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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Amy M. MacNab, Chair; Theodore J. Flynn; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini and Michael McGee

Absent: Fernando Guitart, Vice Chair

Staff: René Read, Town Manager; and Michelle Seda-Stotts, Administrative Assistance to Town Manager and Board of Selectmen

Others: Mary Lampert, Co-Chair, Nuclear Advisory Committee; Jeannie Horne, HR Director; Martha Dennison, Vice Chair, Library Trustee; Lester Lloyd, Chair, Library Trustee; Denise Garvin, Library Director

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*In-person in the Mural Room and via remote participation*)

I. CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.
Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and, as a courtesy, via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public and board members, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless required by law. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by viewing the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 15. Viewers can visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury You Tube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

III. OPEN FORUM PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public. Ms. Ladd Fiorini mentioned the Green Litter Sweep coming up this weekend and invited all to come participate.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Vote to accept Settlement Agreement by and between the Duxbury Police Union MCOP Local 376B and the Town of Duxbury.

Ms. MacNab stated that the discussion for this agreement was held at last week's meeting. There was no further discussion. Ms. Ladd Fiorini was not there and is abstaining from voting.

Mr. McGee moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the Settlement Agreement by and between the Duxbury Police Union MCOP Local 376 and the Town of Duxbury.

*Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Ms. MacNab-aye, Mr. Flynn-aye, Mr. McGee-aye.
Ms. Ladd Fiorini-abstained.*

Library Department – Status Update on the work the Library Trustees and Staff are doing to meet the request for the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Lloyd began with an update of what the Library Trustees have been doing to create a bigger awareness of all the Library has to offer. A user survey was launched on August 24th and has been distributed around town. Their coverage is expansive and they are encouraging non-library users to participate. The survey will be open until the end of October.

Ms. Dennison continued with the presentation.

GOALS

- To reach all residents, not just regular users
- To encourage residents to think about how Library can address community's evolving needs

TOOLS

- Individual interviews
- Community Survey
- Focus Groups
- Currently 221 responses
- Initial responses were weekly
- Library users, most age 50+.
- Outreach has widened the response - younger age group and less regular users.
- Efforts are ongoing to gain perspective from residents who don't regularly use the Library.
- More than 30 have already offered to participate in further strategic planning efforts.

❖ Effects of COVID

- Access to Library resources were critical during COVID
- Increased demand for remote work / hybrid meeting support
- Younger students lack vaccination; return to Library likely delayed until 2022
- Significant increase in digital utilization even while print is returning to pre-COVID levels

❖ Programs to expand - evolving with survey responses

- Author visits
- Book Clubs
- History and Cultural Presentations
- Technology Classes
- Homework Help for grades 3-12

❖ Areas of strategic interest

- Inclusion & Belonging; civil discourse
- Expanded meeting spaces
- Publicizing Library resources to expand reach
- School-aged children engagement
- Partnerships with Senior Center

❖ Continued community outreach

- Survey
- Individual interviews
- Focus Groups in mid-October

❖ FY23 Budget Preparation

- Incorporating initial findings
- Five year plan to meet state funding requirements

❖ Data analysis

- Internal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunity, Threats)
- Community findings
- External comparative review

Ms. Dennison ended the presentation, stating that they should have a clearer picture from the survey by late fall, early winter. Mr. McGee thanked them all for doing this and creating a “forward thinking” for all the Library has to offer. Mr. Flynn also stated they were doing a great job. Ms. Dennison was appreciative for the opportunity to help with this community effort.

Discussion pertaining to draft letter re: Town of Duxbury concerns regarding Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station spent nuclear fuel safety

Mr. Read began by reading the excerpt from the August 30, 2021 minutes, in which “The Board asked to have the Duxbury Nuclear Advisory Committee draft a letter to Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Bill Keating and all others who represent Massachusetts to ask them to urge the NRC to require better security at Pilgrim and to hold Holtec accountable for not adhering to their contract. Ms. Lampert will provide a draft letter to the Board for their review and endorsement.” Ms. Ladd Fiorini agreed to sign the letter, however, there were some changes she would like made to help make it more impactful. Ms. MacNab agreed that some changes should be done. Ms. Lampert was open to improving the message of the letter. She was very appreciative of the support from the Board of Selectmen. They all agreed to bring the letter back next week for it to be approved and signed.

