

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting was called to order at 6:05PM on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Police Department. Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following minutes: 5/3/22, 5/3/22 executive session, 5/10/22, 5/10/22 executive session, 5/17/22, and 5/17/22 executive session. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 3 for \$298,853.28, School # 1006 for \$51,100.67, and General # 1007 for \$305,633.72. So voted.

Old Business: Remaining FY 23 appointments. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to appoint Nick Newman and Leon Muraguri as part time police officers. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis stated he is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold that lays out a timeline of discussions we've had on recourse of flooding on his property. The Board did try to rectify the situation with ARPA funds but there were a few reasons this request did not qualify under the ARPA guidelines. Mr. Petraitis said the Board is now in possession of new information, a map of storm water and septic system designs from 1895 that showed storm water or "under" drains placed to alleviate ground water seepage and help property owners, stubs were available for homeowners to tie in to. A previous owner of the Arnold's property, in the 1890's or later, tied in to the stub. The Board has been advised by Town Counsel that it would be illegal to use tax payer money to fix private property issues, from the Board's perspective this issue is settled. Mr. Petraitis told Mr. Arnold that he can view the map in question at the Sewer department, and the Town Report is available for viewing in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Arnold did not agree that the matter is settled, Mr. Petraitis said if Mr. Arnold could provide new information the Board would take it under consideration, and reminded Mr. Arnold that we cannot take the legal system out of this matter, Mr. Arnold said this is unacceptable.

New Business:

Sign Special and State Election Warrant: Mr. Petraitis read the warrants, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign both warrants. So voted.

Public Comment:

Bruce Arnold requested to speak, Mr. Petraitis asked if Bruce had new information. Bruce said he has new questions, he wants a copy of the Town Report, Ashley said she would provide him a copy.

Brandon Avery said that on September 17th East Brookfield is having their 100th Anniversary parade, there will also be a ball game and it will be a great day to celebrate the youngest town in the Commonwealth. Mr. Tripp noted that the Board was invited to participate in the parade and they will most likely do so.

Announcements:

Mr. Petraitis read the Special Election calendar.

At 6:19PM, there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre