committee, including the role of the committee (to implement the recommendations of the master plan); the final master plan should be ready by the end of the week. Ms. Anderson noted that the committee would need to be inclusive, as additional volunteers would likely be necessary to implement all of the strategic proposals in the document.

Ms. Anderson noted that some actions proposed by the MVP will require funding; grants should be sought and applied for.

There was some discussion relative to the reconstitution of the Energy Committee.

Mr. Johndrow requested a paper copy of the Master Plan, when completed.

Ms. Dempsey noted that the opportunity to be on the implementation committee should be publicized and promoted.

Ms. Anderson noted that the Planning Board would likely be part of the implementation process.

Ms. Anderson noted that the work of the MVP Core Group was concluded with the completion of the plan.

Ms. Anderson was thanked for her continued work on the project.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business / Public Comment

Mr. Matt Montague engaged the Selectboard in a discussion relative to an outstanding tax lien. The Selectboard requested more information be provided by the Treasurer and Collector in regard to the general process. No further action taken.

Arpa Appropriation for Treasurer

Ms. Dempsey noted that, to cover a shortfall in the Salary for the new treasurer, a small appropriation needed to be made from ARPA funds.

It was MOVED by Bronstein, SECONDED by Johndrow

To appropriate \$341.64 from the COVID/CLFRF account for the purpose of covering a funding shortfall in the Treasurer's FY2023 Salary Line.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:46 PM)

Administrative

Review: Information about Municipal Aggregation

Mr. Finn presented some information relative to Municipal Aggregation, noting that the public notice period would start and run for the next 30 days. The board approved publication of the notice on the Town Website, and directed Mr. Finn to notify Colonial Power Group of the publication.

Energy Audits

Mr. Johndrow noted that the Town would be contacted by an energy audit person / authority, and that a presentation for town residents should be in the works.

Appointments: Annual Appointments for FY2024

The Board reviewed and revised a proposed set of appointments. After discussion, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

To approve all appointments as proposed and amended.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:43 PM)

Review Correspondence

One thank-you letter from the VAMC Food Pantry was received. No action taken.

Administrative Update (Finn)

No further updates.

Review and Sign: Payroll and A/P Warrants: W23-27, WP23-27, W24-01, WP24-01

After review it was MOVED by Bronstein, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve the Warrants #W23-27, WP23-27, W24-01, WP24-01

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:50 PM)

Review and Sign: Minutes from Previous Meetings

After review, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

To approve the minutes of June 20, 2023 as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:52 PM)

Set date for next meetings –

The board agreed to next meet on July 17, 2023, 7 PM.

Executive Session – if needed or requested

No executive session was requested or required.

Adjourn

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

To adjourn.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Finn

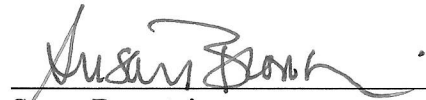
Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on July 17, 2023.



Maureen Dempsey



Scott Johndrow



Susan Bronstein