Close Warrant for November 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to close the November 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrants. Seconded by Mr. McGee Vote: 4:0:0

A discussion was had regarding the Citizen’s petition, which was added to the warrants for the Special Town Meeting. Ms. MacNab and Ms. Ladd Fiorini were surprised by the petition, since they had met with the Petitioner regarding the use of the Town owned property. They thought they had put the petitioner’s concerns to rest. Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator, was present at the meeting to assure the proper use of the land. Mr. McGee inquired when the articles would be available for review, Mr. Read responded by next week.

VI TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Read provided the following updates:

Telephone call with Chris Spillman – re: final FEMA submission re: seawall

Last week, Nancy spoke with Chris Spillman as he had reached out to the contractor for FEMA working through our closeout package. She has re-emailed all of the items in our submission package to Chris, and he is forwarding directly to the contractor. Nancy has advised me that he will continue to follow up with him as he is well aware of our timeline regarding betterments.

Once we hear anything further, will be sure to advise the Board of the same.

National Faith & Blue weekend

This October 9th to the 11th is the National Faith & Blue weekend. The Duxbury Interfaith Council and the Duxbury Police Department will host a Sunrise Prayer Vigil of Understanding, on October 9th 2021, from 7 AM to 8 AM at Duxbury Beach, East End.

The idea is to bring together a diverse cross-section of community members, including law enforcement and the faith community, to share words and prayers calling for mutual understanding. This event is not for advancing a particular perspective as much as creating an opportunity for participants to offer their perspective on how to come together, give voice to challenges, and heal divisions. As always, our goal is to create safer and stronger communities by connecting law enforcement officers and the residents they protect and serve.

For more information click on the following link <https://faithandblue.org>

Ms. MacNab mentioned the Annual Beach Party and praised the committee for doing an outstanding job. Ms. Ladd Fiorini also praised the band – The Waves, on playing great music all night.

VII COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

VIII ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS - None

IX EVENT PERMITS

10/23/21 Ragnar Relay New England 2021

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that **Amber Sadlier**, as representative of the **Ragnar Events LLC** is granted permission to conduct a portion of their **Ragnar Relay New England 2021** in the Town of Duxbury from 2:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, October 23, 2021 as described in the application materials, contingent upon the conditions of the license.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Ms. MacNab-aye, Mr. Flynn-aye, Mr. McGee-aye; and Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye

X MINUTES

Mr. McGee moved to approve the 9/13/21 Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes, as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Ms. MacNab-aye, Mr. Flynn-aye, Mr. McGee-aye.
Ms. Ladd Fiorini-abstained.

Mr. McGee moved to approve the 06/16/21, 06/17/21, 07/08/21 and 09/13/21 Selectmen's Open Session Minutes, as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Ms. MacNab-aye, Mr. Flynn-aye, Mr. McGee-aye.
Ms. Ladd Fiorini-abstained.

XI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ladd Fiorini made the following announcements:

- 1) Next Scheduled Selectmen's Meeting** will be on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00pm.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the Open Session at approximately 7:50p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Ms. MacNab-aye; Mr. Flynn-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; and Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye

Minutes submitted by Michelle Seda-Stotts

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) *Agenda*
- 2) *Settlement Agreement by and between the Duxbury Police Union MCOP Local 376B and the Town of Duxbury*
- 3) *Email to Renè Read with Updates regarding Library work*
- 4) *Draft Letter re: Town of Duxbury safety concerns regarding Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station spent nuclear fuel.*
- 5) *Motion to Close STM Warrant*
- 6) *Town Manager's Report*
- 7) *Event Permits*
- 8) *Executive Session Minutes*
- 9) *Open Session Minutes*
- 10) *Announcements*