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TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Meeting Minutes

DEPT./BOARD: Board of Selectmen
DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021 Special Session
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cisco Webex Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present for virtual meeting: Joseph Morandi, Chairman, James Tigges, Vice-Chairman, Robert Hogan, Michael Runyan, Nicholas Priest

Staff Members Present: Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator; John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator; Whitney Haskell, Budget Director

Chairman Morandi called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Priest read a statement that this meeting was being held via teleconference pursuant to Governor Charlie's Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, with this meeting of the BOS being held by teleconference and the public was advised on how to join the meeting. Town Administrator Paul Sagarino (T.A. Sagarino) added that all votes taken by the BOS would be required to include a roll call.

Chairman Morandi announced the passing of former Police Lieutenant Ronald Bevis who retired in 2013 following 40 years of service to the town.

048 Approval: Early Voting

Town Clerk Amy Warfield was present requesting Board of Selectmen approval for absentee and early voting in the annual town election.

Motion

Selectman Hogan moved to allow the Town Clerk's Office to set up for vote by mail as soon as the ballots are available for early voting on April 5-April 8, 2021, depending on the Governor's signing of the bill necessary to do so, and if the Governor does not sign the bill, that the Board of Selectmen will allow in-person absentee voting on April 5-April 9, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Tigges with Selectman Hogan voting aye, Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Priest voting aye and Chairman Morandi voting aye. Approved 5-0-0

049 Approval: Metro Mutual Aid Agreement

Chief Michael Patterson said that the Burlington Fire Department has been a member of Metrofire since its inception in 1981 and it has been working very well. The existing Metrofire Mutual Aid Agreement which has been in place for twenty years is due to expire on October 31, 2021. Chief Patterson recommended that the fire

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department continue to remain a member of Metrofire which requires BOS approval. Two votes would be needed for approval at a fee of \$2500 a year.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved that the Burlington Fire Department continue participation in Metrofire's new twenty year Mutual Aid Agreement which shall expire this year on October 31, 2021 with the new agreement expiring October 31, 2041. Seconded by Selectman Priest with Selectman Hogan voting aye; Selectman Runyan voting aye; Selectman Tigges voting aye; Selectman Priest voting aye and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (5-0-0)

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to authorize the Burlington Fire Department, including any ambulance or other EMS component, to go to aid another city, town, fire district or area under federal jurisdiction in this commonwealth or in any adjoining state in extinguishing fires therein, or rendering any other emergency aid or performing any detail as ordered by the head of the fire department or the joining Base Cape Cod fire district and while in the performance of their duties in extending such aid, the members of the department shall have the same immunities and privileges as if performing the same within their respective town or district as per MGL Chapter 48, section 59A. Seconded by Selectman Tigges with Selectman Hogan voting aye; Selectman Runyan voting aye; Selectman Tigges voting aye; Selectman Priest voting aye and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (5-0-0)

050 Update: Police Chief

Town Administrator Paul Sagarino (T.A. Sagarino) said Police Chief Michael Kent was retiring and process for his successor be start to take place. All agreed that Chief Kent has done a wonderful job for the department and the town. An early appointment is expected to take place because of the number of changes that will take effect in the department if the new chief is promoted from within.

051 Discussion/Approval: FY 2022 Budgets

The department heads were present to discuss their departments and Whitney Haskell, Budget Director, explained the budgets.

Veterans Services 0.76% change	Disability Access Commission -0.85% percent change	Human Resources 0.17% change
Conservation 2.20% change	MIS 2.06% change -0.97% change without reduction	Council on Aging 3.76% change -2.30% change without reduction
Youth & Family Services 1.07% change -2.03% change without reduction	Building 6.36% change -2.76% change without reduction	DPW 2.61% change
Police 3.72%	Fire 1.19% change 107% change without reduction	Town Meeting & Reports 0.00% change
Town Admin/Selectmen 3.70% change 2.92% change without reduction	Legal 0.00% change	Central Administration 9.82% change
Accounting 1.19% change -4.80% change without reduction	Treasurer/Collector 0.99% change -5.33% without reduction	Sealer of Weights & Measures 0.00% change
Emergency Management (Fire) 0.0% change		

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the FY22 operating budgets for Veterans Services, Human Resources, Conservation, MIS, Council on Aging, Building Department, Police, Fire, Town Meeting and Reports, Town Administrator/Selectmen, Legal, Central Administration, Accounting, Treasurer/Collector, and Sealer of Weights and Measures. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved with Selectman Hogan voting aye, Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Priest voting aye, and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (5-0-0)

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the FY22 operating budgets for the Disability Access Commission. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved with Selectman Hogan voting aye, Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Priest voting aye, and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (5-0-0)

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Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the FY22 operating budgets for Youth and Family Services. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved with Selectman Hogan voting aye, Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Priest voting aye, and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (4-0-1 with Selectman Priest abstaining)

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the FY22 operating budgets for the Department of Public Works. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved with Selectman Hogan voting aye, Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Priest voting aye, and Chairman Morandi voting aye and the motion passed. (4-0-1 with Selectman Runyan abstaining)

052 Subcommittee Reports

Selectman Tigges said the Audit Committee had met and closed out last year with a clean report.

Selectman Hogan said that the Patch incorrectly reported that the BOS were considering relaxing cemetery rules and regulations at an upcoming meeting.

053 Chairman's Report

Chairman Morandi commented on the police reports of a wave of car break-ins and theft.

054 Town Administrator's Report

None.

055 Old/New Business

None.

Adjourn

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,



Betty McDonough
Recording Secretary

BURLINGTON, MA BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING, MONDAY, March 15, 2021

Agenda

- 048 Approval: Early Voting - agenda cover sheet, warrant for the election
- 049 Approval: Metro Mutual Aid Agreement - March 8 letter to PS from Chief MP recommending remaining on metro mutual aid; Feb 19, 2021 letter from Metrofire regarding upcoming (Oct) expiring agreement, sample vote, description of service; copy of the mutual aid agreement to be signed
- 050 Update: Police Chief - agenda cover; budget manual
- 051 Discussion/Approval: FY 2022 Budgets
- 052 Subcommittee Reports
- 053 Chairman's Report
- 054 Town Administrator's Report
- 055 Old/New Business