



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

MINUTES of the MEETING  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 1 South Road.

**Call to Order**

**License Renewals (if any)**

A revised Class License for Mr. Richard Huntley was reviewed and signed. Mr. Finn noted that the original license had a scrivener's error.

**EMPG Contract**

The EMPG Contract was reviewed and signed by Ms. Dempsey

**Discussion - Right of First Refusal**

The board reviewed a request for a release of Right of First Refusal, relative to the proposed sale of 230 Northwest Road. Present: Karen Romano, attorney for Fumi Realty (the current owner). Ms. Romano noted that the current owner is looking to get the waiver in place. Mr. Finn noted that, for a number of reasons the process of releasing the Right of First Refusal was not followed in the sale of land from Grimes to Fumi Realty. Ms. Romano described the title as 'clouded', and that this step would correct the error.

The board reviewed the proposed release. Mr. Finn noted that counsel had reviewed the document and recommended approval.

It was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

*To waive the Town's Right of First Refusal on 230 Northwest Road, Assessors Parcel 9-3, in accordance with Chapter 61A Section 14.*

**VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:04 PM)**

**Department Reports**

No department heads were present.

**New Business**

**Discussion – Budget Guidance and Limits**

Mr. Finn noted that he is attempting to stay within limits of Prop. 2-1/2, and new growth estimates as budgets are developed. After brief deliberation, the board generally concurred.

**Discussion – COLA Adjustments for FY2025**

Mr. Finn requested that the discussion be postponed to the next meeting.

**Discussion – Budget Requests**

Mr. Finn noted that he would forward a budget summary to members for review.

**Administrative**

Review Correspondence

Correspondence:

- A document from the MMA publication, in relation to proposed 9C cuts.
- A Letter from Alexis Walls re/ RTA lobby efforts
- A letter from Jessie Porter-Henry, requesting support for HREA efforts to negotiate their contract.

No action taken on any item.

Review and Sign: Payroll and A/P Warrants: W24-14, WP24-14

After review, it was MOVED by Bronstein SECONDED by Johndrow

*To approve A/P Warrant #W24-15 and Payroll Warrant #WP24-15 as presented.*

**VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:38 PM)**

Review and Sign: Minutes from Previous Meetings

Minutes from January 2, 2024 were reviewed and one correction made. After review, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

*To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2024, as amended.*

**VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:38 PM)**

Set Date for Next Meetings

Upcoming meetings were scheduled for January 29, 2024, and February 12, 2024.

**Member comments**

There was some discussion relative to maintaining ice melt and sidewalk sand available at the exits of the Town Hall and the Annex.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*To adjourn.*

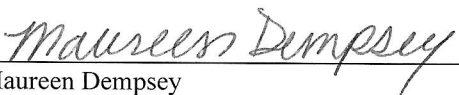
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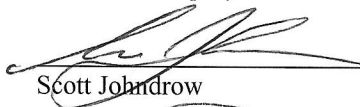
Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Finn

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**Approved** by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on January 29, 2024.

  
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Maureen Dempsey

  
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Scott Johndrow

  
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Susan Bronstein