

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2022**

In attendance were Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; Member Justin R. Evans; and Town Administrator Lincoln D. Heineman. Chairman Kowalski was absent. Vice Chairman Salvucci opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Salvucci asked everyone in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence.

Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

Vice Chairman Salvucci opened public forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Update: COVID-19

Mr. Heineman advised the Board of a designated seating area for those who attend the special Town Meeting and are not wearing a face mask. He then noted a reduction in the positivity rate; a 66 percent vaccination rate; and an additional booster clinic scheduled on February 9th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. He also advised the Board that he, Chief Clancy, Deputy Chief Cunningham and Mr. Evans met with Plymouth County officials on Friday to pick up Whitman's allotment of test kits. Tonight, test kits will be distributed after Town Meeting to those who want them. Mr. Heineman noted the mask mandate in all Town-owned buildings is in place until the next meeting of the Board of Health on February 22, 2022. Mr. Salvucci noted the Board of Selectmen may address this issue again within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Salvucci suggested taking the agenda out of order and handling "Old Business" and "New Business" before entering into Executive Session. All members of the Board were in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

ATA Selection Process

Mr. LaMattina **MOVED** to table discussion on this issue until the February 15, 2022, meeting of the Board. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to DPW Building Committee: L. Heineman

Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to appoint Lincoln D. Heineman to the DPW Building Committee.

Second Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

At 7:07 p.m. Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 30A, section 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. **Second** Mr. LaMattina. Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes; and Vice Chairman Salvucci – yes. **So voted 4-0.** Vice Chairman Salvucci declared that have this meeting in open session will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. The meeting will reconvene in open session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting to Town Meeting subject to the call of the chair.

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened and Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to adjourn to Town Meeting subject to the call of the chair. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

At 8:28 p.m. Mr. Bezanson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **Second** Mr. LaMattina, **so voted 4-0.**

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk