



**Date: June 12, 2023**

**Date Minutes Approved: June 26, 2023**

**SELECTBOARD**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Present:** Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Chair; Michael McGee, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:40pm); Amy M. MacNab (participated remotely via Zoom); Fernando Guitart, Acting Clerk; and Brian E. Glennon, II

**Staff:** René Read, Town Manager; and Nancy O’Connor, Executive Assistant

**Others:** Peter Buttkus, DPW Director; Mark Cloud, Water Superintendent; Ryan Trahan and Adam Kran from Environmental Partners

**CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*in-person and Via remote participation by Zoom*)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** This meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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. A transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be available as soon as possible after the meeting. 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](http://www.pactv.org/duxbury) for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury You Tube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

**3. OPEN FORUM**

Ms. MacNab asked that since she was attending remotely, if someone else could be the Clerk for this metering. Mr. Guitart agreed to assume the duties of Acting Clerk for this meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**7:01pm Public Hearing – Water Quality Master Plan – Presentation by Environmental Partners**

**Motion to Open Hearing:**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard open the public hearing regarding discussion of the Water Quality Master Plan

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; Ms. MacNab-Aye; Mr. Guitart-Aye; and Mr. Glennon-Aye

Mr. Ryan Trahan, President of Environmental Partners, began his presentation of the Water System Master Plan Overview, Capital Improvement Plan recommendations and Q&A. He provided a background of Environmental Partners along with a history of the projects they have had with the Town of Duxbury (for example, water main replacements, hydraulic model development & updates, tank and well rehabilitations). He went on to describe the system of approximately 16,445 customers,

12 groundwater wells, 9 treatment facilities, 2 pressure zones, 2 storage tanks, and 3 pressure reducing valve stations. Mr. Trahan continued discussing the supply/demand and operational capacity of the wells as well as residential per capita and annual withdrawals/limits. He strongly emphasized that the Town should consider a per capita water conservation plan. This presentation also included storage assessments (including fire storage), hydraulic model updates, and needed water main upgrades. Mr. Adam Kran, Senior Project Manager of Environmental Partners, took over the presentation to discuss the water quality overview and the challenges of PFAS, iron, manganese, coliform, aluminum, sodium and chloride and the treatments of same. He also mentioned a treatment plant siting analysis off Tremont Street. He provided, by priority, a list of capital improvements to be covered in four phases at the total cost of approximately \$60m. Mr. Tran continued with a detailed presentation on the background and current PFAS regulations, testing, current and future PFAS actions, directives and planning. He described what PFAS, PFOA, PFOS and GEN-X are, what they are used in, and the common environmental sources they are found in. He explained both MassDEP and EPA regulations and compared the differences especially regarding the maximum contaminant level of PFAS (MassDEP current maximum contaminant level for PFAS6 is 20 parts per trillion; whereas, EPA is 4 parts per trillion). Mr. Tran mentioned the PFAS policy directive/action plan, which the Town is already doing or in progress – such as quarterly sampling per MassDEP and EPA guidelines, developing a Water System Plan, Implementing PFAS treatment at Partridge Street Well (in process), planning future treatment projects for other wells, and procuring outside funding for PFAS treatment projects. Discussions continued with a series of questions and answers (all included in presentation). Mr. Tran also provided a Future PFAS Projects sample timeline/schedule, complying with the upcoming new regulations (public water will have three years to comply) and what kind of filtration systems should be installed. There was also discussion regarding point of use devices (such as Brita water filter) and that they are somewhat successful but difficult to determine how long a filter would last/when to change.

Environmental Partners provided answers to written questions that were submitted in advance by members of the Selectboard, and members of the public also participated in the discussion. These written questions and answers were included as part of the formal presentations (see link below).

Mr. Guitart also led a discussion regarding appointing a project manager to oversee the projects and the timeline. Mr. Read suggested that he first meet with the engineers (Environmental Partners, Weston & Sampson, and Wright Pierce) to ascertain their recommendations.

The Selectboard thanked Mr. Trahan and Mr. Kran for their informative presentations.

*To review the presentations, please go to the Selectboard page on the Town's website at:*  
[www.town.duxbury.ma.us/duxbury-selectboard](http://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/duxbury-selectboard)

**Motion to Close Hearing:**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard close the public hearing.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; Mr. McGee-Aye; Ms. MacNab-Aye; Mr. Guitart-Aye; and Mr. Glennon-Aye*

***Discussion regarding proposed "Water & Sewer Advisory Board Directive"***

The items in this directive were discussed during the water public hearing.

**Selectboard to sign Deed and other related closing documents regarding 761 Temple Street Sale**

Mr. Guitart moved, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 21 of the March 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, to convey to Rachel Ezell and Michael O’Keefe, for consideration of \$650,000, the parcels of land located at 761 Temple Street and shown as “Lot 1A” and “Lot 1B” on a plan recorded in Plan Book 63, Plan 484, and to execute, and to authorize Town Manager, René J. Read, to execute, on the Selectboard’s behalf, the deed to said property and any and all settlement statements, affidavits and other documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate said conveyance.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0*

*The Selectboard also recognized and thanked Mr. Tag Carpenter, Chair of the Historical Commission, for all of his hard work and efforts regarding the sale and preservation of the Simmons property.*

**5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

**6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Duxbury Selectboard appoint or re-appoint the below individuals as follows:

<b><u>Board / Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Appointment/Re-appointment/Resignation</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
<b><u>Agricultural Commission</u></b>		
Roger W. Ritch	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026
<b><u>Board of Health</u></b>		
Bruce Bygate	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026
Michael Count	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026
<b><u>MBTA Advisory Board</u></b>		
Brian E. Glennon, II	Re-Appointment	06-30-2024
<b><u>Municipal Commission on Disability</u></b>		
Marcia G. Solberg	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026
Emily Zoltowski	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026
Patricia G. McCarthy	Re-Appointment	06-30-2026

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0*

**The following boards/committees have available seats:**

<i>Alternative Energy Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Duxbury Seawall Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>
<i>Nuclear Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Open Space Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>

**Comments:**

***If anyone is interested in volunteering on a board or committee, you are encouraged to fill out a Talent Bank form, which can be found on the Town's website under the Forms & Documents tab.***

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) **Juneteenth Independence Day Holiday** - Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023 in observance of the Juneteenth (June 19) holiday.
- 2) **Next Scheduled Selectboard Meeting** will be on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Guitart moved to adjourn at approximately 10:00pm.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon*

*Vote: 5:0:0*

*Minutes submitted by Nancy O'Connor*

*List of documents in Selectboard file:*

*Selectboard Agenda*

*Public Hearing – Water Quality Study and PFAS Presentations*

*Deed re 761 Temple Street*

*Committee Appointments*

*Announcements*