

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING DRAFT**

2 November 3, 2021

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4 Attending the meeting in person; Merrily Lovell, Phil Pouech, Maggie Gordon, Joy Dubin Grossman, Todd
5 Odit, Eric Spivak, Rob Frost, Kendall Frost,

6 Attending the meeting remotely; Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Scooter MacMillan, Mitch Cypes, Robert
7 Hedden, Michelle Sudol, Patrice, Andrea Morgante

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9 Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

10 Agenda Additions or Deletions

11 Todd noted he added the Planning Grant item to the agenda earlier today.

12 Public Comment

13 None

14 Selectboard Forum

15 Phil mentioned at the last meeting Mike mentioning vehicle noise problems. He said he is willing to
16 discuss this with Todd and Chief Cambridge to find out what the complaints are.

17 Phil went to Andrea's bridge to see the plaque and said it looks very nice.

18 Approve Minutes of 10/20/21

19 Phil moved to approve the minutes of 10/20/21 as amended. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5
20 yes votes.

21 Mojo Update and Request for Removal of Orders – Michelle Sudol

22 Michelle attended remotely to answer the remaining questions the Board had.

23 Merrily asked about use of the muzzle and shock collar in the training.

24 Michelle said they worked with the muzzle on and use of a shock collar on the first visit with the trainer
25 and without either on following training sessions.

26 Phil thanked Michelle for her hard work and added he hoped the instructor would give an official
27 opinion that Mojo could go on the trails without the muzzle and shock collar. Michelle said the trainer
28 will not take on that liability and he did not feel it was necessary to write another letter.

29 Maggie asked if her sons feel comfortable walking him and does she feel comfortable with her sons
30 doing so? Michelle said she is the only one walking him on trails. Maggie asked if she is continuing with
31 the training. Michelle said she takes Mojo to the agility course every week and has been checking back
32 in with the trainer.

33 Merrily moved the Selectboard remove the restrictions places on Mojo as Michelle has fulfilled all the
34 requests made by the Board. Seconded by Maggie. Phil noted he will vote yes but is nervous because of
35 past instances. He said it sounds like Michelle understands how serious this is.

36 Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

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38 Consider Approving FY 22 Resolution of Bylaw Modernization

39 South Boutin Road Improvement Request – Robert and Anne Frost

40 Dennis recused himself as this project is also before the DRB.

41 Todd said he met with Rob Frost and the engineers to discuss how the concern of the stormwater
42 infrastructure within the Town right-of-way. The engineers came up with a way to relocate the
43 stormwater that would not be within the Town right-of-way. Todd said it has also been confirmed the
44 road is a Class 4 road.

45 Phil moved the Board approve the Frost development to a Class 4 road as shown in the drawing and
46 upgrade as per State requirements. Seconded by Maggie. Phil amended the motion to include the
47 upgrade to the road would not allow for stormwater infrastructure in the Town right-of-way. Maggie
48 agreed with the amendment. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes and Dennis abstaining.

49 Kendall Frost asked if the process of building a driveway and locating utilities will also need Selectboard
50 approval. Merrily said that go before the DRB.

51 The question of the road name was raised and they were advised Mitch Cypes the 911 coordinator will
52 work with them on that.

53 Consider Warning Special Election on Whether to Adopt Ballot Voting

54 Todd said there if the Board decides to go with a vote, they will be asking two questions; 1) to adopt all
55 budgets by ballot and 2) whether or not to vote on public questions by ballot.

56 Mike said he is in favor of taking this opportunity to put it before the voters.

57 Maggie said she feels it should be put before the voters too.

58 Phil said he did not feel good about it as he did not want to rush a decision. He now thinks to vote on
59 the issue is important.

60 Eric Spivak said traditionally we have had questions on the ballot such as the ambulance question and to
61 adopt a Town Manager form of government. Todd said bond votes have to be by ballot according to
62 law. The Town Manager and ambulance question were on the ballot by Selectboard choice. Eric asked
63 if anyone has reached out to the legislature to find out if there will be an allowance made again for
64 2022. Why go through the vote if there is a chance there will be an exemption on again? Merrily said
65 Missy has contacted Bill Lippert but does not know if she got a response. Joy said last year the
66 legislature made that decision in October last year.

67 Eric said we should not loose sight of the importance of discussion and ability to make changes to the
68 budget from the floor.

69 Phil agreed with Eric and added with each you gain or lose. With a ballot you likely have more voters
70 and with the meeting you have more input.

71 Maggie agreed with Eric's comment and said the value is having the Selectboard and department heads
72 and Town staff being held responsible and accountable for the budget. Maggie said it is her
73 understanding if the Board does not hold this special election and we have Town Meeting to make the
74 change to Australian ballot will have to voted on at Town Meeting. Todd said that is correct. Maggie
75 added you then have the people who go to Town Meeting and like the idea of Town Meeting needing to
76 make the change to a ballot vote.

77 Dennis said the people in Town can come to the budget meetings and he feels it is more beneficial to
78 the Town for people to attend the meetings where the budget is being worked on.

79 Phil moved the Board warn a special election on whether to adopt ballot voting with an informational
80 meeting on Tuesday, November 30 and the actual Australian ballot to be held on Tuesday, December 7.
81 Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

82 Andrea said the most important message is that we, as citizens, have the responsibility to participate in
83 this process whether by showing up at Town Meeting or voting by Australian ballot. We, as citizens and
84 tax payers, set the tone of our community and what happens here by this vote of what we choose to
85 include in the budget.

86 Phil amended his motion to include for this special warning, to warn both having Australian ballot for
87 the budget vote and for public questions. Amendment accepted by Mike.

88 Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

89 Consider Approval of Revolving Loan Fund Agreement RF1-229-3.1

90 Todd explained this is a result of the request to increase the loan amount due to the increased sludge
91 removal costs.

92 Phil moved to approve loan RF1-229-3.1 in the amount of \$2,745,200.00 and authorize the chair and
93 treasurer to sign the agreement. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

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95 Town Manager Update

96 Todd will be meeting with department heads to go over their budgets.

97 Phil asked for an update on the landfill. Joy said the water test results are good on the Cardinal
98 residence on Observatory Rd. The POET system has been installed in the Turner residence the water
99 from that will be tested. The post closure plan has been filed.

100 The Board will meet next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to begin budget work and to review the Town
101 Manager assessment form.

102 Consider Approving Warrants

103 Phil moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer and signed
104 by Merrily and Maggie. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

105 Adjourn

106 Phil moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

107 Respectfully submitted,

108 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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